

MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for their Work Session on Wednesday February 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Laura Leskovac, Kylee Lewis, Lori Warr Madura, Kim Ohr, Lawrence (Rick) Powers, David Silvestri, and President Rick Rossi (via telephone). The following members were excused: Russell Chace and Steve Lewis.

Others present: Brian S. Tokar, Superintendent
 Brandon Mirizio, Board Secretary/Business Manager
 Matthew Dieter, Director of Educational Services
 Heather Hawkins, GES Principal
 Mark Karpinski, GHS Assistant Principal
 Dr. Jeffrey Keeling, GHS Principal
 Beth Schaller, GES Assistant Principal/K-12 Special Education Supervisor

Teachers present: One (1)
Visitors present: None (0)
Media present: One (1)

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Tokar provided a reminder to the Board that statements of financial interest need to be completed and turned into the District office.

Mr. Tokar presented Board Minutes, Financial Reports and Bills for Payment.

BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

Mrs. Madura – Activities Committee

- Reviewed the committee meeting from February 12, 2024 and presented the following possible action items: 2nd semester field trip requests, the winter advisor list to include cheerleading advisors as well as a proposal for a GHS Music Department Cabaret & Masterclass.

Mr. Silvestri – Athletics Committee

- Reviewed the committee meeting from February 7, 2024 and presented the following possible action items: spring sports schedules and spring sports coaches.

Mr. Powers – Budget & Finance Committee

- Reviewed the committee meeting from February 12, 2024 and presented the following possible action items: Per Capita & Occupational Tax exoneration requests from Berkheimer. Additionally, the presentation by Mr. Cianci for 2024/2025 budgetary considerations was reviewed.
- Mr. Tokar provided an update on the multi-million-dollar ESSER HVAC project noting it is still on track to be completed by the September 2024 deadline for the use of those grant funds.

Mrs. Lewis - Legislative Committee had not report.

Mr. Silvestri - Mercer County Career Center

- Reviewed highlights from January 23rd meeting that included a clean audit report, an update on current activities, preliminary budget discussion as well as the 2024/2025 school calendar. In conclusion, he discussed a tour they received of their hydroponic garden program.
- Mr. Rossi provided a reminder that the Greenville Board's regular meeting for April will be held at the Career Center.

Mr. Rossi - Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV

- Discussed the General Operating Budget that they will seek approval for in March.

Mr. Rossi - Negotiations Committee

- Noted that updates will be provided in Executive Session on the collective bargaining agreement negotiations process.

Mrs. Leskovac - Policy Committee

- Reviewed the committee meeting from February 14, 2024, noting that items will be brought to the Board in March for consideration.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Tokar presented additional possible action items related to an Election Polling Place Agreement with Mercer County Board of Elections to hold 2024 elections at the GHS Library, a Linkage Agreement with Sharon Regional Medical Center for Partial Hospitalization Programs, Independent Contractor Agreements for Family Center 2024 Girls on the Run and Heart & Sole program coaches, vehicle listing update for AC Schools Inc., UPS devices & network switches FY2024 E-Rate Proposals and facility use requests for Sunday Use Prior to 1:00 p.m. for GASA Soccer and the Wrestling Boosters. Mr. Tokar reviewed bus/van driver updates, volunteer additions and noted a variety of personnel related items that will be reviewed in further detail in Executive Session.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Schaller provided updates on the Special Education Department, noting they have been working with MIU IV for transition meetings with early intervention students. Additionally, Ms. Schaller highlighted the success of the first Wellness Wednesday while noting a committee has been established to further collaborate and develop these future activities.

Ms. Hawkins reviewed a supplemental reading program that staff have had preliminary meetings with representatives to explore a trial version targeting grades 3-6, discussed preliminary reviews of curriculum related to structured literacy to ensure it aligns with current standards. In conclusion, Ms. Hawkins discussed professional development that staff are undergoing related to IXL software.

Dr. Keeling followed up on their first "Work Force Wednesday" that occurred January 31st with representatives from Joy Cone and different recruiters that spoke to students. Dr. Keeling provided details on the financial literacy course being state mandated in the 2026/27 school year noting they are exploring schedule changes beginning in 2025/26 to incorporate this into student schedules. Additionally, Dr. Keeling noted a current review of math section offerings, specifically those with lower enrollment numbers, in an effort to plan and explore possible scheduling adjustments in 2024/25 to ensure any adjustments to course offerings wouldn't affect students'

class ranks. In conclusion, Dr. Keeling reviewed the annual Sophomore Retreat, noting that student feedback was very positive and well received.

Mr. Karpinski provided an update on the wrap up of winter sports, noting that both Basketball Teams will know Sunday whether they make playoffs or not, noted the Bocce Team will make playoffs and highlighted wrestling sections beginning this coming weekend at Sharon SD. In conclusion, Mr. Karpinski distributed and reviewed a listing of upcoming events.

Mr. Dieter discussed current evaluations being done to meet the new science standards, noting that this could occur in the 2025/26 school year. Additionally, he provided an update on a homeless monitoring that recently wrapped up through the state.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Mr. Dan Little of Greenville Borough who expressed concerns related to Greenville and Reynolds not playing each other in the upcoming football season, noting that each district should further consider consolidation of teams.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. to executive session for the purpose of receiving information on personnel related items.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Brandon Mirizio
Board Secretary