

**MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD AUGUST 14, 2013**

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The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Workshop on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Greenville High School. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, Brad Gosser, Evan Gruver, Lisa Holm, John Forbes (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), John O'Malley, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi and President Dennis Webber.

Others present:       Dr. Hendley D. Hoge, Interim Superintendent  
                          Michele A. Orahoad, Board Secretary  
                          Connie S. Timashenka, Hempfield Elementary Principal/  
                                  Special Education Supervisor  
                          Brian S. Bronson, East Elementary Principal  
                          Brian S. Tokar, Assistant High School Principal  
                          Jodi Hibbard, Technology Technician

Staff present:       None  
Visitors:             One (1)  
Press:                One (1)

1. Presentations scheduled for Monday, August 19 - Academic Games Recognition, HS English Festival Recognition (YSU), and Senate Page Program.
2. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Activities Committee agenda of August 2 where the GRASP program, Open House and Homecoming was discussed. Mr. Tokar reported that Homecoming will be held on October 4.
3. Mr. Webber reported the Mercer County Career Center will meet next week. No report at this time.
4. Ms. Holm reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from August 12.
  - Support Staff/Act 93 Salary Increases
  - Transportation Contract
  - Band Transportation Bids
  - Kades Margolis – TSA Consulting Group, Inc.
  - Year Book contribution
  - AmeriCorps positions
  - Greenville Area Community Foundation
  - Tennis ball machine purchase \$1500
5. Mr. Forbes gave an overview of items discussed and the recommendations from the Athletics Committee meeting held on August 7.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach
  - Tennis ball machine purchase
  - Reviewed sports cooperative agreement currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2 year cycle.

6. Received the 2013-2014 Hempfield Elementary Student and Faculty Handbooks, East Elementary Staff Information Manual, High School Student Handbook and Faculty Changes. The High School bell schedule changes have been discussed with and approved by Mr. Ferrara however the grading changes will be postponed until January 2014 for the 2014-15 school year.
7. Discussed the 2013-2014 GASD Assessment / Testing List.
8. Reviewed the 2013-2014 Cognate/Grade Level Leaders.
9. Discussed the 2013-2014 School Physician and Dentists
  - Dr. James Liszewski, MD                      School Physician
  - Dr. Lindsay Venditti, MD                      School Physician
  - Dr. Russell Poe, D.D.S.                      School Dentist
10. Received the 2013-2014 Bus Drivers and Equipment Lists and Transportation Overview.
11. Considered the Fall Transportation Bids.
12. Received a refund request of 2013 Occupational and Per Capita Taxes from Betty Barber.

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

Meeting to discuss Greenville Community Foundation with Larry Haynes is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3 at 12:00 p.m. Other topics for the meeting will be capital improvements and security.

Prayer meeting for our schools scheduled on August 22 at Fresh Grounds starting at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Webber thanked the 12 month staff for preparing the buildings for the first day of school.

Mr. Demarest thanked BOE members for regularly attending the scheduled meetings over the last several months and requested administration to contact Amateur Sports concerning solicitations for advertising on behalf of the district.

Mrs. Reames reminded BOE members to return IU#4 Superintendent search material to the district office.

#### **HEARING OF VISITORS**

Judy Gosnell-Lamb addressed the board concerning the RTII model and percentage of students in Tier II and Tier III.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distributed complimentary all sports/activities passes; June, 17, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes, June 27, 2013 Special Board Meeting Minutes, July 17, 2013 Workshop/Board Meeting Minutes, August 7, 2013 Special Board Meeting Minutes; Financial Reports (bills for payment and July financial reports); Administrators Monthly Reports (June and July); Board & Administrator Publication for School Board Members.

Announced a meeting is scheduled for August 22 with the Chiefs of Police to discuss security for the opening of school.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Timashenka informed the board that Safety Mechanics training is scheduled on August 15 for 22 staff members to learn pre-crisis and restraint techniques. The six hour course taught by MIU4 will count toward the mandatory 20 hour professional development requirement for paraprofessionals.

Mr. Bronson presented RtII Tier 3 professional development that will be presented by PATTAN in October to a team of East Elementary teachers. Mr. Rossi expressed concern over the IU's scheduling during the school year rather than in July or August.

Mr. Gosser inquired about the longitudinal data and the impact of United Way's Success by Six program on the students entering Kindergarten. Mrs. Timashenka responded that Bill Gathers, Mercer SD, is currently compiling the results of the data.

Ms. Hibbard reviewed software options and changes to the district website which will utilize web posting tools to make the link more dynamic.

Dr. Hoge reviewed the two day New Teacher Induction schedule and Support Staff picnic scheduled for August 16.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 8:29 p.m. the board adjourned to Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

  
Michele A. Orahood  
Business Manager