

**MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD JANUARY 13, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Work Session on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:35 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Daniel Eppley, John Forbes, Laura Leskovac, Richard Powers, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and President Dennis Webber. The following member was excused: Steve Lewis.

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:                    Two (2)  
Visitors:                            None (0)  
News media present:            None (0)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Tokar took a moment to acknowledge the passing of former East Elementary Teacher David Davis.

Mr. Tokar provided an update on the status of COVID-19 exposures at the District.

Mr. Tokar announced two executive sessions held on December 19, 2020 and December 28, 2020 to discuss personnel and safety related issues.

Mr. Tokar communicated the release of 2020 statement of financial interest forms that need completed by Board Members. Additionally, Mr. Tokar distributed the board minutes, financial reports and bills for payment for upcoming approval.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS**

Activities Committee had no report by Mrs. Leskovac.

Athletic Committee report by Mr. Forbes from the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including the winter sports scheduling updates, masking/face covering and facilities capacity/attendance.
- Presented recommended action items including two independent swimmer requests as well as a volunteer basketball coach that will be discussed further in executive session.
- Mr. Forbes also discussed recent and upcoming District 10 meetings centering around tournament updates.

Budget Committee report by Mr. Scott from the December 14<sup>th</sup> and January 11<sup>th</sup> meetings.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meetings including data within the financial reports, COVID grant overviews, 2021/2022 Act 1 health insurance projections, 2021/2022 PSERS contribution rates, 2020 annual disclosure filing, tax bureau redistribution of 2017 tax sales, 2022 building and grounds projects with Gene Cianci, 2022 budget timeline updates, and federal stimulus round 2 funds.
- Presented recommended action items including the resolution not to exceed 2021/2022 act 1 index, tax collection committee voting delegates, Fund #39 Capital Projects, 2019/2020 budget transfers, 2019/2020 fund transfers, 2019/2020

assigned fund balance, 2019/2020 independent auditor's report, service agreement for business communication services, service agreement through e-rate for broadband services, tax collectors' compensations, per capita and occupational tax exonerations, veteran's real estate tax exonerations, equipment purchases of cafeteria tables and a propane floor stripper, as well as a proposal for sewer line repairs.

- Mr. Webber acknowledged the end of the East Elementary auction and the property was sold to the highest bidder noting the proceeds will be utilized to offset the budget deficit for the 2020-2021 year.

Legislative Committee had no report by Mrs. Reames.

- Mr. Webber shared that he reached out to Representative Mike Kelly's office to share the challenges schools face in budgeting.

Mercer County Career Center report by Mr. Webber.

- Provided a status update of the roof project as well as discussions around future program enrollments.

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

- Informed that they reviewed proposals for their roof project.

Negotiations Committee had no report by Mr. Webber.

Policy Committee by Mrs. Reames from the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

- Presented recommended action items including revisions to policies #113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities, #113.2 – Behavior Support, #113.4 – Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information, #122 – Extracurricular Activities, #123 – Interscholastic Athletics, #123.2 – Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and #126 – Class Size.
- The Board as a whole discussed policy #126 – Class Size revision at length noting minor changes to be reflected prior to approval.

### **ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Webber and Mr. Tokar reviewed the additional recommended action items related to a staff resignation, family and medical leave request, unpaid leave of absence request, and support employment that will be discussed in further detail in executive session at the conclusion of the meeting.

### **HEARING OF VISITORS**

Mr. David Henderson; president of the Greenville Education Association, discussed the challenges faced in the past year as a result of COVID-19 and that the Professional staff has worked with the Administration to figure out ways to make instruction happen throughout. In conclusion, Mr. Henderson expressed the GEAs full support of the Superintendent, Principals, the Board while emphasizing the hope to continue to work together.

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

Mr. Webber cautioned everyone on the upcoming federal stimulus monies the District noting that it is one-time funding that the District will not be able to count on in future years.

**ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES**

Mr. Stonebraker provided an update on students returning from break.

Mr. Dieter informed everyone of the distribution of report cards next week while also providing an update on extracurricular activities at the Elementary.

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

Mr. Karpinski acknowledged the success of the annual "Reason for the Season" fundraiser that raised approximately \$3,700 dollars which supported 44 students during the holiday season. Mr. Karpinski also provided an update on lower performing students from the first to second nine weeks.

Dr. Keeling highlighted the work Mr. Karpinski has done with identifying and reaching out to those lower performing students throughout this year. Additionally, Dr. Keeling discussed live streaming of athletic events for both home and away contests as well as noting minor updates to the student handbook regarding homeless students.

Mr. Tokar thanked Dr. Keeling for his work on the District Facebook page as this will provide access to multiple live streamed events as well as serve as a resource for getting information to the community.

Mrs. Timashenka reviewed homelessness services in detail and presented updates to the District webpage detailing these services and providing a variety of resources.

Mr. Tokar provided an update on the status of vaccinations for school staff as well as the Districts ongoing discussions for the development of a "Summer Academy" as an additional effort to mitigate instructional loss for students.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:49 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to receive information related to personnel and safety matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



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Brandon Mirizio  
Board Secretary