
MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD NOVEMBER 16, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for a work session on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 6:30 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 Dennis Webber. Laura Leskovac was absent.

Others present: Mark Ferrara, Superintendent
 Michele A. Orahood, Board Secretary
 Dr. Mark Hogue, Principal, Grades 7-8-9
 Brian S. Tokar, Principal, Grades 10-11-12
 Matt Dieter, Principal, Grades K-6
 Connie Timashenka, Special Education/Curriculum Director
 Jodi Hibbard, Technology Director

Teachers present: One (1)
Visitors present: Five (5)
News media present: One (1)

1. John Williams, Norbert Dietrich and Todd Davies of the accounting firm Black, Bashor & Porsch reviewed the 2015-16 Financial Audit Report.
2. Discussed upcoming meetings for December.
 - Reorganization Meeting - Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Athletic Committee - Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Budget Committee - Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 a.m.
3. Activities Committee – No report.
4. Mr. Scott reviewed the Athletic Report from the November 9 committee meeting.
 - Athletic Fund financial reports
 - Fall sports season wrap up
 - Hosted nine PIAA playoff games at Stewart Field
5. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from the November 14 meeting.
 - Maintenance Budget – Gene Cianci
 - Preliminary Financial Audit Report
 - 2017 Assessment Changes
 - Special Education Costs
 - Electricity - authorize the Superintendent to represent the Greenville Area School District to lock in a fixed price
 - Cyber School partner VLN
 - Busing consultant telephone conference
6. Mrs. Reames discussed a future meeting with Senator Brooks to discuss school funding issues.

7. Mr. Webber reported on the Mercer County Career Center that changes have been made to the premium renewal calculation for its health care consortium and negotiations are ongoing.
8. Mrs. Reames informed the board that the Policy Committee's next meeting will be held on Friday, November 18 at 8:45 a.m.
9. Considered an exoneration of real estate tax request from Eric Kennedy.
10. Received a Tax Refund Request – Ken & Cheryl Williams.
11. Reviewed the Fund Balance Assigned and the 2015-2016 Financial Audit Report.
12. Discussed Board Policies:
 - 247 Vol IV 2016 – Hazing
 - 609 Vol IV 2016 – Investment of District Funds
 - 007 Vol VI 2016 – Policy Manual Access
 - 336 Vol VI 2016 – Personal Necessity Leave*
 - 810.2 Vol VI 2016 – Transportation – Video/Audio Recording
 - 827 Vol VI 2016 – Conflict of Interest
 - 918 Vol VI 2016 – Parent Involvement (Annual review M. Dieter)
 - 336, 436, 536 Administrative, Professional & Classified***
13. Considered a US citizen discount for American Scholar Group students.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Rossi discussed the challenges for staff to meet the August timeline for requesting board approval of classes under 10, an invitation to The Reschini Group for a board update on health care issues and inquired about the Charter School application process.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distributed October Board Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports.

Mr. Ferrara discussed the recommendation of Mark Walsh, busing consultant, to continue two run bus routing for students.

Mr. Tokar provided an overview of the student survey and feedback from Business Week.

Dr. Hogue informed the board that Donald Si, METEN, had visited the district earlier in the day and that cyber school partnerships with VLN are being explored.

Mrs. Timashenka discussed the profound speech and language challenges that instructors are seeing more frequently in grades K-2.

Mr. Dieter shared that temporary traffic situations had been handled as the parking lot paving progressed.

The principals shared their building SPP scores, contributing factors and building growth patterns.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:04 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Michele A. Orahood
Board Secretary