
MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD OCTOBER 19, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for a work session on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in the Lecture Hall. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Lisa Holm, Steve Lewis, Laura Leskovac, 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

Teachers present: Two (2)
Visitors present: Two (2)
News media present: One (1)

At 6:00 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to discuss legal and personnel issues. The public meeting reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

1. Reviewed the 2015-2016 field trip requests 1st semester.
2. Mr. Forbes gave an overview of the items discussed and the recommendations from the Athletics Committee meeting.
 - 2015-2016 Winter Sports Schedules, Coaches List, and Transportation bids
 - Resignation
 - Soccer sign-ups for next fall
 - Playoff venue for PIAA
3. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from the October 13 meeting.
 - Technology Budget – Jodi Hibbard
 - Preliminary Financial Audit Report – pending
 - ACT 1 INDEX/January 7, 2016 deadline to adopt an Act 1 Index Tax Resolution or place a preliminary budget on display.
 - Procurement rules
 - Mini Grants/Meten Funds
4. Mrs. Reames did not have anything new for the Legislative Report at this time.
5. Mr. Webber informed the board that the Mercer County Career Center Report is off to a good start for the 2015-16 school year.

6. Mr. Rossi did not have anything to present from the Midwestern Intermediate Unit 4.
7. Mr. Webber announced that Negotiations with GEA are progressing.
8. Mrs. Reames reviewed the Policy Committee's draft policy.
 - o 239 International Students
9. Considered the Community Foundation Agreement.
10. Reviewed PLANCON Part A: Project Justification.
11. Discussed the faculty mini grant proposal.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Lisa Holm discussed a recreation study that is underway to determine the needs of northern Mercer County residents.

Mr. Demarest 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distributed September Board Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Michele A. Orahood
Board Secretary