

MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD MARCH 12, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Workshop on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 7:08 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Greenville High School. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, Laura Leskovac, Steve Lewis, Mary Reames, Howard Scott and President Dennis Webber. Absent: Lisa Holm, John Forbes and Rick Rossi

Others present: Mark Ferrara, Superintendent
Michele A. Orahod, Board Secretary
Connie S. Timashenka, K-12 Special Education & Curriculum Director
Brian S. Bronson, K-6 Elementary Principal
Dr. Mark D. Hogue, Principal Grades 7-8-9
Brian S. Tokar, Principal Grades 10-11-12
Jodi Hibbard, Technology Coordinator

Staff present: Six (6)
Visitors: None
Press: One (1)

1. Heard curriculum presentations.
 - o Grading/Semester Exams Mr. Tokar, Mr. Scott Ellis and Mr. David Fisher
 - o Math Department Course Changes Mr. Stitt
 - o GHS Science Course Reconfiguration Mr. Ellis and Mr. Chapman
 - o K-6 Proposed Music Curriculum/Textbook Mrs. Volek
2. Announced that Mr. Chris Williams will present the new band uniform proposal on Monday, March 17, 2014.
3. Mrs. Leskovac presented the recommendations from the March 7 Activities Committee.
 - Overnight Trips
 - o State Chorus/PMEA State Band March 26, 27 & 28, 2014
 - Out of State Trips
 - o YSU English Festival, Youngstown, OH April 9, 10 & 11, 2014
 - o 5th Grade Field Trip, Cleveland, OH May 16 or 23, 2014
4. Mr. Scott gave an overview of items discussed and the recommendations from the Athletics Committee meeting held on March 12.
 - o Updated Spring Sports Coaches List
 - o 2014-2015 Athletics Schedules (Volleyball, Girls' Tennis, JH Girls' BB)
 - o Overnight Volleyball Camp
 - o Overnight Volleyball Lock-in
 - o Overnight Cheerleading Camp
 - o PIAA "Official Ball"
 - o Thiel Agreement for football and wrestling
 - o CP Co-op Letter – Contribution to Soccer Program
 - o Living Word Co-op Intent Letter
 - o Coach Education Language
 - o EMS/Life Force Contract
 - o 2014-2015 Ticket Taking Proposal
 - o 2014-2015 Fall Sports Equipment Bids
 - o 2014-2015 Athletics Budget

5. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from the March 10 meeting.
 - o Budget Breakdown 100's, 200's, & Revenue
 - o Capital Projects Fund – Permissible reimbursement
 - o 2014-15 Solicitor RFP
 - o Marching Band Bid
6. Mrs. Reames did not have anything new for the Legislative Report at this time.
7. Mr. Webber reported the Mercer County Career Center has 491 students currently enrolled. Peter Acker has been appointed as solicitor. The proposed budget received the recommendation from local Superintendents. Bids were received to lease 49 acres for crop production.
8. Distributed Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV annual convention scheduled for April 23, 2014 in Grove City. Board members are encouraged to attend to endorse Mr. Rossi's nomination to the MIU Board. Deadline to register for the dinner is April 9.
9. Mrs. Reames announced the Policy Committee met on February 26.
 - o Fill vacancy on the committee
 - o Continued review of Policy 600- 900 (including updates issued since PSBA's review) and sample security policies
 - o Reference District's Emergency Plan as security policies are developed
 - o Discuss Administrative Procedures Manual
 - o Eliminate Policy Manual updates (binders) to the entire board, except for Policy Committee members
10. Received communications: Municipal Derivatives Class Action Settlement, Anonymous online Pennsylvania School Board survey, Letter of Interest – Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Board of Directors.
11. Discussed a rental agreement with the Greenville First Baptist Church.
12. Received the 2014-2015 MIU4 General Operating Budget.
13. Discussed the 2014-2015 Mercer County Career Center Budget.
14. Considered the Use of Facility request from St. Michael School for the use of the track.
15. Mr. Ferrara reviewed options proposed by HHSDR for a survey of the Hempfield Elementary property.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Ferrara distributed the PA School Performance Profile Data and Review Confirmation and discussed opportunities for a new high school program designed to encourage entrepreneurship.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distributed February Board Meeting Minutes, Board & Administrator Publication for School Board Members, Financial Reports, and invitation to the Hempfield International Festival.

Announced plans for an upcoming curriculum meeting to continue the discussion of the School Performance Profile (SPP) and the American Scholar Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Tokar informed the board that 18 students participated in UPMC Horizon's health care career day. Mercer County 10th graders will get the chance to learn about the variety of career possibilities in this area when they attend the Business & Industry Career Fair organized by the Shenango Valley Chamber.

Mrs. Demarest expressed her gratitude to the board and administration for their support of the recent musical.

Dr. Hogue announced that a Casio national presenter is scheduled to visit the district to promote their math and science curriculum. Collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh continues to develop a college in the high school program. Mr. Stitt, Calculus I & II, and Mr. Ellis, Chemistry, have been approved by the University as course instructors.

Mrs. Timashenka discussed the results of a recent staff survey on writing across the curriculum and a collaborative meeting attended by Dr. Frank Stratiff and Mrs. Drew.

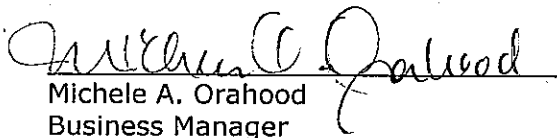
Mr. Bronson acknowledged the cooperativeness of the staff in relocating classrooms in the wake of roof issues at Hempfield Elementary School. Students at East Elementary read a combined total of 30,000 minutes during the Read a thon sponsored by the PTO.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None

At 9:16 p.m. the board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.


Michele A. Orahood
Business Manager