
MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for a work session on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 6:15 p.m., in the Lecture Hall. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Lisa Holm, Steve Lewis, Laura Leskovac, Mary Reames, Howard Scott and Dennis Webber. Richard Rossi was absent.

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

Teachers present: None (0)

Visitors present: Six (6)

News media present: One (1)

1. Randy Seitz presented the Penn-Northwest Development Corporation's program of work promoting the assets of Mercer County and its membership opportunities.
2. Mark Voytik, Construction Manager, gave a seven month update on the construction at Hempfield, an overview of the change order savings and an upcoming solicitation for the 1970's wing re-roofing proposals.
3. Dr. Alex Stone, President/CEO, VLN Partners presented a K-12 online blended/hybrid learning model that utilizes a district's curriculum.
4. Activities Committee – No report.
5. Mr. Scott reviewed the Athletic Report from the February 8 committee meeting.
 - 2016-2017 Spring Sports Coaches List
 - 2016-2017 Spring Transportation Bids
 - 2016-2017 Spring Sport's Schedules
 - Coaches Handbook
 - 2017-18 Football Bids
 - 2017 Track Bids
 - 2018-2019 Boys Soccer
 - Baseball Bids
6. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from the November 14 meeting.
 - 7 month review, Forecast
 - Delinquent Real Estate Tax/2016 Actual Collections
 - Valuation Mercer County Assessment Office Report
 - Transportation History of Transportation Cost Index
 - Pupil Transportation 1998 – projected 2017
 - Governor's Budget
 - Internal Audit Report Borough of Greenville March 1, 2015 – January 15, 2016

- Petitions for Judicial Sales on behalf of the County Tax Claim Bureau
 - Retirements, Social Worker position, Workers' Compensation claims
 - Construction Fund Investment Summary
7. Discussed the upcoming legal notice for the Hempfield Elementary 1970's wing re-roofing.
 8. Mrs. Reames discussed concerns about property tax elimination and alteration of the transportation funding allocations.
 9. Mr. Webber reported that the collective bargaining members and the Mercer County Career Center have reached a settlement and Chapter 339 plans are currently being developed by respective districts.
 10. Mrs. Reames informed the board that the Policy Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, February 17 has been canceled and reviewed board policy revisions.
 - 116 Vol III 2015 – Tutoring
 - 121 Field Trips (National Competitions)
 - 251 Vol VII 2016 – Homeless Students
 - 255 Vol VII 2016 – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care
 11. Received Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV GOB Q & A Overview.
 12. Considered GASD's Chapter 339 Plan for implementation at the Mercer County Career Center.
 13. Received Use of Facility Requests – Greenville Little League and Greenville Soccer Association.
 14. Reviewed the MOU and Transportation Plan regarding Foster Care Youth.
 15. Discussed Judicial Tax Sales petitions by the Mercer County Tax Bureau.
 16. Considered a Change Order from Blackhawk Neff.
 17. Received a copy of the Borough of Greenville – 2015 Internal Audit Report

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distributed January Board Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports.

Mr. Tokar informed the board that discussions with the staff concerning course offerings for next year and credits required for graduation are ongoing and that the Entrepreneurial Academy is being considered.

Mrs. Timashenka discussed student (30) participation at the Academic Games this week.

Mr. Dieter shared that One School One Book finished this week and expressed his thanks to the community for its support.

Ms. Hibbard discussed voice over IP telephone needs, line maintenance cost savings and installation options.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:06 p.m., the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Michele A. Orahood
Board Secretary