

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 11, 2009**

The meeting of the Regular Work Session was convened on May 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Sue Afton, Eric Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, John Rzepka, Linda Smith, and Kenneth Watkins were present. James Thompson and Joseph Walko were absent. Nancy Sadaly, Tom Rinke and Steve Maksimuk were also present together with other interested persons.

Roll Call

Mr. Maksimuk reviewed with the Board the Treasurer's Report for April 2009 and the list of General Fund and Cafeteria bills. These items to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Business
Administrator's
Report

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Watkins to suspend rules per Policy 9341 to allow voting on action items identified on the Agenda. In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith and Watkins. Motion carried.

By-Laws – Methods
of Operation

The Board discussed electing Northwest Savings Bank (Wattsburg Branch) as the WASD Treasurer for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and to authorize Ms. Jeanette Reynolds to be the designated signatory. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Elect Treasurer

The Board discussed Northwest Savings Bank (Wattsburg Branch) as the WASD Depository for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Designation of
Depository

The Board discussed appointing the firm of Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall and Sennett with Ms. Christine McClure as the School District's solicitor and Mr. Mark Kuhar as the Labor Relations' solicitor for the 2009-2010 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Appointment of
School District
Solicitor

The Board discussed appointing Berkheimer Associates as the Current Delinquent Per Capita and Earned Income Tax Collector for the 2009-2010 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Appointment of
Current Delinquent
Per Capita and
Earned Income Tax
Collector

Mr. Maksimuk discussed borrowing the funds for the technology equipment purchased for this school year, preferably through a lease. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Technology Funding

The Board discussed the role of the School Board Secretary and how the position duties are defined in various School Board Polices. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Appointment of Board
Secretary

The Board discussed the Per Capita Tax Exemptions. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Per Capita Tax
Exemptions

<p>The Board discussed the proposed final General Fund Budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year in the amount of \$_____ and to authorize the Secretary to post the following notice:</p>	<p>Adoption of Proposed Final Budget</p>
<p>The Board of Directors tentatively approved the proposed final budget for the Wattsburg Area School District for the fiscal year 2009-2010 on May 18, 2009. A copy of said budget in the amount of \$_____ is open for inspection by the public Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the District Administration Office, 10782 Wattsburg Rd., Erie, PA 16509. Adoption of the final budget is scheduled for _____ at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.</p>	
<p>This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.</p>	
<p>The Board discussed awarding Athletic Supply Bids. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.</p>	<p>Athletic Supply Bids</p>
<p>Mr. Maksimuk updated the Board on the carpet replacement project for the WAEC for next school year. Funding for this project will be through stimulus funds. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.</p>	<p>Carpet Replacement at WAEC</p>
<p>The Board discussed approving the I.U. Bus Rodeo organization to use the district facilities for the Bus Rodeo, Saturday, April 24, 2010 (No Cost to the District). This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.</p>	<p>Utilization of School Facilities</p>
<p>The Board discussed declaring the 1993 Red Chevrolet Dump Truck as Surplus. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.</p>	<p>Declare 1993 Red Chevrolet Dump Truck as Surplus</p>
<p>The Board discussed hiring Mrs. Nancy J. Sadaly as Superintendent of the Wattsburg Area School District for a four-year term commencing on July 1, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2013 at the salary of \$106,000 for the 2009-2010 school year, and in accordance with the Superintendent's contract. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.</p>	<p>Hiring of District Superintendent</p>
<p>The Board discussed hiring Mr. Thomas M. Rinke as Assistant Superintendent of the Wattsburg Area School District for a five-year term commencing on July 1, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2014 at the salary of \$97,000 for the 2009-2010 school year, and in accordance with the Assistant Superintendent's contract. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.</p>	<p>Hiring of District Assistant Superintendent</p>
<p>The Board discussed the resignation of Ms. Jennifer Hinman as WAMS School Librarian, effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.</p>	<p>Resignation</p>
<p>The Board discussed SHS Summer School Appointments for:</p>	<p>Appointments</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Math• Science• Social Studies• English• Health/Physical Education• Computer Skills• Careers	
<p>This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.</p>	
<p>The Board discussed Tuition Reimbursement stipends. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.</p>	<p>Tuition Reimbursement</p>

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

- Mr. Jeffrey Gifford and Mr. Glenn Winkler for the Water Analysis Workshop, Erie, Thursdays, July 23 and 30, 2009, \$689.00 (Funds from Maintenance Account).
- Mrs. Rebecca Heitzenrater for Career Development and Coaching Guidelines, Edinboro, Tuesday, June 2, 2009, \$25.00 (Funds from Special Education).

