
MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD JANUARY 12, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for their work session Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Daniel Eppley, Russell Chace, Laura Leskovac, Steve Lewis, Lawrence (Rick) Powers, Mary Reames, Rick Rossi, David Silvestri, President John Forbes.

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

Teachers present: None (0)
Visitors present: Eight (8)
News media present: One (1)

Mr. Forbes opened the meeting emphasizing the need to focus on the positives during these trying and difficult times everyone is navigating.

Mr. Tokar announced the board met in executive session on December 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss safety and security related items.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Tokar introduced two groups who signed in to give presentations to the Board of Directors.

Representatives from the Baughman Family Community Center provided an update on their project at the former East Elementary School Building and discussed current fundraising campaigns.

Representatives from the Hudson Group and Penn Northwest Development Corporation discussed their plans on a senior housing project in the community and requested future board support for a state tax credit program for which they will be seeking funding to complete the project.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Committee report by Mrs. Leskovac.

- Discussed future committee meeting dates where spring field trip requests will be reviewed as well as a potential booster sponsored trip to Disney for students.

Athletics Committee report for January 5th Meeting by Mr. Silvestri.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including a proposal of expanding the cheerleading program, ongoing discussion of possible cooperative agreements with neighboring schools in the future and possible maintenance projects in the High School gymnasium and media room.
- Presented recommended action items including disposal of old boys basketball uniforms, 2021/2022 baseball supply bids, 2021/2022 track supply bids and future committee meeting dates.

Budget Committee report for January 10th Meeting by Mr. Powers.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including financial statements data review and the 2022/2023 budget timeline.
- Presented recommended action items including future budget committee meeting dates, three acceptance of services for petition for judicial sales, consent order for an assessment appeal acceptance and authorization, PC/OP tax exoneration requests for Hempfield, Sugar Grove, Greenville, appointment of newly elected Hempfield Township tax collector, Act 1 Index Resolution, ESSER II Application Summary, Plancon Part J Approval, Cafeteria emergency equipment purchase of a replacement steamer and the purchase of a Snyder/Stone Stadium scoreboard replacement.

Legislative Committee had no report by Mrs. Reames

Mercer County Career Center report for the December 14th meeting by Mr. Silvestri.

- Discussed current programs and enrollments as well as highlighted the presentation of an award to Mr. Webber for his service.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV report by Mr. Rossi.

- Discussed an upcoming agenda item the Intermediate Unit is set to vote on that would withdrawal their entity from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

Negotiations Committee had no report by Mr. Forbes

Policy Committee report by Mrs. Reames

- Discussed future committee meeting dates.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Mr .Tokar presented and reviewed additional recommended action items including ARP ESSER health and safety plan updates, 2021/2022 emergency instructional time template, facility-use request for the boys soccer boosters, Keystone Education Center Charter School five year renewal, affiliation agreement for an academic experience site with Edinboro University, linkage agreements with both the Family Focus Program and Family Connections Program, ARP ESSER purchase of social & emotional learning curriculum and the appointment of a new school dentist. Mr. Tokar noted that the following will be discussed in further detail during executive session: staff resignations, unpaid leave of absence request, support staff retirement revision, ARP ESSER Greenville Elementary after-school tutoring program staffing, ARP ESSER Academic Intervention Specialist employment and support staff employment.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES

Mrs. Timashenka announced that students are going to be submitting items for an art display that will be available at the MIU IV as well as provide an update on the High School learning support community field trips for the second semester.

Mr. Stonebraker reviewed the conclusion of the nine-week period noting report cards are being distributed while also provided an update on the student incentive program.

Mr. Dieter discussed the after-school tutoring program plans and how students have been identified and selected for participation in the program.

Mr. Karpinski distributed an upcoming events summary and reviewed the results of the academic ISS program noting an 80% success rate with participants.

Dr. Keeling highlighted the recent Act 80 day staff survey noting that the administration is exploring adjusting trimester course offerings to potentially include a new course that would include topics centered on character development and social media etiquette. Dr. Keeling also further discussed the booster sponsored band trip to Disney and travel arrangements.

Mr. Tokar announced that the District has been approached to sponsor a cyber security program noting the significant demand for jobs in this sector currently available in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Forbes thanked the administration and teaching staff for their handling of COVID over the past two years.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to receive information related to personnel, contractual and legal matters.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.



Brandon Mirizio
Board Secretary