

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met in regular session Monday, February 17, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., in the Lecture Hall. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Lisa Holm (elected 02/17/14), Laura Leskovic, 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  
   Connie Timashenka, Special Education/Curriculum Director  
   Brian S. Tokar, Principal, Grades 10-11-12  
   Mark D. Hogue, Principal, Grades 7-8-9  
   Jodi Hibbard, Technology Director

Teachers present:                None  
Visitors present:                Seven (7)  
News media present:            One (1)

President Webber led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

Michelle and Josh Lentz, Christian Fitness Ministries, presented an overview of the Backpack Program, discussed how students would be identified for the program and explained how funds would be generated to support the packaged food kits. Mr. and Mrs. Lentz are seeking approval of a cooperative agreement with the Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County.

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

Kyle Marini presented the Student Council report highlighting the February academic, extracurricular, and service project events that took place at the High School.

**BOARD MEMBER APPLICANTS**

The following candidates for the board seat vacancy introduced themselves and expressed their interest in the position.

Tracey Warner	308 Quartermile Rd. Greenville, PA
Gary Jones	212 Bentley Ave. Greenville, PA
Lisa Holm	52 Chambers Ave. Greenville, PA

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mr. Scott that the Minutes of the following Greenville Area School District meetings be approved as submitted: Board Meeting of January 21, 2014, and Board Workshop of February 12, 2014. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Vote: 8-0    Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mrs. Reames that the financial reports be approved as presented by the Board Secretary. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Vote: 8-0 Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mr. Scott that the Bills for Payment be approved as presented and that the Board Secretary be authorized to complete the necessary checks for payment.

Vote: Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; and President Webber, aye. Motion carried.

At 7:31 p.m. the board adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel. The meeting reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

**NOMINATIONS TO FILL A BOARD MEMBER SEAT**

Lisa Holm nominated by Mr. Demarest  
Gary Jones nominated by Mr. Lewis

**APPROVAL – CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS**

Moved by Mrs. Reames and seconded by Mr. Rossi that the nominations to appoint a new board member be closed.

Vote: Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; and President Webber, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT OF A NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Moved by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mrs. Reames that Lisa Holm be appointed as a School Director to fill an unexpired term through December 1, 2015.

Vote: Mr. Rossi, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; and President Webber, aye. Motion carried.

President Webber administered the Oath of Office to Lisa Holm.

**APPROVAL - RETIREMENTS**

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mrs. Leskovac that the following retirements be approved:

- o Susan Dilley, Gifted/Enrichment Teacher K-6 effective 06/10/14
- o Cheryl McGranahan, Elementary Art Teacher K-6 effective 06/30/14 with option to rescind notice
- o Kathleen Swartzbeck, Elementary Teacher effective 06/09/14
- o Tina Thomas, Secondary Special Education Teacher effective 06/09/14
- o Vikki Young, Elementary Teacher effective 06/10/14

Mr. Webber, on behalf of the board, thanked the retirees for their service to the district and wished them well in their retirement.

Vote: Mr. Demarest, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - RESIGNATION**

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mr. Scott that the resignation submitted by Michael Mallek from the position of Key Club Advisor for the 2014-2015 school year be approved effective June 2014.

Vote: Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - FMLA**

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mrs. Reames that the following FMLA leaves of absence be approved:

- o Marianne Drew (5) days - February 10-14, 2014
- o Danielle Sepos three (3) weeks - April 10-30, 2014
- o Janet Fischer twelve (12) weeks beginning February 17, 2014

Vote: Mr. Demarest, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - UNCOMPENSATED LEAVE**

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Ms. Holm that uncompensated leave be approved in accordance with Board Policy No. 539 Uncompensated Leave for 2.5 personal days for Cynthia Sereda, Hempfield instructional aide effective March 19-21, 2014.

Vote: Mr. Demarest, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT**

Moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Demarest that substitute employment for Judith Kellar, Greenville, PA be approved effective immediately.

Vote: Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - BUS DRIVE REQUEST**

Moved by Mrs. Reames and seconded by Mr. Rossi that request from Frye, Inc. to add Heidi Hause, Greenville, PA to the bus driver list for 2013-2014 be approved.

Vote: Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING,  
SUPPLEMENTAL WAGE SCHEDULE - TRACK**

Moved by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Forbes that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Greenville Education Association and Greenville Area School District be approved as shown as **Exhibit A**.

Vote: Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - UPDATED 2014 SPRING TRACK COACHES LIST**

A motion made by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mrs. Reames to remove Mike Shannon from the 2014 Spring/Track coaches list be approved.

Vote: Mr. Demarest, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

A motion made by Mrs. Reames and seconded by Mr. Rossi to approve Mike Shannon as a 2014 Spring/Track coach be approved.

Vote: Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Demarest, nay; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

A motion made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mr. Scott that the updated 2014 spring coaches list be approved.

Vote: Mr. Forbes, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, abstain; Mrs. Reames, abstain; Mr. Rossi, aye; and President Webber, aye. Motion carried.

At 7:54 p.m. Mrs. Reames and Mr. Lewis excused themselves from the meeting.

**APPROVAL - 2014-2015 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Moved by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Ms. Holm that the 2014-2015 Football Schedule be approved as shown as **Exhibit C**.

President Webber inquired about the site agreement with Thiel College and corrected game date of 10/24/14 against Sharon.

