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**MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met in regular session Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 7:10 p.m., in the Lecture Hall. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Lisa Holm, Laura Leskovac, Steve Lewis, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and President Dennis Webber.

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

Teachers present: Two (2)  
Visitors present: None  
News media present: One (1)

1.     Mr. Rossi presented the recommendations from the September 4 Activities Committee meeting.
  - o     Revised 2014-2015 Mentor Teacher List adding Mike Lasko
  - o     Received a request to host a band adjudication on March 18, 2015
  - o     Steel Drums will perform at Hershey Lodge on March 26, 2015
  
2.     Mr. Forbes gave an overview of from the Athletics Committee meeting held on September 10.
  - o     Overview of the Flag Football Program
  - o     Coaching update
  - o     Title IX reporting accountability
  - o     Schedule for athletic trainer interviews
  - o     Track project update
  - o     Football/Wrestling events scheduled at Thiel College
  
3.     Mr. Demarest reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from the September 8 meeting.
  - o     Authorization SEC Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative Questionnaire for Self Reporting Entities
  - o     Ready to Learn/Title I
  - o     Act 1 Timeline & unofficial Index for 2015-16
  - o     Transportation Software
  - o     Board Policy 620 – Fund Balance
  - o     American Scholar
  - o     Entrepreneurial Program at Linden Point
  - o     School Resource Officer/Baseball coaches
  - o     Negotiations
  - o     ACCESS

4. Mrs. Reames did not have anything new for the Legislative Report at this time. She then reviewed the recommended Board Policy changes.

118	Independent Study
004	Membership
006	Meetings
103.1	Nondiscrimination Qualified Students with Disabilities
113.1	Discipline of Students with Disabilities
113.2	Behavior Support
121	Fieldtrips (recommended further review)
222,323,423,523	Tobacco Use
620	Fund Balance

5. Mr. Webber reported the Mercer County Career Center will pursue a bond refunding transaction yielding an anticipated savings of \$585,000.
6. Mr. Rossi did not have anything new to report from the Midwestern Intermediate Unit.
7. Mr. Webber reported that Negotiations would be discussed in executive session.
8. Mr. Ferrara reviewed the Revised School Calendar In-service Days for 2014-2015.
9. Discussed an Exoneration Request from Frank Lewis.
10. Mr. Ferrara discussed the creation of the GASD Foundation.
11. Mr. Ferrara updated Enrollment of International Students 2014-2015.

One (1) American Scholar full year student @ \$9800  
One (1) American Scholar one semester student @ \$4900  
GASD American Scholar enrollment capacity

12. PSBA Officers and At-Large Representatives - \*PSBA endorsed as high qualified

President-elect

- Kathy K. Swope\*, Lewisburg Area SD (Union Co.)
- Charles H. Ballard, East Penn SD (Lehigh Co.)

Vice President

- Mark B. Miller\*, Centennial SD (Bucks Co.)

Treasurer

- Otto W. Voit III\*, Muhlenberg SD (Berks Co.)

At-large Representative (West)

*Representing Regions 1, 2, 3, 13, 14*

- Daniel J. O'Keefe\*, Northgate SD (Allegheny Co.)

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

Mr. Webber expressed his thanks to the administration for a smooth start of the school year and reflected on a number of positive comments he had received from the community.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Distributed August Board Meeting Minutes, Financial Reports and Board & Administrator Publication for School Board Members, United Way campaign information and distributed 2014-15 academic monthly planner.

Mr. Bronson reviewed the new elementary dismissal procedures for walkers, bus riders and parent pickups.

Mrs. Timashenka discussed the STEAM and Gifted Support programs as well as plans that are underway for the curriculum advisory council.

Dr. Hogue shared that he has been invited by the University of Pittsburgh to sit on an advisory board for its College in the High School program.

### **HEARING OF VISITORS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:07 p.m. the board adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

  
Michele A. Oranhood  
Board Secretary