
MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD OCTOBER 15, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met in regular session Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., in the Lecture Hall. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Lisa Holm, Laura Leskovac- arrived at 7:10 p.m., Steve Lewis-arrived at 8:05 p.m., Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and President Dennis Webber.

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

Teachers present: Two (1)
Visitors present: Three (3)
News media present: One (1)

1. Mr. John Williams of the accounting firm Black, Bashor & Porsch introduced Jason Tomko who reviewed the 2013-14 Financial Audit Report.
2. Received a thank you note from Christian Fitness Ministries.
3. Mr. Rossi presented the discussion by the Activities Committee on the monthly meeting schedule and a 2015 community blood drive.
4. Mr. Scott gave an overview of the Athletics Committee meeting held on October 15.
 - o Winter sports coaches list and transportation bids
 - o New athletic trainer Patrick Maloney
 - o Track construction schedule
 - o Baseball coaches
 - o District 10 Sportsmanship Award
5. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from the October 14 meeting.
 - o Technology Budget presented by Jodi Hibbard
 - o Preliminary Financial Audit Report
 - o MCCC refinancing
 - o Cell phones
 - o Resource Officer
 - o Second in command for Building/Grounds Supervisor
 - o PE Equipment
6. Mr. Demarest discussed the state funding coalition video conference held on September 30, 2014, at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV.

7. Mr. Webber reported that the Mercer County Career Center will pursue a bond refunding transaction yielding an anticipated savings of \$585,000 and discussed the use of the Career Center facilities for adult education programs.
8. Mr. Rossi did not have anything new to report from the Midwestern Intermediate Unit.
9. Mr. Webber reported that Negotiations meeting dates would be discussed in executive session.
10. Mrs. Reames reviewed the recommended Board Policy changes.
 - 121 Fieldtrips
 - 122 Extracurricular
 - 123 Interscholastic
 - 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest
 - 209.1 Food Allergy Management
 - 210 Medications
 - 210 Medications Attachment
 - 218 Student Discipline
 - 218.1 Weapons
 - 218.2 Terroristic Threats
 - 220 Student Expression
 - 227 Controlled Substances
 - 239 Foreign Students
 - 246 Student Wellness
 - 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying – 3 year review 2009*
 - 250 Student Recruitment- compliance
 - 313 Evaluations of Employees
 - 333 Professional Development
 - 351 Drug and Substance Abuse
 - 808.1 Free/Reduced Price Meals
11. Mr. Bronson discussed the Camp Kids program and funding request for the summer of 2015.
12. Mr. Ferrara informed the board of a facility use request made by the American Scholar Group.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Demarest discussed the support and participation of local community members in the Greenville Symphony. He also highlighted a recent news article concerning the accomplishments of GHS graduate and Emmy award winner Juli Lewis.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distributed September Board Meeting Minutes, Financial Reports and District Initiative List to School Board Members.

Mr. Bronson reviewed elementary activities such as flag football, website lesson plans, learning community data analysis and an update on the Backpack program.

Mrs. Timashenka discussed the STEAM and Gifted Support programs, curriculum advisory council, textbook review process and IEP compliance monitoring.

Mr. Tokar informed the board of a STEAM Summit which will be held at GHS on October 31, 2014, distributed district marketing material and provided an update on Business Week.

Dr. Hogue shared the Homecoming activities schedule and pre-game Band Booster fundraiser dinner.

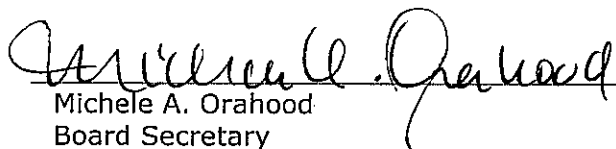
Ms. Hibbard discussed the internet usage and new firewall which is monitored by the technology department.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Mr. Dave Ferguson addressed the board concerning unleashed dogs on school property.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 p.m. the board adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.


Michele A. Orahood
Board Secretary