Vote: Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; and President Webber, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - WRESTLING AND BASKETBALL BANQUETS**

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mrs. Leskovac that the following social events be approved in accordance with Board Policy No. 231 Social Events and Class Trips:

Girls' & Boys' Basketball Banquet	Thiel College	Sunday, February 23, 2014
Wrestling Banquet	Thiel College	Sunday, March 19, 2014

Vote: Mr. Demarest, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; and Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; President Webber, aye. Motion carried.

At 8:02 p.m. Mrs. Reames and Mr. Lewis rejoined the meeting.

**APPROVAL - 2013-2014 MATHEMATICS CONSULTANT CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mr. Rossi that the agreement between Donna Raye, Mathematics Consultant, and the Greenville Area School District be extended through the 2013-2014 school year at an additional sum not to exceed \$7,500.

Mr. Demarest expressed his interest in learning more about the Profile. Mr. Rossi concurred with the deficiencies and acknowledged the challenge to the administration.

Vote: Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; and President Webber, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - 2013-2014 SENIOR PROM**

Moved by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Demarest that the 2013-2014 Senior Prom to be held May 3, 2014 at Tiffany's Banquet Center, Brookfield Township, OH be approved.

Vote: Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; and President Webber, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS**

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Ms. Holm that the following 2013-14 make-up days due to severe weather closings be approved.

Closed - January 7, 2014	Make-up Day - January 20, 2014
Closed - January 28, 2014	Make-up Day - February 17, 2014
Closed - January 29, 2014	Make-up Day - March 14, 2014
Closed - February 5, 2014	Make-up Day - April 22, 2014

Vote: Mr. Demarest, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - FEE WAIVER, USE OF FACILITIES**

Moved by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Ms. Holm that the following requests to waive rental (\*all) fees for the use of facilities be approved:

- PIAA District 10 Wrestling Sections February 14 & 15, 2014\*
- Hempfield Fire Department Craft Show, Hempfield Gym April 12, 2014

Vote: Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - OVERNIGHT CHOIR TRIP**

Moved by Mrs. Reames and seconded by Mr. Rossi that the overnight choir trip for the Region I chorus trip to Blackhawk High School, Beaver Falls, PA February 12-14, 2014 be approved.

Vote: Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - NOMINATION/ELECTION IU BOARD MEMBER**

Moved by Mrs. Reames and seconded by Mr. Demarest that Mr. Richard Rossi be approved as a nominee for consideration as an Intermediate Unit IV board member for the term from April 24, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Vote: Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; and President Webber, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - RENTAL/LEASE AGREEMENT HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP PROPERTY**

Moved by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Scott that the rental/lease agreement between the Greenville Area School District and Steven and Laura Turner be approved as shown as **Exhibit D**.

Vote: Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - BACKPACK PROGRAM PARTNERS AGREEMENT**

Moved by Mrs. Reames and seconded by Mrs. Leskovac that the agreement between the Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County, Christian Fitness Ministries and Greenville Area School District be approved as shown as **Exhibit E**.

Vote: Mrs. Reames, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL – 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mr. Scott that the 2014-2015 School Calendar be approved as shown as **Exhibit F**.

Vote: Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL – REQUEST FOR EXONERATION OF  
TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL/PER CAPITA TAXES**

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mrs. Leskovac that the request made by Sugar Grove Township for permanent and temporary exonerations of occupational and per capita taxes be approved as shown as **Exhibit G**.

Vote: Mr. Demarest, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL – RESCHEDULED APRIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Moved by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mrs. Reames that the Greenville Area School District will hold a combined Work Session and Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., in the Lecture Hall at Greenville High School, 9 Donation Road, Greenville, PA 16125. This is a date change from April 23, 2014 on the previously adopted schedule.

Vote: Mr. Rossi, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Demarest, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**APPROVAL – NONRESIDENT STUDENTS**

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mrs. Reames that admission be approved for two nonresident elementary students on payment of tuition in accordance with Board Policy No. 202 effective February 19, 2014 through the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

Vote: Mr. Demarest, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; Mr. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mrs. Leskovac, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; and President Webber, aye.  
Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Ferrara expressed his gratitude to those who attended the welcome reception in his and Dr. Hogue's honor. "I'm touched and it was greatly appreciated," he said.

Mr. Ferrara reported on a rumour that a weapon had brought to school and then gave an accurate summary of events to reassure parents.

Mr. Ferrara updated the board on recent events and progress:

- 31<sup>st</sup> annual Sophomore Retreat
- Petition for Declaratory Relief to secure an armed police officer continues
- Special Board Meeting Thursday, February 20, 2014 – Security & Feasibility Study

Mrs. Hibbard informed the board that progress on the new website continues.

Mr. Bronson announced an upcoming family literacy night and that the elementary schools will be celebrating Read Across America Week.

Mrs. Timashenka is preparing for a Special Education audit which will begin on April 14, 2014.

Dr. Hogue announced that administration is working with the University of Pittsburgh to secure 8-10 college courses that could be taken for high school credit.

Mr. Webber thanked Mrs. Reames for putting together the reception that preceded the meeting and shared his experiences from a recent business trip.

Presentation of the \$750 donation to the American Cancer Society will be made on Monday, February 24.


GHS will present the musical Seven Brides for Seven Brothers on March 6-7, 2014.

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Mr. Webber and seconded by Mr. Forbes to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

  
Michele A. Orahood  
Business Manager