

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 16, 2011

The Regular Board Meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at the Wattsburg Elementary Center.

Roll Call

President Joseph Walko called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The following members were in attendance: , Mr. Eric Duda, Mr. Kerry Duncan, Mr. Bruce McCall Mrs. Nancy McNally, Mr. John Rzepka, Mrs. Linda Smith, Mr. Kenneth Watkins, and Mr. Joseph Walko. Also in attendance were Mrs. Nancy Sadaly, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Rinke, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Stephen Maksimuk, Business Administrator. Those members absent were: Mrs. Sue Afton.

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mrs. McNally to approve the agenda with additions and amendments. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Mr. McCall seconded by Mrs. McNally to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2011 Regular Board meeting and the May 9, 2011 Work Session Meeting Minutes as presented.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Sadaly gave the Superintendent's Report. She also thanked Mrs. Lopez for her work on the Elementary School musical.

Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$1,787,445.09 as of April 30, 2011. And cash in the Capital Reserve n the amount of \$3,581.71. Mr. Maksimuk noted for the period ending 3.31.11 a cafeteria profit amount of \$18,318.46. Mr. Maksimuk also reported the amount of the General Fund Bills (Exhibit A) to be \$44,757.07; General Fund Bills, Checks Already Written (Exhibit A1) to be \$779,261.17; General Fund Bills, (Exhibit A2) to be \$72,878.81; General Fund Bills, Cafeteria Bills, (Exhibit B) to be \$32,232.46; Guaranteed Energy Savings Project to be \$43,865.61; Bus Garage Office Renovation Project Contract Balance to be \$13,638.10. Mr. Maksimuk also noted cash in the SHS Activity Fund (Exhibit D) to be \$83,241.32 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) (Exhibit E) to be \$1,885.01. **Motion** by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. McCall to approve the Business Administrator's Report. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Treasurer for 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

Motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to elect Northwest Savings Bank (Wattsburg Branch) as the WASD Treasurer for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and to authorize Ms. Jeanette Reynolds to be the designated signatory. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve Northwest Savings Bank (Wattsburg Branch) as the WASD Depository for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted “Yes”: Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Designation of
Depository for
2011-2012 Fiscal
Year**

Motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to appoint 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 2011-2012 fiscal year. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted “Yes”: Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**School District
Solicitor for
2011-2012 Fiscal
Year**

Motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve the proposed final General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year in the amount of \$20,601,437 and to authorize the Secretary to post the following notice:

**Adoption of
Proposed Final
Budget for 2011-
2012 Fiscal Year**

The Board of Directors tentatively approved the proposed final budget for the Wattsburg Area School District for the fiscal year 2011-2012 on May 16, 2011. A copy of said budget in the amount of \$20,601,437 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 June 20, 2011 at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. **Exhibit F.**

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted “Yes”: Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, and Mr. Walko. The following member voted “No”: Mr. Duncan. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mrs. McNally to approve the use of the WAMS gymnasium every Wednesday, September 14, 2011 through May 23, 2012 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for Adult (over 20 years old) Volleyball & Recreation (Class II organization – Non-Profit WASD Resident Organization). And to approve the use of the Baseball Field by Wattsburg Summer/Fall Baseball (Class II – Non-Profit WASD Resident Organization) for June through October 2011. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted “Yes”: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Use of
Facilities**

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mrs. McNally to approve Mary Rea, Jan Pelensky, and Lisa Zarger to attend Reducing Risk: Understanding the Adolescent Brain, Edinboro, PA, Thursday, June 23, 2011 (No Cost to the District). And to approve Lisa Zarger to attend Educator in the Workplace presented by Northwest Tri-County IU in Edinboro, PA on various dates July 7, 2011 through August 4, 2011. (No Charge for STC Member School Districts). . In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted “Yes”: Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Conference
Requests**

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. McCall to approve Family Medical Leave for Anthony Downor according to the Local 2 Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement, effective May 2, 2011. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Leaves

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mrs. McNally, to terminate the employment of Ms. Melissa Meyer, Bus Driver. Effective May 17, 2011. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Termination of
Employment**

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve Tuition Reimbursements as presented in Exhibit H. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Tuition
Reimbursements**

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. McCall to approve the appointment of Matt Brozewicz to the position of Summer Help for the 2011 summer months as needed. And to approve Jeremy Rousch as a school psychologist support for up to 15 days, at the teacher substitute rate (daily rate of \$80.00) for the duration of 2010-2011 school year. Funded through Excess Access in order to complete the special education and gifted evaluations within the allotted time frame. Effective May 17, 2011. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Appointments

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. McCall to approve the following resolutions of curtailment due to decrease in student enrollment:

**Resolutions for
Curtailment**

- RESOLVED, to authorize the Superintendent to seek approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education pursuant to Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code to curtail the guidance department at Seneca High School by one guidance counselor and one job coach at the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year to conform with standards of organization and due to measurable decrease in pupil enrollment within the district, the Board of School Directors hereby approving this alteration and curtailment plan as recommended by the Superintendent.
- RESOLVED, to authorize the Superintendent to seek approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education pursuant to Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code to curtail library program by one librarian at Wattsburg Area Middle School at the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year to conform with standards of organization and due to measurable decrease in pupil enrollment within the district, the Board of School Directors hereby approving this alteration and curtailment plan as recommended by the Superintendent.
- RESOLVED, to authorize the Superintendent to seek approval from the

Pennsylvania Department of Education pursuant to Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code to curtail the Title 1 program by one teacher at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center at the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year due to programmatic change and measurable decrease in pupil enrollment within the district, the Board of School Directors hereby approving this alteration and curtailment plan as recommended by the Superintendent. # 955101.v1. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, and Mr. Walko. The following member voted "No": Mr. Duncan. Motion carried.

