
MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD MARCH 16, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for their work session Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Daniel Eppley, Russell Chace, Laura Leskovac, Lawrence (Rick) Powers, Rick Rossi (*via telephone*), David Silvestri, President John Forbes. The following members were excused: Steve Lewis and Mary Reames

Others present: Brian S. Tokar, Superintendent
 Brandon Mirizio, Board Secretary/Business Manager
 Matthew Dieter, GES Principal
 Dr. Jeffrey Keeling, GHS Principal
 Connie Timashenka, K-12 Special Education Director
 Joshua Stonebraker, GES Assistant Principal
 Christina Lane, Esquire

Teachers present: None (0)
Visitors present: Three (3)
News media present: Two (2)

Mr. Forbes opened the meeting emphasizing the need to focus on the positives allowing attendees to highlight a positive moment over the past month.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Tokar introduced District solicitor Christina Lane of Maiello Brungo and Maiello, LLP and announced that the Negotiations Committee met in executive session prior to the meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to discuss contractual related items.

Mr. Tokar presented the minutes, financial reports and bills for payment as recommended action items.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Committee had no report by Mrs. Leskovac.

Athletics Committee had no report by Mr. Silvestri.

Budget Committee report for March 14th meeting by Mr. Powers.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including a presentation from representatives of RBC Capital, financial statements data review, 2022/2023 budget discussion including review of the timeline, building and grounds budget items, purchased services items and state revenue projections based on the Governor's proposal. Additionally, a presentation by Mr. Tokar on a variety of district facility improvement projects and an update on the status of the ARP ESSER III application.
- Mr. Tokar further discussed the RBC Capital presentation and a few options for the board to consider to maximize savings through a refinancing of the 2015 Bonds that were secured to pay for the Elementary Building project. Mr. Tokar expressed that while the District was fortunate to secure those bonds at a very good interest rate at that time, the current market reflects even more favorable rates and noted that more recently, these rates have started to trend upwards and most individuals would foresee them to continue to rise in the near future. Mr. Tokar stated that currently, the board is looking at the most viable refinance option to save the most money over the course of the established payment schedule for the 2015 bond series and is considering securing additional funds to address a

variety of District-wide facility related issues and projects for which the exact scope and costs are not fully determined at this time. In conclusion, Mr. Tokar stated the District will continue to look at funding options while the rates are as advantageous as possible and that the board may consider scheduling a special meeting in the near future to consider a resolution to complete a potential refinancing and borrowing process.

Legislative Committee had no report by Mrs. Reames.

Mercer County Career Center report by Mr. Forbes.

- Presented recommended action item of the 2022/2023 operating budget.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV report by Mr. Rossi.

- Discussed the MIU IV annual convention and encouraged Board members to attend.

Negotiations Committee report for the March 16st meeting by Mr. Forbes.

Policy Committee had no report by Mrs. Reames.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Tokar presented and reviewed additional recommended action items including the draft 2022/2023 school calendar, a field trip request to the Challenger Space Center, ESSER II technology purchases, an intergovernmental agreement for 2022/2023 with the MIU IV, a subgrant agreement for ARP IDEA Section 611 through the MIU IV. Mr. Tokar noted that bus driver list additions, a support staff retirement, support staff employment/transfers, substitute listing additions and a chaperone list will be reviewed in executive session at the conclusion of the meeting.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES

Mr. Tokar announced that the District's ARP ESSER III application has been approved by PDE and that they will begin discussions with HHS DR on the facility related project details in the coming months.

Mr. Stonebraker highlighted the upcoming conclusion of the 3rd quarter, distribution of report cards and upcoming PTO events that will be held at the Elementary beginning in April.

Mrs. Timashenka reviewed completed and upcoming special education student assessments.

Mr. Dieter discussed the One School One Book program while recognizing teachers Caitlyn Bleggi and Danielle Sepos for their lead in the program this year and concluded with an update on Kindergarten enrollment numbers for 2022/2023.

Dr. Keeling recognized the Girls' Basketball season accomplishments, Cole Karpinski for earning the silver medal in 189 lb. weight class at the PIAA state wrestling tournament, Arianna Ruiz for qualifying for state band and James Babcock for qualifying to compete in the skills USA competition in carpentry. Dr. Keeling also highlighted the conclusion of the 3rd Quarter, noted the

recent submission of the SEVIS application which would allow for international students to attend the District and reviewed a list of upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:03 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to receive information related to personnel, safety and security, contractual and legal matters.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Brandon Mirizio
Board Secretary