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**MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD JANUARY 14, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met in regular session Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Lecture Hall. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Lisa Holm, Laura Leskovac, Steve Lewis, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and President Dennis Webber.

Others present:                    Mark Ferrara, Superintendent  
   Michele A. Orahood, Board Secretary  
   Brian Bronson, Elementary Principal K-6  
   Brian S. Tokar, Principal, Grades 10-11-12  
   Mark D. Hogue, Principal, Grades 7-8-9  
   Jodi Hibbard, Technology Director

Teachers present: One (1)  
Visitors present: Three (3)  
News media present: One (1)

1. Board Recognition Month – Presentation of banners which will be displayed in each building thanking the Board of Directors for their support of new initiatives within the district.
2. Update from Mr. Brian Bronson on parent teacher conferences held on November 26.
3. Mr. Rossi had nothing new to report from the Activities Committee at this time.
4. Mr. Forbes gave an overview of the Athletics Committee meeting held on January 14.
  - o Employment/Resignations
  - o Track bids
  - o Memorandum of Agreements – Indoor Track & Baseball
5. Conducted a telephone conference with Lou Verdelli, RBC Capital Markets, concerning the bond market and potential borrowing scenarios for building construction projects.
6. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from the January 12 meeting.
  - o Rick Zilla – STEM
  - o Conference call with Lou Verdelli, RBC– borrowing rates
  - o Act 1 Index- Index History, Resolution Not Exceed Index
  - o PSBA BUCS Basic Program
  - o PSERS Rate
  - o Procurement – Approval to Bid Cafeteria Food Van
  - o Tax Collector Reform Bill - HB1590
    - Kara Michaleski, Sugar Grove Township
    - Jynell L. Jordan, Greenville Borough
    - Gary Hittle, Hempfield Township
  - o Safety Software - \$7,800
  - o Camera installation and future purchases
  - o FieldTurf engineering services

7. Mrs. Reames did not have anything new to report from the Legislative Committee.
8. Mr. Rossi reported that the Mercer County Career Center is seeking a maintenance supervisor and discussed the staffing needs of the adult education nursing program.
9. Mr. Rossi did not have anything new to report from the Midwestern Intermediate Unit.
10. Mr. Webber reported that the Negotiations Committee held its first bargaining sessions with the GEA.
11. Mrs. Reames announced the next Policy Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21.
12. Received communications: \$35,000 donation from UPMC, Financial Interest forms, and Summer Food Service Program.
13. Reviewed Temporary and Permanent Occupational/Per Capita Taxes exoneration lists from Greenville Borough, Hempfield and Sugar Grove Townships.
14. Received the amended agreement between GASD and Greenville Orthopedic Associates for athletic trainer services.
15. Discussed the network infrastructure bids and the application process for Erate funding.
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#### **TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Webber requested an update on student enrollment.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Distributed December Board Meeting Minutes, Financial Reports, Board & Administrator.

Mr. Ferrara announced that a PDE Budget Hearing would be held in the Lecture Hall on January 29, 2015 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. He also reviewed the transportation adjustments for PMEA District Choir on January 21-23, 2015.

Mrs. Timashenka reviewed upcoming staff training, policy revisions, EI screenings, and ESL assessments. She along with Mr. Bronson announced that Hempfield Elementary has been recognized along with 96 other schools as a distinguished Title I school.

#### **HEARING OF VISITORS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:01 p.m. the board adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michele A. Orahood", written over a horizontal line.

Michele A. Orahood  
Board Secretary