**Resolutions
for Curtailment**

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Duncan to approve the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2010-2011 School Year as outlined in Exhibit L. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Service Personnel
Substitute List**

Motion by Mrs. McNally, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve the 2011 Senior Banquet to be held on Thursday, June 2, 2011 from 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. at the Erie Maennerchor Club, Erie, PA. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Senior Banquet

Motion by Mrs. McNally, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve WAMS to participate in the County-Wide Stream Study for Middle School Students Project. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

WREN Stream Study

Motion by Mrs. McNally, seconded by Mr. Duncan to approve Grade 12 AP French Class to travel to Bertrand's Bistro, Erie, PA, on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. (Students will carpool). Funding from Fundraiser for French Club or Students). In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Field Trip

Motion by Mrs. McNally seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve those seniors who meet all graduation requirements to receive a Seneca High School diploma. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Graduating
Students**

Motion by Mrs. McNally, seconded by Mr. McCall to approve the revisions to the school calendar as follows: Revision of the School Calendar for the 2011-2012 school year.

**School Calendar
Revisions**

- The addition of Act 80 Days to the School Calendar for 2011-2012.
 - Tuesday, August 30, 2011 Kindergarten
 - Wednesday, August 31, 2011 Kindergarten
 - Friday, October 7, 2011 Whole Day – All Schools
 - Monday, October 10, 2011 Whole Day – All Schools
 - Friday, November 11, 2011 Act 80
 - Friday, February 17, 2012 Whole Day – All Schools
 - Friday, April 13, 2012 Act 80
- The addition of early dismissal days on November 10, 2011 and March 29, 2012 to the School Calendar for 2011-2012.

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. McNally, seconded by Mr. McCall to approve Harborcreek Youth Services Academy as an Alternative Education Program based on PDE approval for the 2011-2012 school year. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Alternative
Education Program**

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the following transportation requests:

**Transportation
Requests**

- The 6th Grade students to travel to St. Patrick's Church, St. Peter's Cathedral and Olde Country Buffet, Erie, PA on Thursday, May 26, 2011 (\$707.50) Funding from Students and Target Grant.
- The Kindergarten students to travel to Erie Zoo, Erie, PA on Friday, June 3, 2011 (\$870) Funding from PTO and Earth Action Grant.
- The 4th Grade students to be transported from WAEC to WAMS to tour the facility on Friday June 3, 2011. (\$50) Funds from WAEC.
- The 4th Grade students at WAEC to travel to Eastway Lanes, Ponderosa, and Eastside YMCA, Harborcreek, PA on Monday, June 6, 2011 and Tuesday, June 7, 2011, (\$240) Funds from PTO.
- The 2nd Grade students at WAEC to travel to Erie Zoo, Erie, PA on Tuesday, June 7, 2011. (\$594) Funds from PTO.

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McNally to approve Brian Gnage to pressure wash and undercoat WASD School Buses at a cost not to exceed \$2,800.00. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve the resignation of James Caspar from the position of Marching Band Director effective May 31, 2011. And to approve the addition of Kathy Durko and Karin Waskiewicz to the Game Help List for 2010-2011. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Extra-Curricular
Resignation
&
Game Help**

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mrs. McNally to declare the following books as outdated: Health – Focus on You Grade 4, Isbn# 0-675-06244-6; Publishing date is 1986; 152 books. Health – Focus on You Grade 3 Isbn# 0-675-06243-8; Publishing date is 1986; 111 books. . In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Declare Books
Outdated**

During the Dialogue time, Eric Schultz gave an overview of the utilities program and tracking the use of power. WASD was featured in National Energy Magazine for its use of energy.

Dialogue

John Bartnicki thanked all involved for the use of the building and grounds for the School Bus Rodeo. All attending were impressed with the District.

Don Trapp inquired about millage of a tax increase. Mr. Maksimuk explained how the budget process is prepared, presented and approved.

Shelley Ochterski shared that Representative Curt Sonney was invited by the kindergarten class to visit the school and has accepted the offer. He will visit WAEC on May 31, 2011 and the YMCA has purchased items for Action Based Learning for use in the WASD Pre-school and Kindergarten classes. Mr. Gibbons will present on Action Based Learning on Wednesday, May 18th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The Board was invited.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Duncan the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Adjournment

Signature on File

Stephen J. Maksimuk
School Board Secretary