
MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met in regular session Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7:15 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: Two (2)

News media present: One (1)

1. Dr. Mark Hogue presented the College in High School enrollment statistics and course offerings available through the University of Pittsburgh and Seton Hill University to students in grades 9-12.
2. No Activities Committee meeting for the month.
3. Mr. Forbes gave an overview of the Athletics Committee meeting held on November 12.
 - o Wrestling Schedule/Transportation changes
 - o Pole Vault Mats, Long/Triple Jump Pit Covers
 - o Hiring – 7th Grade Boys’ Basketball Coach
 - o Post-season Meetings -Mrs. Barry, Mr. O’Malley, Mr. McMillen
 - o Title IX Summary
 - o Travel Costs for Wrestling
 - o Parent/Fan Decorum at games
 - o Extended Season Reward, Payment/Meal Money
 - o Specific Sport Travel Costs
 - o Girls’ Volleyball Senior Night
4. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from the November 10 meeting.
 - o Building & Grounds Budget presented by Gene Cianci
 - o Electricity Agreement
 - o PSAT
 - o Purchase of a two way radio repeater system
5. Mr. Ferrara discussed his letter written to Governor-elect Wolf encouraging the new administration to consider funding initiatives targeting joint ventures between smaller school districts.

6. Mr. Webber reported that the Mercer County Career Center continues to finalize the bond refunding transaction and discussed the unpredictability of enrollments into the adult education nursing program from year to year.
7. Mr. Rossi did not have anything new to report from the Midwestern Intermediate Unit.
8. Mr. Webber reported that the Negotiations Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. to prepare for future bargaining sessions with the GEA.
9. Mrs. Reames announced the next Policy Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19.
10. Considered a facility use request submitted by the Greenville Elks Club.
11. Reviewed an exoneration and 2014 refund request of real estate taxes from Richard Krueger.
12. Acknowledged tenure of Kelly Herman McCart, former HS Art Teacher.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

A Title IX update was presented during the Athletics Committee meeting which preceded tonight's work session. The board discussed their interpretation of Board Policy No. 123 Interscholastic Athletics, opportunities for girls and boys, and the timing of future requests for PIAA teams.

Mr. Ferrara informed the board that Sheryl Lanning would update the board on the American Scholar Group at a meeting scheduled in January.

Mr. Demarest congratulated the administration on the improvements made on the 2013-14 School Performance Profile and the Early Childhood Summit held last week at Hempfield Elementary.

Mr. Webber, on behalf of the board, expressed his condolences to the family of Sean Skelley.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distributed October Board Meeting Minutes, Financial Reports, Board & Administrator and MB&M Education Newsletter to School Board Members.

Dr. Hogue shared the news of a collaboration with Warrior Run SD. GASD has been approved for the Mentee grant award in the amount of \$10,000 which will support professional development activities focused on integrated reading curriculum.


Mr. Ferrara reviewed recent Veteran's Day activities and the positive outcomes from the Early Childhood Summit. He thanked the administration, teachers, support staff, maintenance and food service for their cooperation putting the events together and acknowledged the strong support which the Summit received from the business community.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:57 p.m. the board adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.


Michele A. Orahod
Board Secretary