

**MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Work Session on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:33 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Greenville High School. The following members were present: Charlie Demarest, Lisa Holm, Laura Leskovac, Steve Lewis, Howard Scott and Board Vice-President Mary Reames. The following members were absent: John Forbes, Dennis Webber and Rick Rossi.

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

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

Mr. Tokar opened the meeting acknowledging the importance of today throughout the Country and acknowledged an event held at Thiel College's Passavant Center for Patriot's Day that honored current and active military personnel, veterans and first responders. Mr. Tokar then requested a moment of silence to remember the nearly 3,000 Americans killed on September 11, 2001.

Mr. Tokar explained an upcoming change to the general format of Board Work Session Agenda starting this month. Which centered on the use of information binders that would be provided to all Board Members

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Tokar had no presentations or extracurricular programs to be discussed. Passed around a thank you note the District had recently received. Reviewed the Board Minutes from the August 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 for the meeting held on September 6, 2019.

- Discussed the first semester field trip requests and the advisor listing for the 2019/20 school year which will be recommended as an action items.

Budget Committee report by Mr. Demarest for the meeting held September 9, 2019.

- Reviewed year to date revenues and expenditures report including staff salary comparisons of budget to actual with the finalization of the Teachers Contract.
- Updated status of the 2018/19 PCCD Grant Award project expenditures.
- Discussed petition for judicial sale for property within the District.
- Reviewed Construction Fund status and plans for remaining funds.
- Discussed recommended action items including Affordable Care Act employer reporting proposal, request for energy efficient commercial buildings deduction allocation for vendor related to the Greenville Elementary Construction Project, Title I Nonpublic Services Agreement and the award of Milk Bids received.
- Provided update on the status of the Financial Audit and an overview of the Insurance coverage groups.
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Legislative Committee had no report.

Mercer County Career Center had no report.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit had no report.

Negotiations Committee had no report.

Policy Committee had no report. Mrs. Reames noted that the Committee will meet next week.

Athletic Committee report by Mr. Tokar for the meeting held on September 4, 2019.

- Discussed possible recommended action items including Wrestling Bids, independent participation for swimming and volunteer coaches for intramural flag football.

### **ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS**

Mrs. Reames discussed the PSBA Officer Elections and reviewed the slate of candidates.

Dr. Keeling presented the High School regular education course sections with less than ten students to the Board and provided explanations as to why these courses are being presented for approval.

Mr. Tokar presented independent studies where students are working with a handful of staff taking these courses independently to earn credit in a section that would not normally fit within their schedule. Mr. Scott requested additional information related to the grades of the students associated with the independent studies.

Mr. Tokar discussed the Entrepreneurship Program at Linden point in Hermitage, PA and the approval of one Greenville Student to participate for the 2019/20 school year.

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

Mr. Scott requested information related to Greenville Elementary schedules and the High School master schedule to evaluate class loads and an overall picture of the District.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES**

Mr. Karpinski distributed and reviewed a listing of upcoming Junior High and High School fall events.

Dr. Keeling reviewed the recent High School open house and suggestions to adjust the scheduling of such events for the 2020/21 school year. Discussed distinguished alumni recognition that will occur during Homecoming week as well as a brief presentation from the Bayer Foundation related to a \$10,000 grant award to our Technology Department. Highlighted the success of the morning first period Band Program that is being conducted for the Elementary School. Acknowledged the generosity of the Gordman's Department store who has made a donation to the High School.

Mr. Dieter reviewed the recent Elementary open house and its success, reviewed upcoming events including fire safety presentations and grandparents' breakfast. Highlighted the addition of a large map of the United States that has been added to the playground area.

Mr. Stonebraker reviewed the school kick-off assembly for the students. Updated the bus program promoting positive behavior and noted the reduction in reported bad behavior from last year to this year during the month of September.

Mrs. Timashenka acknowledged the receipt of a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Education indicating the Districts compliance with IDEA regulations. Discussed upcoming parent training centered on the verbal behavior program.

Mr. Tokar discussed the 2019/20 PCCD Safety Grant opportunities and the changes made for the Part A and Part B applications from the previous year's process. Mrs. Leskovic noted the change in the reallocation of districts to distribute the funds in a more appropriate manner.

Mr. Tokar announced the welcoming of the Class of 1964 for this weekend and the plans to welcome the Class of 1959 at homecoming the following week.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:07 p.m., the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel issues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



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Brandon Mirizio  
Acting Board Secretary