

MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD JANUARY 17, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for their Work Session on Wednesday January 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Russell Chace, Laura Leskovac, Kylee Lewis, Lori Warr Madura, Kim Ohr, Lawrence (Rick) Powers, David Silvestri, and President Rick Rossi. The following member was excused: Steve Lewis.

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

Teachers present: One (1)
Visitors present: None (0)
Media present: One (1)

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Tokar welcomed everyone and highlighted a Board Appreciation Dinner that was held prior to the Work Session, thanking Mrs. Snyder and the Food Service Department staff for their efforts. Mr. Tokar discussed the District's PDE approved "FID" days that can be utilized for inclement weather.

Mr. Tokar communicated the need for each board member to fill out and submit to the Board Secretary a Statement of Financial Interest Forms.

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

Mr. Rossi discussed the use of FID days and suggests in future years putting snow days back into the calendar to consider using in coordination with FID days to maximize the students learning in person.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Committee report by Mr. Tokar from the January 15, 2024 Meeting.

- Presented possible action item related to 2nd semester field trip requests noting that the board could see additional requests next month from the Elementary Building. Mr. Tokar specifically highlighted the Booster funded band trip to Universal Studios, noting the proposal includes the names of chaperones.

Athletics Committee report by Mr. Silvestri from the January 10, 2024 Meeting.

- Presented possible action items related to a Volleyball coach hiring as well as spring sports supply requests for baseball, boy's tennis and track & field.

Budget & Finance Committee report by Mr. Powers from the January 15, 2024 Meeting.

- Presented possible action items related to Per Capita & Occupational Tax Exoneration Requests by Berkheimer, Two (2) Judicial Sale Acceptance of Services from the Mercer County Tax Claim Bureau, a participation agreement with PSBA for the BUCS Basic Program, a service agreement with Jamestown SD for shared transportation, and service agreement renewal with Hempfield Township for an Elementary SRO.
- Mr. Tokar presented a possible action item related to District-wide Zoom licenses.

Legislative Committee had no report.

Mercer County Career Center by Mr. Silvestri

- Highlighted the Christmas Dinner that was recently held for members and discussed programmatic highlights. Additionally, Mr. Silvestri announced that the Career Center has offered to host the Greenville Board's April 22nd Regular Board meeting.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV by Mr. Rossi

- Discussed the upcoming appointment of three new board members.

Negotiations Committee by Mr. Rossi

- Noted Collective Bargaining Unit Sessions held on December 4, 2023, December 6, 2023, December 12, 2023, January 9, 2024, and January 16, 2024 by the committee.

Policy Committee had no report.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Tokar presented possible action items related to meeting dates and times for the 2024 Activities and Policy Committees, a FY2024 E-Rate service agreement renewal with Spectrum for Network Solutions, an MOU for elementary autistic support tuition with Sharon City SD, service agreement renewal with Mercer County CYS for Family Center in-home programs, linkage agreement with Children's Aid Society for family based programs, a linkage agreement with Community Counseling Center for family connections programs, GES afterschool tutoring program transportation with A-C Schools as well as the associated staffing, and an updated bus and van driver list. Mr. Tokar noted personnel items will be further discussed in executive session.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Schaller discussed plans to have certain special education staff visit other districts as well as the implementation of "Wellness Wednesdays" for Elementary staff. In conclusion, she provided an update on the exploration of an emotional support dog.

Ms. Hawkins highlighted the start of the GES afterschool tutoring program while also detailing some reading and literacy professional development courses that staff are attending.

Dr. Keeling provided information on the High School's efforts to educate students on workforce opportunities through the implementation of "Workforce Wednesdays" that will be held for Juniors and Seniors so they can hear about options that are out there locally. Additionally, he discussed the state's recently passed school code requiring the offering of a "Financial Literacy" course that must be provided by the start of the 2025/2026 school year and the District's initial plans to meet that requirement. Dr. Keeling reviewed the science standards implementation plan from the state and highlighting the District's plans through 2025/2026. In conclusion, Dr. Keeling provided an

update on the usage of IXL software. Both Mr. Karpinski and Dr. Keeling discussed the Keystone and PSSA test score results and the data trends that they have identified related to math scores at the Junior High level. In conclusion, Dr. Keeling updated the board on exploring ways to add more information on report cards in addition to a students' grades.

Mr. Karpinski reviewed the Academic ISS process and noted that 53 students were identified as on pace to fail and through ISS that dropped to 18 students. Additionally, he distributed a listing of upcoming events.

Mr. Tokar discussed the District's efforts to provide better exposure to local employment opportunities to students, further emphasizing the implementation of "Workforce Wednesdays" and noted the assistance that's been provided by Penn North West. Mr. Tokar highlighted a variety of efforts already in place for students and their families related to preparation for life after GHS while noting the goal is to better position our students for success through collaboration.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Rossi expressed his desire to have more frequent reports on curriculum and thanked the administration for their reports, noting they provided such quality information. Mr. Rossi discussed the High School Program of Studies, his support for partnering with other LEAs on positions to assist with career development, acknowledged that Dr. Keeling has GHS well-positioned on the new state mandated math program as well as thanking the administration for efforts to meet with PowerSchool related to our student information system.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. to executive session for the purpose of receiving information on personnel related items.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Brandon Mirizio
Board Secretary