

**MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD NOVEMBER 11, 2020**

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Work Session on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Daniel Eppley, John Forbes, Laura Leskovac, Steve Lewis, Richard Powers, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and Board President Dennis Webber.

Others present:                    Brian S. Tokar, Superintendent  
    Brandon Mirizio, Board Secretary/Business Manager  
    Matthew Dieter, GES Principal  
    Mark Karpinski, GHS Assistant Principal  
    Dr. Jeffrey Keeling, GHS Principal  
    Connie Timashenka, K-12 Special Education Director  
    Joshua Stonebraker, GES Assistant Principal

Staff present:                    One (1)  
Visitors:                            Nine (9)  
News media present:            One (1)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Tokar took a moment to honor all veterans in attendance and specifically acknowledged Mr. Rick Rossi and Mr. Ed Millero and thanked them for their service.

Mr. Tokar discussed at length a recent call with the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding Mercer County current COVID-19 transmission rates and the anticipation of follow-up correspondence from the Department of Education recommending that all schools in Mercer County should move to full remote learning for K-12 in an attempt to slow and mitigate COVID-19 spread in our community. Mr. Tokar acknowledged that while this is a recommendation and not a mandate the District will do its best to adjust plans and make decisions based on the health and safety of students and staff and will welcome community input related to these decisions.

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

Mrs. Eva McCann of 26 Penn Avenue, Greenville, PA declined to speak noting she would prefer to submit her comments in writing at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mr. Dave Hartsell of 3 Williamson Road, Greenville, PA inquired about District level data that the Department of Education provided and communicated that the current model being utilized is working well and implored that the District take every effort to continue to have students in the building.

Mr. Bretton Walberg of 260 Donation Road, Greenville, PA voiced the importance for testing and acknowledged the availability of COVID-19 testing for the community at the Greenville Care-Fill Pharmacy location.

Mrs. Amanda Kokoski 174 South Mercer Street, Greenville, PA expressed the importance of students needing to be in school and noted that the current plan is working.

Mr. Keith Covert 12 Wasser-Bridge Road, Greenville, PA shared that the current plan is working and expressed his desire for students to remain in school as much as possible.

Mrs. Susan Hartsell of 3 Williamson Road, Greenville, PA inquired about the District's ability to get the incident rates more specifically to Greenville School District.

Mr. Jeff Jackson 873 Methodist Road, Greenville, PA voiced his concern for moving to a full time remote learning model noting that what we have is working and expressed his desire for the District to continue with the current plan.

Mr. Webber presented the Board Minutes from the October meetings, Financial Reports and Bills for Payment.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS**

Activities Committee had no report by Mrs. Leskovac.

Athletic Committee report by Mr. Forbes from the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Presented recommended action items including wrestling bids as well as coaching changes that will be discussed further in executive session.
- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including the fall sports head coaches post season interviews.

Budget Committee report by Mr. Scott from the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including data within the financial reports, draft figures from the financial audit currently being conducted, 2022 district budget timeline of events, 2020 and 2021 capital projects review and an update on the auction of East Elementary.
- Presented recommended action items including the authorization to execute the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant as well as per capita and occupational tax exonerations requested by the tax collectors.
- Mr. Webber acknowledged the auction did end and was sold to the highest bidder noting that the proceeds will be utilized to offset the budget deficit for the 2021 year.

Legislative Committee had no report by Mrs. Reames.

Mercer County Career Center report by Mr. Webber.

- Discussed challenges faced by the Center as a result of COVID-19 and its impact on current programs.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit report by Mr. Rossi from last month's meeting

- Informed that they renewed the current Director contract as well as preliminary discussions on potential facility upgrades.

Negotiations Committee report from Mr. Webber.

- Noted that the Committee will meet in the future to discuss upcoming contractual obligations.

Policy Committee had no report by Mrs. Reames.

Mr. Webber noted that the Board did meet in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Work Session to discuss contractual items.

### **ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Webber and Mr. Tokar reviewed in detail the additional recommended action items related to Memorandum of Understanding with the Greenville Education Association as well as job description revisions for administrative staff.

**TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES**

Mrs. Timashenka noted the Special Education Department is gearing up for its December 1<sup>st</sup> child accounting report.

Mr. Karpinski acknowledged the recent 9<sup>th</sup> grade class meeting to discuss the importance of credits.

Dr. Keeling highlighted the conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> 9-weeks of instruction noting the distribution of report cards. Dr. Keeling announced the rescheduling of picture day and how remote learners will have the opportunity to participate. Finally, Dr. Keeling discussed plans for the upcoming Act 80 day for staff.

Mr. Stonebraker provided an update on the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-weeks of instruction noting that a Greenville Elementary Teacher is now serving as the teacher of record for K-1 full remote learning students.

Mr. Dieter informed everyone of the cancellation of the annual Veterans Day Assembly for students but noted that Teachers were still being creative in recognizing the day for students. Mr. Dieter detailed the upcoming parent/teacher conference platform for this year being all telephone calls and zoom meetings.

Mr. Tokar provided a reminder that this upcoming Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> would be an Act 80 day and no students will be in attendance.

Mr. Webber inquired about the Elementary parent/teacher conference attendance for which Mr. Dieter noted they are around 95% currently.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:08 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to receive information related to personnel and legal matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



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Brandon Mirizio  
Board Secretary