

**MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Work Session on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:31 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Daniel Eppley, John Forbes, Laura Leskovac, Richard Powers, Mary Reames, Howard Scott and Board President Dennis Webber. The following members were excused: Steve Lewis and Richard Rossi.

Others present:                    Brian S. Tokar, Superintendent  
    Brandon Mirizio, Board Secretary/Business Manager  
    Matthew Dieter, GES Principal  
    Mark Karpinski, GHS Assistant Principal  
    Dr. Jeffery Keeling, GHS Principal  
    Joshua Stonebraker, GES Assistant Principal  
    Connie Timashenka, K-12 Special Education Director

Staff present:                    One (1)  
Visitors:                            None (0)  
News media present:            Two (2)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Tokar reviewed the previously discussed lead testing results the District had conducted at both the Elementary and High School Buildings. Mr. Tokar acknowledges that while all results were within acceptable limits, the District did replace a water fountain in the Elementary building that reported levels higher than the District was comfortable with.

Mr. Tokar then introduced Daniel Danch; High School Band Director, to highlight the Department's accomplishments and future plans.

Mr. Danch discussed the recent performances the Band participated in and the positive feedback he has received from community members. Mr. Danch highlighted the recently established morning elementary band lesson program, the associated student participation numbers and anticipated future participation numbers. Additionally, informed the board of a band website that will display performances and upcoming events for viewing.

Mr. Webber thanked Mr. Danch from the Board for all of his hard work and expressed continued support for the Department.

Mr. Tokar discussed the Board Minutes from the January meetings, Financial Reports and Bills for Payment to be approved during the upcoming Voting Meeting.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS**

Activities Committee report by Mrs. Leskovac.

- Discussed the Sophomore Retreat on February 29 at Camp Nazareth.

Athletic Committee report by Mr. Forbes for the meeting held on February 5, 2020.

- Reviewed recommended action items for 2019/20 spring coaches update that will be discussed further during Executive Session. Presented 2019/20 spring athletic schedules as well as the proposed transportation costs for those events. Additionally, discussed 2020/21 fall sports bids for the golf and boys soccer programs.
- Discussed information items related to potential junior high soccer program in the future, establishment of junior varsity tennis program and how related transportation was to be handled. Finally, updated on the potential co-op agreement with

Jamestown for wrestling as well as status of the Athletic trainer services going forward.

- Highlighted the upcoming conclusion of winter sports and related upcoming events.

Budget Committee report by Mr. Scott for the meeting held February 10, 2020.

- Discussed financial reviews for the 2019/20 revenues and expenditures in detail.
- Reviewed Governor's proposed budget and anticipated funding increase levels.
- Mr. Webber acknowledged that the proposed increase is not expected to fund the anticipated contractual increases the District will face.
- Discussed real estate tax collections and the recent reassessments effect on the District's revenues.
- Noted the possibility of exploring the use of transportation software to evaluate the efficiencies of the current routes for potential cost savings.
- Mr. Tokar discussed the recommended action item related to the the cyber services agreement renewal with Seneca Valley School District.

Legislative Committee report by Mrs. Reames.

- Updated the board on the communications from Senator Brooks' office regarding the requested meeting between all of the local representatives and associated school districts. Furthermore, the commitment by the Mercer County Career Center Director for multiple dates the event could be held at MCCC.
- Mr. Webber added that the Center has also offered to provide the food needs for the meeting. Additionally, spoke about the presentation format for the meeting so the representatives can have a copy of the various areas the Districts intend to discuss.

Mercer County Career Center report by Mr. Webber.

- Communicated the previous month's meeting and the ongoing discussion of the Center's direction on future programs that they intend to offer.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit had no report from Mr. Rossi.

- Mr. Tokar added that during the recent Superintendent's meeting they were informed to anticipate receiving the 2020/2021 MIU IV budget next month for approval.

Negotiations Committee had no report from Mr. Webber.

Policy Committee report by Mrs. Reames for the meeting held January 29, 2020.

- Reviewed recommended action items related to policy #005-Memberships and revisions related to training requirements and terms. Policy #209-Health Examinations/Screenings revisions related to the examination requirements for students and our staff responsibilities. Policy#626 attachment revision that updates the procurement thresholds. Finally, Policies #333 and #433 Professional Development revisions geared to state mandated training requirements.
- Discussed the committee's decision to hold any proposed revisions to policies related to school safety until the Risk and Vulnerability Assessment report is delivered by the State Police.

### **ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Tokar discussed the facility use requests that have been submitted to the Board as well as communicating the recent success of the Night to Shine event held at the District.

The Board discussed at length the proposed facility use requests, associations with the District by the requestors and the correlation to current Board Policies. It was determined that the Board will approve the discussed facility use requests that are for usage in the month of March while holding the remaining requests and/or additional dates requested until the Policy Committee reviews current board policies and the Board approves any

proposed revisions.

Mr. Tokar reviewed the Technology E-Rate bid results for firewall replacements and the associated reimbursement.

### **HEARING OF VISITORS**

None.

### **TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS**

None.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES**

Mrs. Timashenka discussed the recent planning day for the 2020/21 transition meetings.

Dr. Keeling highlighted the midpoint of the current nine weeks and reviewed the winding down of the winter sports seasons. Finally, he discussed an upcoming meeting with representatives from the Census Bureau related to employment opportunities for seniors.

Mr. Karpinski reviewed a listing of upcoming events at the High School and also expressed his thanks to the local Elks Club for their recent \$500 contribution for an elementary summer basketball program.

Mr. Stonebraker reviewed a listing of upcoming events at the Elementary School and also specifically highlighted STEAM night which is to be held on March 26.

Mr. Dieter detailed the services that have been coordinated through the Student Assistance Program at the Elementary as they continue to provide help to students' social and emotional needs. Discussed a kindness challenge that is being administered in the building to encourage positive behaviors. Noted that beginning February 24<sup>th</sup> the One School One Book Program is set to begin.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:05 p.m., the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.



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Brandon Mirizio  
Board Secretary