This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Conference Requests

The Board discussed additions to the Emergency Substitute Teachers' List for the 2008-2009 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Additions to the
Emergency Substitute
Teachers' List

The Board discussed hiring Mr. James Dempsey, Mr. Matt Brozewicz and Mrs. Fern Cotton as Summer Maintenance Helpers at a rate of \$8.00 per hour for the summer of 2009. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Summer Maintenance
Help

The Board discussed hiring Mr. Joe Grise and Mr. Matt Whitton as Summer Technology Helpers at a rate of \$8.00 per hour for the summer of 2009. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Summer Technology
Help

The Board discussed the following Leaves of Absence for:

- Mrs. Bari-Jill Fenno effective April 28, 2009, according to Article 5, Section K, No. 3, of the Wattsburg Educational Support Personnel Association ESPA/PSEA/NEA Local 2 Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Mrs. Rebecca Groenendaal effective May 22, 2009, according to Article 5, Section K, No. 3, of the Wattsburg Education Support Personnel Association ESPA/PSEA/NEA Local 2 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Leaves of Absence

The Board discussed the First Reading for Revised Policy 6132 – Graduation Requirements/Required Courses. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

First Reading for
Revised Policy 6132-
Graduation
Requirements/
Required Courses

The Board discussed the First Reading for Policy 4111.1 - Professional - Best Hiring Practice. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

First Reading for
Policy 4111.1-
Professional - Best
Hiring Practice

The Board discussed the First Reading for Policy 4311.1 - Administrative - Best Hiring Practice. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

First Reading for
Policy 4311.1-
Administrative - Best
Hiring Practice

The Board discussed the First Reading for Revised Policy 6138 – Instruction – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

First Reading for
Revised Policy 6138-
Instruction –
Network/Internet
Acceptable Use
Policy

The Board discussed the First Reading for Revised Policy 5128 – Students – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

First Reading for Revised Policy 5128- Students – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The Board discussed the First Reading for Revised Policy 4131.2.1 – Personnel – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

First Reading for Revised Policy 4131.2.1- Personnel – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The Board discussed those seniors who meet all graduation requirements to receive a Seneca High School diploma. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Seniors for Graduation

The Board discussed WASD's participation in the Department of Education Institute of Educational Sciences funded Intelligent Tutoring for the Structure Strategy (ITSS) Efficacy Trial. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Participation in ITSS Efficacy Trial

The Board discussed a Cyber Services Agreement with the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 for the 2009-2010 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Cyber Services Consortium

The Board discussed changing the graduation requirements for SHS from three science credits to four science credits. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Change Graduation Requirements

The Board discussed Youth for Understanding USA Grade 10 foreign exchange student, Benjamin Balslev from Valby, Denmark to attend SHS for the 2009-2010 school year and to reside with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Foreign Exchange Students

The Board discussed free lunch participation and activity fees waived for all foreign exchange students for the 2009-2010 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Free Lunch Participation and Activity Fees Waived

Motion by Mr. Scott Rose, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve a non-paid Technology Internship Program for the 2009-2010 school year. In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith and Watkins. Motion carried.

Technology Internship

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Duda to change the location of two of Mr. Pearce's Grade 4 class field trips from Watson-Curtze Mansion/Erie Planetarium and Union City Historical Museum/Wattsburg Area Museum to Drake Well Museum, Titusville, Monday, May 18, 2009, \$208.00 (Funds from PTO). (Location sites were cancelled through no fault of WAEC.) In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith and Watkins. Motion carried.

