

**MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD MAY 15, 2024**

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for their Work Session on Wednesday May 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Russell Chace (via telephone), Laura Leskovac, Kylee Lewis, Steve Lewis, Lori Warr Madura, Kim Ohr, Lawrence (Rick) Powers, David Silvestri, and President Rick Rossi.

Others present:        Brian S. Tokar, Superintendent  
                              Brandon Mirizio, Board Secretary/Business Manager  
                              Heather Hawkins, GES Principal  
                              Dr. Jeffrey Keeling, GHS Principal  
                              Mark Karpinski, GHS Assistant Principal  
                              Beth Schaller, GES Assistant Principal/K-12 Special Education Supervisor

Teachers present:        One (1)  
Visitors present:        One (1)  
Media present:            One (1)

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Tokar highlighted the important review process of the 2024/2025 Proposed General Fund Budget. Additionally, Mr. Tokar thanked the Record Argus for their continual coverage and highlighting of retiring staff while also noting that the Board will receive information in executive session on potential replacement hires for those staff members.

Mr. Tokar presented Board Minutes, Financial Reports and Bills for Payment.

**BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS**

Mrs. Madura had no report for the Activities Committee.

- Mr. Tokar presented for possible action item the 2024/2025 Fall Advisor Listing.

Mr. Silvestri report for the Athletics Committee.

- Reviewed discussion items from the May 8, 2024 meeting while presenting possible future action items related to the 2024/2025 Fall Sports Coaches Listing and a recommendation on a 2024/2025 Boys Basketball Head Coach.
- Mr. Karpinski provided an update on spring sports.

Mr. Powers report for the Budget & Finance Committee.

- Reviewed the April 29 & May 13, 2024 meetings as well as presented possible action items related to Occupational & Per Capita Tax Exoneration Requests, Acceptance of Judicial Sales, Computer Service Renewal Rates with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit, Demand Response Participation Agreement with JMI Consultants, Vision Benefits of America Renewal Rates effective 11/1/24 – 10/31/26, DCED Public School Facility Improvement Grant Authorization as well as the 2024/2025 Proposed General Fund Budget.

Mrs. Lewis had no report for the Legislative Committee.

Mr. Silvestri - Mercer County Career Center

- Reviewed the results of the budget ballots from partnering LEA's, noting the budget was formally approved. Additionally, Mr. Silvestri discussed enrollments and highlighted the upcoming graduation activities that will be held at Thiel's Passavant Center with 200 plus students anticipated to graduate.

Mr. Rossi report for the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV.

- Noted that the MIU IV Board is considering changes to its annual convention.

Mr. Rossi had no report for the Negotiations Committee

Mrs. Leskovac report for the Policy Committee

- Reviewed the May 15, 2024 meeting while noting a first reading of policy #702.1 Crowdfunding.

### **ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Tokar presented additional possible action items related to the PSBA Delegate Assembly, a summer transportation quote from Erdos, a field house roofing quote from Liberty Roofing, an Into Reading K-6 Coaching and Courses Training Proposal from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, an ARP ESSER Summer Training Proposal, a proposal from the Family Center for stipends, 2024/2025 meal prices where students will remain free, 2024/2025 milk quote award, GHS Annual Sealcoating Maintenance Bid Award, and a homebound instruction request. Mr. Tokar noted that personnel related items will be discussed in executive session at the conclusion of the meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Ms. Schaller announced that consultants will be coming in from PATTAN to work with designated staff on the ABA Program that will roll out in the fall. Reviewed extended school year sessions that will be held in two separate sessions and the planned activities for the special games for students.

Ms. Hawkins noted that letters have gone home for students to participate in the Summer Academy as well as provided an update on programs through the United Way related to Success by Six and READ as they coordinate days and times to maximize participation. In conclusion, Ms. Hawkins distributed a packet of information that included May activities as well as a draft of future report card revisions to expand on items sent home to better inform parents.

Dr. Keeling discussed the approach the High School is taking on future report cards to expand on the standard letter grade to provide additional components that factor into the students' performance. Additionally, Dr. Keeling reminded everyone of the upcoming graduation ceremonies while also highlighted recertifications that are ongoing for CHS courses they are working through with the applicable partnering colleges and universities. Dr. Keeling recognized students and staff involved in the Cabaret performance.

Mr. Karpinski reviewed recent prom activities noting that students represented the District well and thanked the staff involved. Additionally, Mr. Karpinski distributed a listing of upcoming events.

Mr. Tokar noted that the use of facilities has increased during the summer months over the years and wanted to highlight the custodial staff who work extremely hard to have our facilities prepared and in order throughout the year.

**TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Lewis asked that Mr. Mirizio expand on the proposed millage increase and how that will affect residents receiving the Homestead-Farmstead deduction. Mr. Mirizio indicated approximately 88% of households should not see an increase due to the increase in gaming funds disbursed from the state for property tax reductions.

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

Daniel Little of Greenville Borough inquired about the number of athletes who are intending to sign up for football.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and receiving information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



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Brandon Mirizio  
Board Secretary