

**MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2013**

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The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Workshop on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Greenville High School. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, Brad Gosser, Evan Gruver, Lisa Holm, John Forbes, John O'Malley, Richard Rossi and President Dennis Webber. Absent: Mary Reames

Others present:       Mark Ferrara, Superintendent  
                          Michele A. Orahoad, Board Secretary  
                          Brian S. Bronson, East Elementary Principal  
                          Brian S. Tokar, Assistant High School Principal  
                          Jodi Hibbard, Technology Technician

Staff present:       One (1)  
Visitors:            Two (2)  
Press:               One (1)

1. Mr. Ferrara announced the Student Council report will be given on Monday night.
2. Mr. Forbes gave an overview of items discussed and the recommendations from the Athletics Committee meeting held on November 6.
  - Title IX reporting will expire after the 15-16 report, booster club reporting is immediately suspended
  - Coach's & AD education such as safety and CPR will be required for next year
  - \$1 coaches (Track Coaching Position)
  - Baseball items
  - Mandated reporter for coaches
  - Winter Coaches List Add Brandon Bush, boys' basketball
  - 2013-2014 Tennis Bids
3. Ms. Holm reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from November 11.
  - Life Insurance Proposal ( July 1, 2014 – 2016) & Voluntary
  - Delta Dental – 2014 Renewal
  - First Energy Solution – Proposed Electricity Agreement
  - Natural Gas Consortium– locked rate through June 30, 2016, extend the National Fuel Resources contract through June 30, 2018.
  - Future Baseball
  - Administrative Realignment
  - Special Ed Office – Furniture & copier
  - Business Week
  - Robin Hope – High Deductible Medical Plan
  - Technology Budget
4. Mr. Ferrara reported on the Communication Council Meeting of November 12. He described the meeting as very productive to head off disagreements and that the dialogue has been good between administration and the association.

5. Mr. O'Malley informed the board of recent legislation introduced by Mark Longiotti who sits on the House Committee on Education as Subcommittee Democratic Chair on Basic Education. He asked for support of HB 1734 that contains language concerning the Athletic Disclosure requirements. Mr. O'Malley also shared a letter from Michele Brooks announcing grant opportunities for school safety.
6. Mr. Webber reported the Mercer County Career Center did not have a quorum therefore no formal action was taken. Mr. O'Malley commended Mr. Miller on the great strides that he has already made as principal to beef up the enrollment.
7. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Policy Committee Report from the October 30 meeting and updated the board on the status of the 600-900 series.
8. Announced the Reorganization Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2013.
9. Mr. Webber congratulated incoming board member elected on November 4: Laura Leskovac, Steve Lewis and Howard Scott and that an Executive Session of the Board was held on November 7 immediately following the Special Meeting to discuss personnel and property.
10. Discussed 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Independent Studies for an Automation 2 course.
11. Received copies of the Sugar Grove and Hempfield Township Wage Tax Audit Reports prepared by Black, Bashor and Porsch.
12. Parent Transportation Agreement, FMLA – secondary teacher, Homebound Instruction – secondary student will be discussed in executive session.

#### **TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS**

- Mr. O'Malley discussed an article from the Reading Eagle concerning legal discussions under the Sunshine Act.
- Mr. Demarest informed the board that he has registered for an upcoming PSBA webcast on school board reorganization.
- Mr. Rossi requested a Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV report be added to information items on the next work session agenda.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Brian Tokar distributed an article and commended Mr. Kris Chapman for his work with the University of Pittsburgh. Through his continuing education, public speaking and published research, Mr. Chapman has brought many opportunities to the science department.
- Brian Bronson discussed the staff development training on RTii tier 3 that took place at PATTAN on October 22-24, 2013.
- Jodi Hibbard explained that the district internet connectivity upgrade is underway.
- Michele Orahood informed that board of a telephone conference with the Reschini Group on Qualified High Deductible Plans and HSA's took place on November 11.

- Distributed October Board Meeting Minutes, November 7, 2013 Special Board Meeting Minutes, October Financial Reports, Board & Administrator Publication for School Board Members – November 2013.

### HEARING OF VISITORS

None

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Webber, on behalf of the board, extended his condolences to Mrs. Timashenka on the loss of her father.
- Mr. Webber expressed his appreciation to outgoing board members Brad Gosser, Lisa Holm and John O'Malley by presenting each of them with a plaque as a keepsake for their service and dedication to the district.
- Mr. Demarest thanked his fellow members for their collaboration and willingness to work together professionally even when everyone does not always agree on issues. In consideration of athletic cooperatives and shared services, the intent was not necessarily to save money but to add opportunities for students. He also encouraged students to reach out to their peers beyond their close friends and embrace those experiences. On Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, GHS will host 250 students for County Chorus culminating with a performance scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Mr. Gosser explained that coming back to serve on the board once again made him appreciate the time and commitment that is required of board service. He then thanked Mr. Webber for his leadership through the years and remarked that the community is lucky to have it.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 8:07 p.m. the board adjourned to Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

  
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Michèle A. Orahood  
Business Manager