

MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD APRIL 14, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Work Session on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Daniel Eppley, John Forbes, Steve Lewis, Richard Powers, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and Vice-President Mary Reames. The following members were excused: Laura Leskovac and Dennis Webber.

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

Staff present: None (0)
Visitors: Five (5)
News media present: One (1)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Tokar introduced Third Grade Student, Ellie Phillips of the Greenville Elementary School who spoke on a recent lesson they received through Mrs. Besic centered on community service. Mr. Tokar then recognized Ellie for her efforts in translating that lesson by conducting a bake sale where proceeds went to the Backpack Program to benefit her classmates and school peers.

Mr. Tokar shared a thank you to the District from Dan Spence, recent test results from the Greenville Water Authority and acknowledged Greenville Elementary Nurse Heather White for being the recipient of a PA School Retiree grant award.

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Activities Committee had no report by Mrs. Leskovac.

- Dr. Keeling provided an update for the Prom which is to be held at Tiffany Banquet Center as well as the Spring Musical which is to be held at the Riverside Park Amphitheater on May 13-16th.

Athletic Committee report by Mr. Forbes from the April 7th meeting.

- Reviewed the post season interviews conducted with winter coaches, the preliminary 2021/2022 proposed athletic budget as well as the 2021/2022 supplemental personnel positions.
- Presented recommended action items including storage container purchases from SJA Storage as well as GES Basketball Hoop Safety Straps from BSN Sports.

Budget Committee report by Mr. Scott from the April 12th meeting.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meetings including the proposed 2021/2022 technology budget, data within the financial reports, 2021/2022 medical insurance rates, sales/use tax refund petition update, 2019/2020 eTran revised report submission, 2022 copier services request for proposal updates, possible property acquisition and an update on preliminary engineer meetings for possible ESSER projects.

- Presented recommended action items including 2021/2022 security services contract renewal with Woodring, 2021/2022 bid awards for instructional and custodial supplies, authorization for commercial electric supply agreement, 2021/2022 participation agreement for PSBA Policy Program, 2021/2022 renewal rate for CSIU Software, internal audit report for 2019 Borough of Greenville Tax Collector, 2021 Summer Academy supplies through Heinemann, Plow replacement purchase and 3M window film through Window Film Depot.

Legislative Committee report by Mrs. Reames.

- Reviewed a legislative meeting the District participated in with local representatives on April 8, 2021.

Mercer County Career Center had no report.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit report by Mr. Rossi.

- Announced that due to the COVID pandemic the MIU IV will not hold a convention this year. Additionally, Mr. Rossi communicated that they are working on settling the support personnel contracts.

Negotiations Committee report by Mr. Webber.

- Updated everyone on the supervisory, administrative and Act 93 contracts for upcoming approval.

Policy Committee had report by Mrs. Reames from the March 17th meeting.

- Presented recommended action items including the second readings of policies #150 Title I Comparability of Services, #707 Use of School Facilities (with attachments), #707.1 Sponsorship of Tournaments and #707.2 Sunday Building Use.
- Additionally, Mrs. Reames discussed the facility use policies, rules and forms not going into effect until July 1, 2021.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Webber and Mr. Tokar reviewed the additional recommended action items related to possible special education ATSI grant purchases, 2022 copier proposals and recommendation items to be discussed further in executive session including summer academy staffing, staff resignations, staff retirements and substitute list additions.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES

Mr. Dieter discussed the Summer Learning Academy plans noting students will attend 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. that will include breakfast, light snack and bagged lunch to take home with transportation provided to and from the Academy.

Mr. Stonebraker reviewed the PSSA testing schedule that will begin next week while also discussing the District's effort in reaching out to parents of remote learning students to get them registered for testing as well. In conclusion, Mr. Stonebraker highlighted the blue pin wheels placed outside of the Elementary building to support child abuse awareness month.

Mr. Karpinski reviewed academic ISS for the 3rd quarter noting that 75% of students recommended for the program showed an improvement in their performance. Mr. Karpinski also discussed the upcoming honor roll breakfast, thanking the local Elks Club for the support.

Dr. Keeling provided a listing of upcoming High School events including the Trojan Top Ten Dinner, Spring Musical, Awards Assembly as well as Graduation. Dr. Keeling noted that details of some events are still being worked out at this point.

Mrs. Timashenka provided an in-depth review of the proposed Gifted Support Service Plan for the District that will remain on public display for 28 days prior to the Board's approval next month.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:31 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to receive information related to personnel and safety matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Brandon Mirizio
Board Secretary