
MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD APRIL 19, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for a work session on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Lisa Holm, Steve Lewis, Mary Reames, Rick 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: Four (4)

Visitors present: Six (6)

News media present: One (1)

1. A National Blue Ribbon School presentation was given by application coordinators Mrs. Jewell, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Stitt and Mr. Zilla.
2. Mark Voytik, Construction Manager, gave a nine month update on the construction at Hempfield, and overview of the change orders and the trades that are currently on site.
3. Ms. Holm reviewed the Activities Committee requests.
 - One (1) Qualifier to National Catholic Forensics League Grand National Tournament Louisville, Kentucky – May 25, 26, 27, 2017 Trey Wilt (Grade10) Susan Lavery, Jeremy Zipay
 - NPAECT STEAM Showcase on Monday, May 8, 2017 in Harrisburg – Jan Abernethy
 - Spring Into Action, May 31, 2017, Hempfield Park – Grades 7 and 8
 - Moraine State Park – Kindergarten – Transportation paid for by the park
 - Hiram G. Andrews Center, Johnstown, PA– Special Education Transition Trip
 - High School Prom on May 6, 2017 at Tiffany's in Brookfield, Ohio
4. The Athletic Report will be given next Monday.
5. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from the April 18 meeting.
 - 9 month review, Forecast, 2016-2017 Projection
 - 2017-2018 Budget
 - Capital Improvements Fund
 - Instructional, Athletic & Janitorial Supply Bids
 - Insurance renewal rates
6. Mrs. Reames announced an upcoming meeting on April 20, 2017, with Senator Brooks at MIU VI where county school districts will discuss mandates, special education funding and local concerns.

7. Mr. Webber reported that the Mercer County Career Center had met to review equipment and roofing bids.
8. Mr. Rossi announced the MIU IV Annual Convention is scheduled for April 26, 2017, for board members who wish to attend.
9. Negotiations Committee – no report.
10. Mrs. Reames informed the board that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 21 at 8:45 a.m. and distributed the agenda.
11. Reviewed Use of Facility Requests received from:
 - Borough of Greenville
 - Paul Hammill
 - Record Argus
 - T3 Wrestling
 - Greenville Area Christian Ministerial Alliance
12. Received the 2017-2018 School Calendar.
13. Announced administrators will travel to China in regards to the agreement with METEN.
14. Discussed Judicial Tax Sales petitions from the Mercer County Tax Bureau.
15. Considered a settlement with The Garland Company, Inc.
16. Reviewed Board Policies:
 - 209.2 Diabetes Management
 - 808 Food Services
 - 808 Food Services Attachment
17. Considered a Change Order GC-8 from Rien Construction Company.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Reames announced that Dennis Webber was honored by The Consortium for Public Education at its Champions of Learning Awards dinner on April 1 for individuals, organizations and businesses that create or support extraordinary learning opportunities for youth in our region. President Webber was one of twenty-two finalists and was selected as the winner in the community outreach category.

Mr. Demarest congratulated Senior Niki Perry who competes this week at State Chorus in Erie along with her vocal music instructor Mrs. Demarest.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distributed March Board Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports.

Dr. Hogue discussed 2017-18 curriculum offerings, new CIH courses and VLN/Cyber Charter opportunities.

Mr. Tokar informed the board of the Angelo Papa prevention event at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 21 in the auditorium.

Mrs. Timashenka discussed new adaptive devices provided to students by Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV and an update on the Medicaid ACCESS program.

Mr. Dieter shared that PSSA's are underway. Upcoming events for May include Kindergarten screening and spring concert on Tuesday, May 9.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Mr. Dave Ferguson inquired about the start date for Kindergarten students for the 2017-18 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m., the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Michele A. Orahood
Board Secretary