

MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD AUGUST 11, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Work Session on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 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, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and President Dennis Webber (*Via Telephone*). The following member was excused: Richard Powers.

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

Staff present: None (0)
Visitors: One (1)
News media present: One (1)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Tokar presented the board minutes, financial reports and bills for payment.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Activities Committee had no report by Mrs. Leskovac but noted the Committee will meet in September.

Athletic Committee report by Mr. Forbes for the August 4th meeting.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including Cooperative Agreement updates noting all are fully executed.
- Presented recommended action items including fall 2021/2022 coaches list updates, ambulance agreement with Life Force and 2021/2022 athletic event ticket pricing.
- Discussed the startup of all fall sport's practices and upcoming games.
- Mrs. Reames inquired about student participation numbers for athletic programs for which Mr. Tokar noted an update would be provided once all rosters are finalized in the upcoming weeks.

Budget Committee report by Mr. Scott from the August 9th meeting.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including data within the financial reports, year-end unaudited financial projections for the 2021 fiscal year, aid ratio comparisons from past to present, PCCD safety grant project modification that would focus on funding the Elementary SRO into an additional school year, ACC Program review, transportation services contract renewal timeline and GHS reroofing project updates.
- Mrs. Reames inquired about utilizing pandemic federal grant funds to extend the MCHBC Mental Health Specialist beyond the PCCD Safety Grant award period for which Mr. Scott noted that would be an allowable ESSER use that the District intends to explore to continue those services with that funding.

Legislative Committee had no report by Mrs. Reames.

Mercer County Career Center had no report by Mr. Webber.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit had no report by Mr. Rossi.

Negotiations Committee had report by Mr. Webber.

- Noted that all Act 93 and administrative employment agreements have been fully executed.

Policy Committee had no report by Mrs. Reames.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Keeling reviewed the additional recommended action items related to 2021/2022 revisions to the GHS Course of Study, Career Planning Guide, Student-Parent Handbook and Faculty Handbook.

Mr. Tokar reviewed the additional recommended action items related to A-C Schools vehicle and bus driver lists, 2021/2022 Cafeteria meal prices as well as day to day substitute rates.

Mr. Tokar discussed the 2021/2022 substitute and volunteer listings, mentor teacher appointments, staff resignations, professional employment of a special education teacher, temporary employment of a long term substitute teacher as well as the hiring of an instructional care aide, a personal care aide and a study hall/cafeteria monitor. Mr. Tokar noted that personnel items will be discussed in further detail during executive session.

Mrs. Reames inquired about the recent implementation of transportation software and anticipated savings that were previously discussed for which Mr. Mirizio noted the District has identified potential savings through the ongoing software implementation but noted the District will operate the same number of vehicles for this school year as we accommodate needs through the pandemic.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES

Mrs. Timashenka noted a variety of IEP, GIEP and 504 plan meetings are currently occurring while also providing an update on the transitioning of students both in and out of the District.

Mr. Stonebraker thanked the District custodial staff noting the Buildings look great and are ready for the start of school. Additionally, Mr. Stonebraker reviewed the District sponsored online learning option for Elementary students noting they only have a handful and anticipate less participating than last year.

Mr. Dieter provided an update on the incoming Kindergarten class size as they prepare for orientation. Mr. Dieter reiterated Mr. Stonebraker's thanks to the District custodial staff noting the building and staff are ready to begin the year.

Dr. Keeling echoed the completion of Cooperative Agreements noting signed approved copies have been received. Dr. Keeling reviewed upcoming events noting the inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame classes that will occur at the upcoming home football games. In Conclusion, Dr. Keeling discussed District sponsored online Learning option for High School students noting they anticipate low participation.

Mr. Tokar announced that the District-Wide staff in-service day will occur Monday August 23rd, building level in-service day is Tuesday August 24th and the students' first day is Wednesday August 25th.

Mrs. Reames inquired about summer school participation numbers for which Mr. Dieter discussed they had 95% participation of applicable students.

Mrs. Reames highlighted a recent community gathering held at Riverside Park to gather school supplies for which approximately 180 children attended for back to school supplies and noted an abundance of backpacks that will be made available for identified students of need.

Mr. Rossi inquired about High School schedule distributions for which Dr. Keeling noted they will be next week and guidance staff is expected to meet with Students and discuss any concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:01 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to receive information related to personnel and safety matters.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Brandon Mirizio
Board Secretary