
MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD JANUARY 11, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for a work session on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Lecture Hall. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Lisa Holm, Steve Lewis, Laura Leskovac, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and President Dennis Webber.

Others present: Mark Ferrara, Superintendent
 Michele A. Orahood, Board Secretary
 Connie Timashenka, Special Education/Curriculum Director
 Brian S. Tokar, Principal, Grades 10-11-12
 Mark Hogue, Principal, Grades 7-8-9
 Matt Dieter, Principal, Grades K-6
 Jodi Hibbard, Technology Director

Teachers present: None (0)
Visitors present: Three (3)
News media present: None (0)

1. Mr. Greer Hayden of HHSDR reviewed the Act 34 Project Description and Hearing process.
2. Mrs. Leskovac presented the 2015-2016 field trip requests for 2nd semester.
3. Mr. Forbes reviewed the Athletic Report from the January 6 committee meeting.
 - o Resignation Cross Country Coach – Kerry Barry
 - o 2016 Winter, Intramural and Elementary Track Programs
 - o Request to purchase a discus net in the amount of \$1,100
 - o Conducted end of season interviews with fall sports coaches
 - o Overview of athletic department staffing
 - o Girls' Soccer Coach interviews
4. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from the January 11 meeting.
 - o PSBA BUCS Basic Program
 - o Tax Collector Sugar Grove Township Kara Michaleski
 - o PSERS Employer Contribution Rate
 - o Copier Proposals
 - o Internet service to Press Box & Field House
 - o Transportation to Cray Youth Services
 - o Establish & Approve Appropriation of Capital Project Fund Series 2015
 - o OnHand Schools
5. Mrs. Reames considered topics for future discussion with local Legislators.
6. Mr. Webber informed the board that the Mercer County Career Center is currently reviewing courses with low enrollment numbers and held the Reorganization Meeting.

7. Mr. Rossi reported that the Midwestern Intermediate Unit 4 is evaluating the most cost effective way to deliver Special Education services to participating districts and distributed a menu of services offered to the 27 districts it serves.
8. Mr. Webber informed the board that a draft copy of the final contract has been presented to GEA for final review.
9. Mrs. Reames reviewed the Policy Committee's recommended revisions from the December 15 meeting.
 - o 249 Bullying
 - o 516 School Resource Officer
 - o 707 Use of School Facilities
 - o 819 Suicide Awareness Prevention and Response Suicide Prevention Resources
10. Received an electronic copy of the District Comprehensive Plan, filing due date for Statement of Financial Interest forms and a thank you card from Sam Alexander.
11. Received resolutions concerning work to be performed by Gateway Engineers and Microbac Laboratories.
12. Discussed the resignation of Nanci Gearhart and appointment of Kara Michaleski as Sugar Grove Township Tax Collector.
13. Reviewed a tax refund request from Tracey Warner.
14. Discussed a use of facility request from Greenville Little League.
15. Received a Linkage Agreement with Family Connections.
16. Discussed a data analysis program called OnHand Schools.
17. Received a Linkage Agreement with Behavioral Health Services.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Webber reviewed the schedule for the monthly board committee meetings:

Activities Committee	2 nd Friday at 7:30 a.m.
Athletics Committee	Wednesday preceding Work Session at 5:00 p.m.
Budget Committee	Tuesday preceding Work Session at 8:00 a.m.
Legislative	TBD
Policy Committee	3 rd Friday at 8:45 a.m.

Mr. Rossi commended Mrs. Ohr for organizing the 7/8 grade girls seminar with student presenters from Massachusetts Institute of Technology to learn about opportunities for women in the math/science fields of study.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distributed December Board Meeting Minutes, Financial Reports for November and December 2015 and January checks for payment.

Mr. Tokar announced that GHS will conduct interviews for girls' soccer coaches.

Dr. Hogue reviewed the recent presentations to GHS students given by MIT students and the Attorney General's Office on consequences of drug/alcohol use.

Mrs. Timashenka announced Hempfield Elementary has been named a Title I distinguished school for a second year. She also reported the writing cohort traveled to Harrisburg last week to continue their professional develop activities.

Mr. Dieter informed the board that Mrs. Greleski received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 from Penn Power for a STEAM classroom project.

Mrs. Orahood announced that UPMC will refer a new school physician to the district for the remainder of the year due to Dr. Liszewski's resignation.

Mr. Ferrara announced that RFP's for the building project construction manager are due Wednesday, January 13th at 2:00 p.m.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:37 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Michele A. Orahood
Board Secretary