
MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD JANUARY 11, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for a work session on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the Lecture Hall. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Laura Leskovac, Steve Lewis, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott. Lisa Holm and Dennis Webber were absent.

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

Teachers present: None (0)

Visitors present: Four (4)

News media present: One (1)

1. Mrs. Leskovac reviewed the 2nd semester field trip list.
2. Mr. Forbes reviewed the Athletic Report from the December and January committee meetings.
 - o Fall sports season wrap up
 - o Coaches handbook and state mandates/online courses
3. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from the December 19 and January 9 meetings.
 - o PSERS Contribution Rate year
 - o Local Revenue
 - o Series 2012 – call date early 2017
 - o Health Insurance – Act 1 Projection; MIU IV handout
 - o 2017-18 staffing
 - o 5-month review
 - o Resolution Not to Exceed Index
 - o Series Mercer County Career Center -- amendment to loan agreement
 - o Midwestern IU4 2017-18 Operating Budget
 - o 2017-18 staffing
4. Legislative Committee – No report.
5. Mercer County Career Center – No report.
6. Mr. Rossi discussed technology safeguards at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV and IT programs operating at a loss.
7. Mr. Rossi discussed a future meeting with Highmark, the Negotiations team and GEA to hear updates on healthcare issues.
8. Policy Committee – No report.
9. Considered a Change Order from Rien Construction Company.

10. Reviewed Greenville Elks Lodge & His Work His Way Use of Facility requests.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Leskovac discussed the elementary basketball program and gym availability for games.

Mrs. Reames announced that Dennis Webber will be honored on April 1, 2017, in Pittsburgh as a Champion of Learning nominee. Board members are invited to attend.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distributed December Board Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports.

Mr. Ferrara discussed the Hempfield construction project as it relates to the adoption of the 2017-18 school calendar.

Mr. Tokar provided an overview of the Keystone Exams and grade level/cognate leader meeting schedules.

Dr. Hogue informed the board of ongoing efforts toward College in the High School, the International Mentor program and summer academy, and cyber school partnerships with VLN.

Mrs. Timashenka discussed the verbal behavior program and recent collaboration with consultants from Pittsburgh.

Mr. Dieter shared the One School One Book project and presented each board member with a copy of *The One and Only Ivan*, a Newbery Medal-winning book by Katherine Applegate.

Mrs. Orahood distributed the agenda for the January 20 Policy Committee Meeting and 2016 Statement of Financial Interest forms.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Heather Davidson addressed the board with a proposal to establish a GHS Boys JV and Varsity Soccer Program for the fall of 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:29 p.m., the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Michele A. Orahood
Board Secretary