

MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD September 15, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Work Session on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Daniel Eppley, John Forbes, Laura Leskovac, Steve Lewis, Richard Powers, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and President Dennis Webber.

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

Staff present: One (1)
Visitors: Five (5)
News media present: One (1)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Tokar introduced Emma Smith; Cadette Girl Scout in Troop 30897, who gave a presentation on her Silver Award Project for work on the sensory room at the Greenville Elementary School.

Mr. Tokar presented the board minutes, financial reports and bills for payment.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Athletic Committee report by Mr. Forbes for the September 8th meeting.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including fall sports updates, possible cooperative agreements for the next PIAA cycle and a summary of sports participation numbers.
- Presented recommended action items including updates to the fall 2021/2022 coaches list.

Activities Committee report by Mrs. Leskovac for the September 10th meeting.

- Presented recommended action items including first semester field trip requests, activity supplemental wage contracts as well as High School clubs listing.
- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including a junior high play proposal, fall one act play auditions and Homecoming festivities.

Budget Committee report by Mr. Scott from the September 13th meeting.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including data within the financial reports, a title search summary, spring musical proposal, updated debt profile as of July 1, 2021, potential emergency operating cost funding for school nutrition programs, ARP ESSER/Act 24 allocations and ventilation systems assessment results from HHSDR. Additionally, Mr. Scott noted that a follow-up meeting with HHSDR is scheduled for September 28th to further discuss the assessment and possible ARP ESSER use of funds.
- Presented recommended action items including the 2020 Magisterial District Court audit report, Affordable Care Act reporting proposal from Reschini, special transportation agreement with Erdos, 2020/2021 parent transportation agreement, day student education agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services and an art department request to purchase equipment with donations received.

Legislative Committee had no report by Mrs. Reames.

Mercer County Career Center by Mr. Webber.

- Provided an update on the adult education programs, challenges the Center has faced with pandemic related issues and noted a recent contract for roof maintenance.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit had no report by Mr. Rossi.

Negotiations Committee had no report by Mr. Webber.

Policy Committee had no report by Mrs. Reames noting the Committee will meet September 22nd.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Tokar reviewed the additional recommended action items related to 2022 PSBA officer election noting that the Board will vote in October.

Dr. Keeling reviewed the proposed National Honor Society induction criteria from the High School committee. Mrs. Leskovic expressed concerns with proposed changes to the QPA portion of the criteria noting the negative impact the pandemic has had on students and the timing of these changes. The Board further discussed the proposed criteria at length ultimately asking Dr. Keeling to discuss with the committee phasing in the changes; specifically, the QPA portion with the incoming freshman class.

Mr. Tokar further discussed the additional recommended action items including an update to the Mercer County Head Start Agreements, 2021/2022 Family Center program's budgets, vehicle lists for Reynolds and Erdos, van and bus driver lists for Reynolds and Erdos, cognate and grade level leader appointments, substitute list additions, FMLA requests, staff resignations and support employment. Mr. Tokar noted that personnel items will be discussed in further detail during executive session.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Mary Beth Smith of Hempfield Township discussed the Cross Country program and asked the Board to be considered as a parent volunteer to the Program. Mr. Webber directed Mrs. Smith to contact the appropriate staff at the District office and thanked her for offering her services.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES

Mr. Stonebraker reviewed the first night of open house for select grades noting the positive turnout. Additionally, Mr. Stonebraker discussed the revamped School Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS) program to reenergize students for them to earn tokens for good behavior.

Mr. Dieter discussed a newly established program called the *Trojan Tribe* which consists of 6th grade students who submitted an application and once selected received trainings to assist with the SWPBS Program.

Mrs. Timashenka discussed supplies purchased through the ATSI grant for the sensory room at the Greenville High School and thanked Tyler Lanciotti for his assistance as well as noting the input from a variety of staff and stakeholders on the project.

Mr. Karpinski discussed the senior high open house and subsequent Meet the Trojans event that occurred. In conclusion, Mr. Karpinski thanked Gwen Mariacher and all district nursing staff for their hard assisting the district in navigating the pandemic.

Dr. Keeling reviewed the Chromebook distribution process to secondary students while also providing a delivery update on the live streaming equipment recently purchased.

Mrs. Leskovac noted the homecoming theme for this year is the four seasons with each grade choosing a season to theme their float around for the parade.

Mr. Webber shared a recent experience at another District where a parent contacted him with their appreciation of our Band program related to their support at a recent athletic event. Additionally, Mr. Webber discussed positive reviews he had received from the High School open house on how well the facilities had been maintained from a former student.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:27 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to receive information related to personnel and safety matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Brandon Mirizio
Board Secretary