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**MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD NOVEMBER 11, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for a work session on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Lecture Hall. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Lisa Holm, Steve Lewis, Laura Leskovac-absent, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and President Dennis Webber.

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

Teachers present: None (0)  
Visitors present: Five (5)  
News media present: One (1)

1. Mr. Jason Tomko of the accounting firm Black, Bashor & Porsch reviewed the 2014-15 Financial Audit Report.
2. Heard presentations on construction management from Reynolds Solutions and Eckles Construction Services.
3. Mr. Forbes did not have anything new for the Athletic Report at this time.
4. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from the November 2 meeting.
  - o Building and Grounds Budget presented by Gene Cianci
  - o Financial Audit Report
  - o Sale of East Elementary
  - o Resolution - Continuing Disclosure Undertakings & Procedures
  - o First National Bank - RAN Proposal
5. Mrs. Reames did not have anything new for the Legislative Report at this time.
6. Mr. Webber informed the board that the Mercer County Career Center Report is currently reviewing courses with low enrollment numbers.
7. Mr. Rossi reported that the Midwestern Intermediate Unit 4 is evaluating the most cost effective way to deliver Special Education services to participating districts.
8. Mr. Webber was pleased to announce that a settlement with GEA had been reached and that both parties had “come to the middle”. Mrs. Reames thanked the committee members for their time and input during the process.

9. Mrs. Reames reviewed the Policy Committee's focus of the next meeting scheduled on December 15.
  - o 516 School Resource Officer
  - o 249 Bullying
  - o 806 Child Abuse
  - o 707 Use of School Facilities
  - o 824 Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
  - o TBD Continuing Disclosure
10. Received a communication regarding the Joint Operating Committee of the Mercer County Career Center Representative and Alternate.
11. Received a request from the Greenville Elks Lodge for the use of the gymnasium.
12. Discussed a field trip to the Butler Art Museum, Youngstown, Ohio on December 18, 2015.
13. Reviewed PLANCON Part B: Schematic Design.
14. Discussed 2014-15 Budget Transfers, Committed Fund Balance and Financial Audit Report.
15. Received the Continuing Disclosure Procedures and Resolution.
16. Considered a resolution to proceed with a revenue anticipation note.
17. Discussed the real estate appraisal of East Elementary School by Richard English and Associates.

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

Mr. Webber requested an update from the athletic committee on the realignment of the Athletic Department. He also inquired about property encroachment issues at Hempfield Elementary.

Mr. Rossi shared information he received from a former board member concerning Foreman Group's role during the last renovation project.

Lisa Holm discussed the distribution of board packets and the need for more time to review the information.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Distributed October and November 2 Board Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports.

Mr. Ferrara reported on Senate Bill 909 that would require school districts to place a referendum question on the ballot for any and all property tax increases. It could potentially amend Act 1 of 2006 to eliminate the index and the remaining allowed exceptions for pension obligations, special education and school construction.

Mr. Tokar announced that GHS will host a PIAA playoff game at Stewart Field on Friday, November 13.

Dr. Hogue reviewed the results of the SPP scores where Greenville High School scored 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in Mercer County.

Mrs. Timashenka reviewed writing and math professional development meetings attended by GASD teachers as well as the Midwestern IU IV technical assistance staff.

The principals reviewed the highlights of the Veterans Day assemblies and the board shared stories of citizenship and pride amongst the students, veterans and guests that took part in the programs.

Mrs. Orahood announced that American Appraisal conducted a site inspection to establish the insurable value for the artificial turf field.

### **HEARING OF VISITORS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:17 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



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Michele A. Orahood  
Board Secretary