

## MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD OCTOBER 16, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Workshop on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 7:11 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Greenville High School. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, Brad Gosser (arrived at 8:19 p.m.), Lisa Holm, John Forbes, John O'Malley, Mary Reames, and President Dennis Webber. Absent: Evan Gruver and Richard Rossi.

Others present: Mark Ferrara, Superintendent  
Michele A. Orahoad, Board Secretary  
Connie S. Timashenka, Hempfield Elementary Principal/  
Special Education Supervisor  
Brian S. Bronson, East Elementary Principal  
Brian S. Tokar, High School Principal  
Jodi Hibbard, Technology Technician

Staff present: Six (6)  
Visitors: Twelve (12)  
Press: One (1)

### AGENDA ITEMS

1. Mr. John Williams and Mr. Jason Tomko presented the 2012-2013 Financial Audit Report with no findings.
2. Mr. Forbes gave an overview of items discussed and the recommendations from the Athletics Committee meeting held on October 9.
  - Revised Fall Coaches List
  - Recommendation – Coaches
  - 2013-2014 Winter Coaches List, Sports Schedules and Bus Bids
  - Contract for sporting events held at Thiel College
  - Cooperative Agreement with Jamestown School District for baseball/football exchange programs
  - Overnight travel for South Moreland, Mountaineer and State wrestling tournaments

Mr. Webber shared concerns he had received from community members about the availability of parking at the GHS events held at Thiel College. Mr. O'Malley expressed his feelings that this was a "win, win, win" for all parties to collaborate. Mr. Demarest inquired about the PIAA filing deadline for the co-op with Jamestown SD.

3. Ms. Holm reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from October 15.
  - Building & Grounds Budget-
  - Preliminary Financial Audit Report; Fund Balance Designation
  - Travel/Meal Reimbursements recommendations for \$7 breakfast, \$10 lunch, \$15 dinner
  - Yearbook Contribution
  - Title IX report
  - TSA Plan revision to include American Funds
  - Purchase of bulk gasoline for Frye, Inc. and contract addendum

4. Mr. O'Malley informed the board that he will be attending a luncheon next week with Mark Longiotti who sits on the House Committee on Education as Subcommittee Democratic Chair on Basic Education.
5. Mr. Webber reported the Mercer County Career Center's enrollment is currently 502 students. The Career Center continues to promote adult programming and job development for secondary students.  
  
Mrs. Reames suggested that Jr High students be enlightened about the opportunities and programs they have available at the Career Center.
6. Mr. Ferrara invited the Board to attend the Early Childhood Summit at Case Ave. Elementary School on October 24 from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m.
7. Planning for Business Week is coming together as judges and volunteers are being organized.
8. Mr. Ferrara expressed his thanks to the Principals for putting together a productive in-service day last Friday. Portfolios were distributed to each staff member and the effective educator program was also discussed at each building to keep everyone up to date.
9. Mr. Ferrara announced the United Way campaign is underway and collections have surpassed last year already. The challenge to fund a Success by Six classroom at an estimated cost of \$7,400 per district was posed to the employees.
10. Mr. Bronson and Mrs. Timashenka updated the board concerning after school tutoring programs and activities for Red Ribbon Week. A PSSA celebration is scheduled for October 28 at East Elementary.
11. Jodi Hibbard announced that a software package has been selected to develop a new district website.
12. Mr. Tokar reviewed the activities and learning opportunities for Business Week as planning continues for volunteers and judges. It is anticipated that one team will compete in the Titan Business Challenge in November. Lauren Faber and Mercer Martin are scheduled to participate in the Extreme Leadership competition held by Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV.
13. Mr. Ferrara addressed the recent release of the School Performance Profile and the need to focus on math and writing skills.
14. Received a notice from the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Board of Directors of Mr. Rossi's appointment to the IU Board vacancy.
15. Received Thank You Letter from the Shenango River Watchers, Inc. and a postcard – Labor Relations for School Leaders.
16. Reviewed the service contract for PA-Educator Partnership.
17. Received the Sugar Grove Township Internal Audit Report, Tax Year 2012.
18. Reviewed the PlanCon Park K – Series 2013 submission package.

19. Discussed a GBA (Greenville Basketball Association) Facility Use Waiver request. Instructed administration to contact the officers to explain that the rental fee would be waived however security and custodial fees would apply to the events.
20. Received the 2012-2013 Budget Transfers and Audit Report prepared by Black, Bashor & Porsch LLP.

### TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Webber discussed the need to begin to consider the district's building utilization and perhaps what the needs will be in 30 years.

Mr. Demarest inquired where the district stands with benchmarks in relation to the Comprehensive Plan.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distributed September Board Meeting Minutes, September Financial Reports (bills for payment will be distributed at workshop meeting), Board & Administrator Publication for School Board Members – October 2013 and East Newsletter.

Mr. Ferrara announced that meetings with Stanley Security and with a local provider for a physical presence have been conducted as security upgrades are being researched.

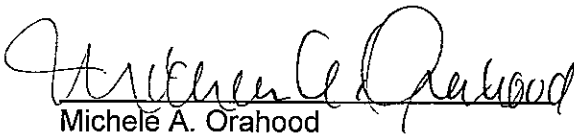
### HEARING OF VISITORS

Mrs. McChesney, school librarian, addressed the board concerning research that demonstrates the need for full time library services.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

At 8:38 p.m. the board adjourned to Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

  
Michele A. Orahood  
Business Manager