

MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD JANUARY 22, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Work Session on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Daniel Eppley, John Forbes, Richard Powers, Mary Reames, Howard Scott and Board President Dennis Webber. The following members were excused: Steve Lewis and Richard Rossi. Laura Leskovac entered the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

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

Staff present: Two (2)
Visitors: One (1)
News media present: One (1)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Tokar introduced Rick Zilla; leader of District Technology and Engineering Department, to highlight the Department's accomplishments.

Mr. Zilla discussed the District's top middle school program of the year award for 2019/20 in the State of Pennsylvania that was received this past October. Additionally, the District will represent Pennsylvania at the International conference that will be held this March in Baltimore. Mr. Zilla then reviewed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the team approach that has been placed in the STEM program district-wide and their respective accomplishments.

Mr. Tokar discussed the Board Minutes from the December meetings, Financial Reports and Bills for Payment to be approved during the upcoming Voting Meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Activities Committee report by Mrs. Leskovac for the meeting held on January 10, 2020.

- Discussed the 2019/20 2nd semester field trip requests to be voted on for approval.
- Mr. Tokar highlighted the upcoming Choir trip to New York City and the associated chaperone listing to be voted on for approval.

Athletic Committee report by Mr. Forbes for the meeting held on January 8, 2020.

- Acknowledged the post season interview with Brian Herrick regarding the 2019 Football season as well as expectations for the 2020/2021 upcoming season.
- Reviewed recommended action items for 2019/2020 spring bids. Baseball and Track bids have been revised since the meeting in order to stay within budgetary guidelines. 2020/2021 fall bids for football were also reviewed and were in line with previous years' amounts.
- Received update on the potential co-op agreement with Jamestown for wrestling as well as status of the Athletic trainer services going forward.
- Mr. Webber complimented the committee on their approach to requiring coaches to stay within an established budget amount for bid proposals.
- Mr. Forbes discussed the presentation by Chad Gongaware for a Junior High soccer program.

Budget Committee report by Mr. Scott for the meeting held January 13, 2020.

- Discussed financial reviews for the 2019/20 revenues and expenditures in detail.
- Reviewed budget timeline for next school year which includes meeting dates and what items will be reviewed and when.
- Discussed tax collector compensations that the committee will be evaluating.
- Discussed recommended action items including internal audit report for Sugar Grove Township tax collector, 2020 Hempfield Township collector resignation and appointment of replacement, tax exonerations from Sugar Grove Township and Greenville Borough and also an agreement with Life Force for EMS coverage.

Legislative Committee report by Mrs. Reames.

- Updated the board on the communications from Senator Brooks' office regarding the requested meeting between all of the local representatives and associated school districts. Senator Brooks' office communicated their office does not want to establish a meeting time until the fulfillment of any vacant seats. Mrs. Reames expressed her dissatisfaction with their communication and expressed as such while requesting that a date be set for March for which all vacant seats will be filled.
- Mr. Scott acknowledged the recent reintroduction of a cyber-reform bill, specifically the bill addresses districts offering in-house cyber options.

Mercer County Career Center report by Mr. Webber.

- Communicated the recent reorganization meeting that was held and noted the plan going forward to reevaluate and realign their programs offered to better fit needs.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit had no report.

Negotiations Committee had no report.

Policy Committee had no report by Mrs. Reames as they will meet next Wednesday.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Tokar reviewed the additional action items as follows:

- Two items related to PlanCon. The first being the Audit Report conducted by Black Bashor and Porsch and the second being the actual filing of the Plancon Part J report filing.
- Cooperative Agreement with American Education Pathways.
- Noted various personnel matters which will be discussed in Executive Session.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Reames updated the Board on the Educational Foundation and more specifically the ADA Playground Project, associated fundraising and grant application statuses. Additionally, the foundation's general discussions of future projects associated with the District and asked Board members to communicate back to the Foundation any thoughts or ideas they may have.

Mr. Webber discussed the importance of alumni and highlighting what the school has provided them during their time here.

Mr. Reames added the establishment of Athletic Hall of Fame and a Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame that the Foundation is working towards completing in the fall of 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES

Mrs. Timashenka discussed a recent presentation on trauma that was conducted for staff. Highlighted a local grant award to assist with providing students and families of need in our District with various items. Mrs. Timashenka added recent clothing drives being conducted with local organizations to give away clothing items to students and families.

Mr. Tokar added the District continuing efforts to learn, treat and better understand the effects of students and families who experience the term ACEs which stands for "Adverse Childhood Experiences".

Dr. Keeling noted the recent end of the first semester and the recent success of the academic ISS program that has been established to give students an opportunity to bring grades up. Dr. Keeling highlighted December events and acknowledged the success of the "Reason for the Season" fundraiser that collected \$2,000 plus dollars and benefited Greenville students of need.

Mr. Stonebraker discussed a newly established program entitled "Check-In Check-Out" where teachers volunteer at the beginning and end of day to increase positive interactions with students.

Mr. Dieter highlighted the "Mother-Son Game Night" recently hosted by the PTO at the Elementary Building. Additionally, reviewed upcoming events including the "Daddy-Daughter Dance" as well as the feature of kindergarten students in the Sharon Herald for the "When I Grow Up" series.

Mr. Tokar added the importance of the meeting Mrs. Reames is working to establish with local legislatures for local Districts. Mr. Tokar added the MIU is coordinating the attendance of the PA Secretary of Education at the March Superintendents Meeting. Additionally, highlighted board appreciation month noting the appreciation not only this month but the entire year for what each of them do.

Heidi Smith; an elementary teacher representing the Greenville Education Association, presented each board member an appreciation gift from the Association.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:31 p.m., the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.



Brandon Mirizio
Board Secretary