

MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD AUGUST 14, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Work Session on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 6:35 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Greenville High School. The following members were present: Charlie Demarest, John Forbes, Laura Leskovac, Lisa Holm, Richard Rossi and Board President Dennis Webber. The following members were absent: Steve Lewis, Mary Reames and Howard Scott.

Others present: Brian S. Tokar, Superintendent
 Brandon Mirizio, Board Secretary/Business Manager
 Matt Dieter, GES Principal
 Josh Stonebraker, GES Assistant Principal
 Dr. Jeffrey Keeling, GHS Principal
 Mark Karpinski, GHS Assistant Principal
 Connie Timashenka, K-12 Special Education Director

Staff present: None (0)
Visitors: Five (5)
News media present: One (1)

President Webber communicated that the Board was in Executive Session from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel related issues.

COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Activities Committee: No report.
- Athletic Committee: Mr. Forbes reviewed the August 7th meeting.
 - Reviewed possible action items discussed at meeting.
 - Discussed various informational items including handling of game manager role for the 2019/20 school year, handling of upcoming D-10 playoff participation and logistics for potential Junior High soccer program for the future.
 - Brief executive session to discuss coaching and personnel issues.
- Legislative Committee: Mrs. Reames reported that legislatures have been invited to event for Freedom Day.
- Mercer County Career Center: President Webber noted meeting to be held next Tuesday, August 20th. Discussed Plancon accounts receivables they anticipate to be paid during 2019/20 year.
- Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV – Mr. Rossi reviewed August 7th meeting that welcomed three new Board Members. Shared document related to employer insurance funding rates for all employment groups.
- Negotiations Committee: President Webber communicated “Collective Bargaining Agreement” will be discussed in Executive Session.
- Policy Maintenance Report: No report.

- Budget Committee: Mr. Demarest reviewed the August 12 meeting.
 - Reviewed Revenue & Expenditures year to date for 2018/19 fiscal year, including ACCESS fund draw, 1305/1306 projected tuition revenue, 2019/20 international student's registration and 2019/20 Aid Ratio's.
 - Reviewed possible action items discussed at meeting.
 - Discussed Plancon accounts receivable from MCCC debt and summer projects up to date status as well as costs to date.

POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Webber reviewed and discussed Athletics Committee recommendations, 2019/20 fall coaches listing, 2019/20 fall sports schedules and 2019/20 fall sports transportation.

Mr. Webber reviewed and discussed Budget Committee recommendations, East Elementary reassessment paperwork, security services contract, enrollment of international students, ESL contracted services agreement.

Mr. Webber noted Negotiations Committee recommendations to be discussed in Executive Session related to collective bargaining agreement with the Greenville Education Association.

Mr. Webber discussed requested tax exoneration for delinquent taxes by the Greenville Water Authority for the property located at 28 South Front Street.

Dr. Keeling reviewed 2019/20 high school Student-Parent Handbook, 2019/20 High School Faculty Handbook and 2019/20 High School Course of Study.

Mr. Tokar reviewed the 2019/20 organizational chart, 2019/20 GASD assessment/testing lists, 2019/20 bus driver & equipment listing, 2019/20 transportation overview.

President Webber noted that 2019/20 volunteer and substitute list to be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Tokar reviewed the agreement for services related to the SAP program, agreement to sell meals with the Keystone Charter School and the facility use requests by First Church of God, First Presbyterian Church and Jerusalem Christian Church.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Reames discussed the Greenville Area School District Educational Foundation to update on the Foundation's summer meetings. Updated the Board on the status of the ADA playground project as well as the website and upcoming events.

Dr. Keeling and Mr. Dieter updated the Board on the elementary band schedule, participation and related transportation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Tokar presented the minutes of the June work session and regular meeting, financial reports and bills for payment. Highlighted the upcoming "Job Fair" to be held at the District as prepared by Suzanne Ditty for whom he thanked. Read and distributed a thank you to the board from the cast of the Little Mermaid related to their recent facility use.

Mr. Tokar distributed the complimentary event tickets and local business cards to board members while thanking Mr. Karpinski for his communication with the local businesses. Noted the return of staff on August 19th for the flex day and August 20th being the official first day back.

Mr. Rossi discussed the planning of the upcoming Open House and how it may conflict with local events. Requested that in the future perhaps the Administration could consider these conflicts when scheduling.

HEARING OF VISITORS

John Cascio, Jr. of 300 East Avenue, Greenville, PA asked for more than the permitted three minutes to discuss baseball related issues. President Webber granted Mr. Cascio Jr. the opportunity to address the Board in Executive Session at the conclusion of the Work Session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Tokar asked the Administrative staff present to provide an update as follows:

Mrs. Timashenka reviewed summer IEP meetings and its attendance. Discussed upcoming compliance monitoring tentatively scheduled for November 11th. Noted upcoming safety training scheduled for the beginning of the year.

Mr. Karpinski highlighted the Gateways classroom upgrade and thanked the local Elks Club for a donation for the purchase of new Chromebooks to accompany the Gateway classroom upgrades.

Dr. Keeling noted summer projects, emphasizing the recent Gateways classroom upgrade as well as the concession area and the library/media center. Reviewed the second week of band camp under a new director. Noted that this Friday; August 16th, will be new teacher induction.

Mr. Stonebraker thanked the custodians and maintenance staff for how well the buildings are prepared for the start of the 2019/20 year. Discussed incoming Kindergarten class numbers.

Mr. Dieter noted upcoming open house to be held on September 5th at the Elementary building. Communicated the special schedule changes that are currently undergoing at the Elementary level.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:33 p.m., the board adjourned to executive session to hear from Mr. Cascio Jr. and to discuss personnel issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



Brandon Mirizio
Acting Board Secretary