

**MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Work Session on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6:32 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Greenville High School. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Lisa Holm, Laura Leskovac, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and Dennis Webber. The following members were absent: Steve Lewis.

Others present:                    Brian S. Tokar, Superintendent  
   Brandon Mirizio, Acting Board Secretary/Business Manager  
   Matt Dieter, Elementary Principal  
   Joshua Stonebraker, Assistant Principal  
   Mark Karpinski, Assistant Principal  
   Dr. Jeff Keeling, High School Principal  
   Connie Timashenka, K-12 Special Education Director

Staff present:                    None (0)  
Visitors:                            One (0)  
News media present:            One (1)

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

President Webber opened the Work Session with no Presentations/Extra-Curricular Program items and moved into Committee Reports as follows:

- Activities Committee: Mrs. Leskovac had no report.
- Athletic Committee: Mr. Forbes reviewed the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - Discussed the Junior High Volleyball Girls Schedule and Varsity Boys Schedule to be approved at Board Meeting.
  - Reviewed personnel type issues.
- Budget Committee: Mr. Demarest reviewed the February 11th meeting.
  - Jodi Hibbard presented the proposed Technology Budget for the 2019/2020 school year.
  - Sheri Valimont presented on the Family Center Program, the services they provide to the County as well as the relationship between the Program and the District.
  - Reviewed the current Revenue & Expenditures including year to date budget to actual highlights.
  - Discussed release of 2019/2020 Transportation Cost Index.
  - Reviewed the Governors proposed 2019/2020 budget.
  - Highlighted four possible action items including Technology Infrastructure Bid Award regarding fiber optic cables and their installation, Permission to Bid for Summer Projects for two roof sections and two (2) Internal Audit Reports for the Borough of Greenville and Hempfield Township for the 2017 tax year.
  - President Webber noted that both audit reports concluded with no findings.
- Legislative Committee: Mrs. Reames has no report.
- Mercer County Career Center: President Webber
  - Noted that the budget will be presented next month.
- Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV – Mr. Rossi
  - Reviewed audit and discussed how well the current Director and Business Manager have the IU on the right path.

- Highlighted the stream lining of services and costs for special education provided by IU.
- President Webber & Mr. Rossi expressed satisfaction with the IU's recent changes, current leaderships and the direction they are moving.
- Negotiations Committee: President Webber
  - Met last week and had a very productive meeting with both sides presented to each other various language changes. Will begin to discuss salary and insurance in upcoming meetings.
  - Meetings are set up through March and look forward to moving ahead on an agreement.
- Policy Maintenance Report: Mrs. Reames
  - Noted committee has not met this month, but will meet next week and will have a report next month.
  - President Webber expressed the Board's responsibility to set policies and govern the District encouraging members to forward any policies that they feel need to be reviewed to Mrs. Reames.

### **POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

President Webber moved into the discussion of possible action items as follows:

- Based on the Athletics Committee recommendations, the 2018/2019 Baseball Schedule and the 2018/2019 Junior High Volleyball Schedule.
- Based on the Budget Committee recommendations, the Technology Infrastructure Bid, the Permission to bid the summer roof projects and the two internal audits for Greenville Borough and Hempfield Townships 2017 taxes.
- Revised 2018/2019 School Calendar reflecting the recent two school cancellations on January 30<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup> designating the snow make up days as February 18<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2019/2020 School Calendar.
- Thiel College Affiliation Agreement for use of a Audiology/Speech Pathology clinical site at the District.
- Facility use request by His Work, His Way.

### **TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Webber acknowledged five (5) School Board seats will be open for election and noted packets are available for members considering seeking re-election.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Tokar asked to start with updates from the District's Administrative team as follows:

- Mrs. Timashenka informed the Board of a District Special Education Teacher that will be presenting to Thiel College a multi-sensory reading program.
- Dr. Keeling reviewed the Act 80 Day teachers attended on the January 31<sup>st</sup> school closing, highlighted the recent sophomore retreat thanking staff & volunteers for their

time put in, recognized a student for qualification of both regional choir and regional band, notified of upcoming Safe2Say training and finally highlighted the upcoming musical production dates thanking everyone for their effort involved.

- Mr. Karpinski discussed the conclusion of fall sports and playoff schedules, acknowledged a recent school wide assembly recognizing students' participation in various athletics and activities.
- Mr. Stonebreaker commended the staff for their swift action regarding the recent school bus fire incident, noting all students were safe in the building. Informed of recent School Wide Positive Behavior Program distributing blue hats with school logo.
- Mr. Deiter discussed upcoming One School One Book Program the high number of volunteers that will be participating as well as the increase in community involvement for this year by collaborating with various local business to participate in the weekly activities.

Mr. Tokar presented the minutes of the Board Work Session and Board Meeting for January, the Financial Reports and Bills for Payment.

Mr. Tokar discussed the letter from St. Pauls Senior Living Community regarding the ability to use the Districts facilities in the event of an emergency situation.

Mr. Tokar discussed Act 105 of 2018 revolving around the application of sun screen on students requiring permission forms, noting our School Nurses have developed a permission form and the information will be distributed to families during the February progress report distribution.

Mrs. Reames thanked the District for allowing Thiel College student teachers to attend upcoming Safe2Say training. Informed everyone that the Thiel Education Department has made a donation to the Districts One School One Book Program. Updated the District on the Education Foundation reviewing a second vendor presentation for the ADA playground equipment and conveying to the Board the importance of their financial assistance on the project as it continues to progress.

### **HEARING OF VISITORS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:19 p.m., the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel issues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



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Brandon Mirizio  
Acting Board Secretary