

MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Workshop on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:47 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Greenville High School. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Steve Lewis, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and Dennis Webber. Absent: Lisa Holm and Laura Leskovac.

Others present: Brian S. Tokar, Superintendent
 Brandon Mirizio, Business Manager
 Amy Thurber, Acting Board Secretary
 Matt Dieter, Elementary Principal
 Joshua Stonebraker, Assistant Principal
 Mark Karpinski, Assistant Principal
 Connie Timashenka, K-12 Special Education Director

Staff present: None (0)
Visitors: One (16)
News media present: One (1)

The board met in Executive Session at 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm to discuss a Contractual issue.

1. Activities Committee – No Report
2. Athletic Committee – Mr. Forbes reviewed the November 7th meeting
 - o Revised Coaches List will be discussed in Executive Session
 - o 2018- 2019 Swimming Participation
 - o Kerry Barry reported on Volleyball Season, 500 Record
 - o Barry McLaughlin reported on Cross Country Season, Participation numbers down, Hosted successful County Meet
 - o At December Meeting Get the Rest of the Fall Coaches Reports
 - o Jr. High Soccer – would like to gage interest in participation to start the ground work for program
 - o Brian Tokar reported extracurricular enrollment, explore co-op with neighboring school districts.
3. Budget Committee – Mr. Demarest reviewed the November 12th meeting
 - o Revenue & Expenditure Reviews show everything is lining up. Questioned equipment line item being over budget; however, this was due to industrial arts purchases that will be offset by grant. Identified potential error in Charter Tuition Charges that Mr. Mirizio will follow-up.
 - o Preliminary Audit review looked good showing a need for the District to pull approximately \$200,000 from Fund Balance compared to the approximate \$1,000,000 expected.
 - o Two action items for electricity supplier and appointing the Business Manager as the Investment Officer. We reviewed the investment policy and the resolution falls in line in addition to Mr. Tokar having knowledge of any reinvesting.
 - o Reviewed September electricity usage
 - o Current PLGIT Plus rates
 - o Family Center cash procedures
 - o Construction Fund shows all vendors closed out except Rein Construction.

- o Had lengthy discussion on the proposed budget timeline for the 2019-2020 school year and potential shake ups to the process.

4. Legislative Committee – Mrs. Reames

- o Mrs. Reames had a meeting with Michele Brooks about the pension crisis problem and decided to write a letter to the editor to explain the problem with the retirement system.

Lisa Holm arrived at 7:01 pm.

- o Mr. Webber said that the Right to Know Bill needs to be re-written because it is costing the districts a lot of money to address these Right to Know requests.

5. Mercer County Career Center – Mr. Webber

- o Enrollment is now at 450 Students
- o Practical Nursing Program-doing well with 26 paid students paid
- o Water line work should be complete over Christmas Break
- o Aaron Kline and Tony Miller are doing an excellent job

6. Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV – No Report

7. Negotiations Committee Report – Mr. Webber

- o MCCC – Working on Early Bird and have had 1 meeting. Next meeting scheduled in November
- o GEA had a mediator assigned and will start negotiations in January
- o Healthcare will be the big topic
- o Principals looking at the current GEA Contract for any input

8. Policy Maintenance Report – Mrs. Reames

- o 006 Meetings – Table until the January Policy Meeting
- o 246 School Wellness
- o Reduction of Staff
- o Child Abuse

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

1. 5TH GRADE INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS – Mr. Rossi stated that

- 14 – 5th graders take instrumental band lessons
- 17 - 6th graders take instrumental band lessons
- 17 – 7th graders take instrumental band lessons
- 16 – 8th graders take instrumental band lessons

He would just like to see if would could try to review this for next year to try to fit it in to Mr. Ortiz's schedule at the elementary level so that we could try to encourage the student to take instrumental band lessons to try to increase our band numbers before they reach the high school.

2. Mr. Webber reported that parents are upset the bleachers have been removed from the old gym at the elementary to make room for the pole vault. They are worried there will not be enough seating for games. Some board members were not aware that the bleachers were being taken out for the pole vault. All Elementary games should be played in the new gym so there should be plenty of seating. Old gym should be used for practices. Elementary students come first.

3. Mr. Webber reported that 6th grade elementary band students were told they were not allowed to take percussion.
4. Mr. Webber reported parents were upset that the High School band did not attend the Seneca Football game. There was miscommunication. Mr. Karpinski reported it was addressed with Mr. Ortiz.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Tokar reported that Mrs. Fiedler received a grant from First Energy for \$995.00 to update the district library.

Dr. Keeling is in Harrisburg at the State Board of Education Meeting.

Mr. Dieter stated that the Elementary School hosted the Veteran's Day program in the new gym and had 35/40 Veterans in attendance.

Mr. Stonebraker reported that the bus program is up and running. They are implementing the positive behavior program. At the end of the month, they will recognize the first Trojan rider of the month and bus of the month.

Mr. Karpinski said the One Act Plays and the Junior High Play went very well. The Veterans Day Program went very well, there were 50 veterans in attendance. John Libonati will be here on November 16, 2018 to discuss the Anti-Drug Program. The First Official Sports Practice is November 16, 2018.

Mrs. Timashenka thanked Amy Thurber for diligently working to obtain substitute aides and teachers. We are still in desperate need of Substitute Teachers and Aides.

HEARING OF VISITORS

The Thiel College Students from Dr. Hazelett's Class introduced themselves and told where they each were from.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:42 p.m., the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.



Amy Thurber
Acting Board Secretary