

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met in regular session Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:07 p.m., in the Lecture Hall. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Lisa Holm, Steve Lewis, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and President Dennis Webber. Laura Leskovac was absent.

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

President Webber led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Webber announced that an executive session of the Board preceded tonight's meeting to discuss real estate and personnel matters.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None

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 August 18, 2014, and Board Workshop of September 10, 2014. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Vote: 8-0 Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Ms. Holm 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 Ms. Holm 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. Forbes, aye; Ms. Holm, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; Mrs. Reames, aye; Mr. Rossi, aye; Mr. Scott, aye; and President Webber, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL - RESIGNATION

Moved by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Demarest that the resignation Kelly Herman-McCart, high school art teacher, be approved effective October 17, 2014.

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

APPROVAL - MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rossi that a maternity leave of absence be approved for Kristin Richard, Guidance Counselor Grades 7-9, be approved from December 18, 2014 through January 16, 2015.

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

APPROVAL - SUBSTITUTE LIST

Moved by Mrs. Reames and seconded by Mr. Rossi that the 2014-2015 substitute list for teachers, guest teachers and aides be approved as shown as **Exhibit A**.

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

APPROVAL - HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

Moved by Mrs. Reames and seconded by Mr. Demarest that homebound instruction be approved for two (2) high school students.

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

APPROVAL - REVISED 2014-2015 MENTOR TEACHER LIST

Moved by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Demarest that the revised 2014-2015 Mentor List be approved as shown as **Exhibit B**.

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

APPROVAL - BAND ADJUDICATION

Moved by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Scott that a request to host a PMEA band adjudication at Greenville High School on March 18, 2015 be approved.

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

APPROVAL - REVISED 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mrs. Reames that a revision to the 2014-2015 school calendar be approved changing October 13, 2014 from a full day in-service to a one-half day in-service be approved.

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

APPROVAL – ENROLLMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Mrs. Reames that one (1) American Scholar student be enrolled for the 2014-2015 school year (1st semester) at the approved tuition rate of Four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4,900) be approved.

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

APPROVAL - PA BUSINESS WEEK

Moved by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Ms. Holm that the Business Week program organized by Americans for the Competitive Enterprise System, Erie, PA be approved for the week of October 20-24, 2014.

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

**APPROVAL - MUNICIPALITIES CONTINUING
DISCLOSURE COOPERATION INITIATIVE**

Moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Ms. Holm that the School District participate in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative by completing, with the assistance of Bond Counsel, and filing the SEC's form Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative Questionnaire for Self-Reporting Entities.

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

APPROVAL - PSBA Officers and At-Large Representatives

Moved by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mrs. Demarest to authorize that electronic votes be cast for the following PSBA officers and At-large Representative who have been endorsed by the PSBA Leadership Development Committee.

President-elect

- Kathy K. Swope*, Lewisburg Area SD (Union Co.)

Vice President

- Mark B. Miller*, Centennial SD (Bucks Co.)

Treasurer

- Otto W. Voit III*, Muhlenberg SD (Berks Co.)

At-large Representative (West)

Representing Regions 1, 2, 3, 13, 14

- Daniel J. O'Keefe*, Northgate SD (Allegheny Co.)

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

APPROVAL – BOARD POLICIES

Moved by Mrs. Reames and seconded by Mr. Scott that the following Board Policies be approved as shown as **Exhibit C**.

118	Independent Study
004	Membership
006	Meetings
103.1	Non Discrimination Qualified Students with Disabilities
113.1	Discipline of Students with Disabilities
113.2	Behavior Support
222, 323, 423, 523	Tobacco Use
620	Fund Balance

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Reames, Policy Committee Chairperson, Board Policy No. 239 - Foreign Exchange Students was removed from the list pending further review.

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

**APPROVAL – AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED,
GASD CHARITABLE GIVING FOUNDATION**

Moved by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Demarest that the Board President, Superintendent and solicitor be authorized to establish a private foundation organized and operated to support the Greenville Area School District.

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

APPROVAL - 2014 REAL ESTATE TAX EXONERATION

Moved by Mrs. Reames and seconded by Mr. Demarest that the request, as recommended by the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, received from Frank Lewis, 510 Conneaut Lake Rd., Adamsville, PA for exoneration of real estate taxes be approved as shown as **Exhibit D**.

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

APPROVAL – USE OF FACILITIES

Moved by Mr. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Scott that the following request to waive rental fees for the use of facilities be approved:

- Lifeway Church of the Nazarene East Parking Lot Saturday, October 4, 2014

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

APPROVAL – EMPLOYMENT

Moved by Mrs. Reames and seconded by Mr. Rossi that Brent Beckstein, Greenville, PA be employed as the secondary Art teacher effective October 6, 2014 at a starting prorated salary of \$52, 907, Masters, Step 10.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ferrara discussed social media training for students, safety training scheduled with Coleen Heim on September 30 and United Way contributions which exceed \$12,000 for the year. He also distributed a brochure titled System for Principal Effectiveness from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Mrs. Reames informed the board that the funding request made to the Community Foundation for new band uniforms was denied.

Mr. Rossi inquired about a future presentation to update the board on the new gifted program and commented on the access to the track construction project.

Mr. Bronson provided an update on the Hempfield roof restoration project.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Demarest and seconded by Ms. Holm that the meeting be adjourned at 7:43 p.m.


Michele A. Orahood
Board Secretary