Transportation Request Changes

The Board discussed the following Transportation Requests:

- WAEC Grade K to travel to Erie Zoo, Tuesday, June 2, 2009, \$1,088.00 (Funds from PTO).
- WAEC Grade 2 students to travel to Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Presque Isle Playground and Beach, Erie, Thursday, June 4, 2009, \$680.00 (Funds from PTO).
- St. Boniface School, Grades K-4, to travel to Asbury Woods Nature Center, Erie, Thursday, June 4, 2009, \$115.00 (Funds from St. Boniface PTS).
- WAEC Mr. Pearce's Grade 4 students to travel to Fort Ligonier, Ligonier, PA, Thursday, June 4, 2009, \$1,043.00 (Funds from Colonial Market and PTO).
- WAMS Mrs. Hoffman's and Mrs. Shaffer's Grade 5 students, to travel to Hornby School, Greenfield Township, Thursday, June 4, 2009, \$88.00 (Funds from Students).
- WAEC Grade 2 students to travel to Troyer Farms, Waterford, and Presque Isle State Park/Waterworks (picnic area, playground) Erie, Thursday, June 4, 2009, \$250.00 (Funds from PTO).
- WAEC Mr. Pearce's, Mrs. Dellamedaglia's, and Mrs. Bank's Grade 4 students to travel to Eastway Lanes, Harborcreek Ponderosa, and East Side YMCA, Friday, June 5, 2009, \$200.00 (Funds from PTO).
- WAEC Mrs. Zawistowski's and Mrs. Hernandez's Grade 4 students to travel to Eastway Lanes, Harborcreek Ponderosa, and East Side YMCA, Friday, June 5, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from PTO).
- SHS Your Employability Skills (YES) Grade 12 students to travel to Custom Engineering and CiCi's, Erie, Monday, June 1, 2009, \$72.00 (Funds from School-to-Career Grant).
- WAEC Autistic Support Class, Grades K-5, to travel to Eat'n Park and Presque Isle, Erie, Friday, June 5, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from IU#5).

This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

The Board discussed rescinding the motion for the approval of 7th/8th Grade Boys' Soccer Intramurals Coach – 40 hours position for Mr. Alex Kimani from January 26, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

The Board discussed rescinding the motion for the approval of 7th/8th Grade Girls' Soccer Intramurals Coach – 40 hours for Mr. Michael Ellicott from June 16, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

The Board discussed the following athletic appointments:

- Mr. Alex Kimani as Second Assistant 7th/8th Grade Boys Soccer Coach at Step 1, at a salary of \$1,702.00 for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Mr. Michael Ellicott as Second Assistant 7th/8th Grade Girls' Soccer Coach at Step 2, at a salary of \$1,789.00 for the 2008-2009 school year.

This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

The Board discussed approving Mr. Thomas Crozier SHS Head Girls' Basketball Coach, Step 6, at \$5,382.00 for the 2009-2010 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Transportation
Requests

Rescind Motion for
Approval of 7th/8th
Grade Boys' Soccer
Intramurals Coach
Position for 2008-
2009

Rescind Motion for
Approval of 7th/8th
Grade Girls' Soccer
Intramurals Coach
Position for 2008-
2009

Athletic Appointments

SHS Head Girls'
Basketball Coach
Position

The Board discussed the following Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations:

- Mr. Thomas Crozier as SHS First Assistant (JV) Girls' Basketball Coach.
- Mr. Thomas Crozier as WAMS 7th Girls' Basketball Coach – Intramurals-80 Hours.
- Mr. Rusty Yapple as 7th/8th Grade Wrestling (Second Assistant) Coach, effective at the end of the season.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations

This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

The Board discussed the SHS Athletic Appointments for the 2009-2010 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments

The Board discussed Game Help Appointments for the 2009-2010 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009.

Game Help Appointments

The Board discussed Volunteer Coaches for the 2009-2010 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for May 18, 2009

Volunteer Coaches

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Stephen J. Maksimuk
Assistant Secretary