

MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Work Session on Wednesday, September 6, 2020 at 6:31 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Greenville High School. The following members were present: Daniel Eppley, John Forbes, Laura Leskovac, Steve Lewis, Richard Powers, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and Board President 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: Two (2)
Visitors: Six (6)
News media present: One (1)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Tokar opened the meeting asking for a moment of silence for GHS student David Park a GHS student and Kimberly Anglin of the Mercer County Behavioral Commission, both of whom recently passed away.

Mr. Tokar presented the 2019/2020 Top Trojan Teacher Awards to Tammy Herdon of the Greenville Elementary School and Scott Ellis of the Greenville Junior/Senior High School.

Mr. Tokar discussed at length the start of the 2019/2020 school year and the challenges the District has faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Tokar acknowledged areas of concern that have been identified and committed that the District is taking the necessary steps to correct these areas.

Mr. Tokar announced the Greenville High School Distinguished Hall of Fame Committee of the Greenville Area School District Educational Foundation recently met and has set April 16, 2021 as the induction date of the inaugural group of honorees.

Mr. Tokar announced that on Monday, September 21st the Greenville Area School District Cafeteria Department will begin offering free meals; breakfast and lunch, to all students through the Seamless Summer Option Program guidelines. This program will continue through December 31, 2020 or until the USDA notifies otherwise.

Mr. Webber reviewed the Board Minutes from the August meetings, Financial Reports and Bills for Payment.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Activities Committee report by Mrs. Leskovac from the September 11th meeting.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including no 1st semester field trips as well as the fall activities/homecoming recognition event to be held on September 30, 2020 at 8:00pm.
- Mr. Tokar added the recognition event is to give student the recognition they deserve while also adhering to state guidelines with event capacity limits.
- Presented recommended action items related to 2020/2021 club advisor and supplemental positions.

Athletic Committee report by Mr. Forbes from the September 9th meeting.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including athletic events COVID-19 capacity levels, football ticket pricing options, basketball uniform needs for both varsity teams as well as the fall activities/homecoming recognition event.
- The Committee had no recommended action items.
- Mr. Webber discussed the recent court ruling regarding event capacities and emphasized the District will follow advice from the School Solicitor

Budget Committee report by Mr. Scott from the September 14th meeting.

- Reviewed information and discussion items from the meeting including financial data within the financial reports, 2020/2021 cyber and charter enrollments, reroofing project update, exploration of early retirement incentives for staff, and COVID-19 Emergency Sick Leave.
- Presented recommended action items including a proposal for the 2020 Affordable Care Act employer reporting, audit report for the Mercer County Magisterial District Court #35-3-03, 2018 delinquent real estate tax exoneration request, and 2020 per capita & occupational tax exonerations presented by the tax collectors.
- Mr. Webber discussed the projected 2020/2021 cyber and charter tuition costs for the currently enrolled students.

Legislative Committee had no report by Mrs. Reames.

Mercer County Career Center report by Mr. Webber.

- Discussed current class structure by the Career Center and noted things are going well.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit had no report by Mr. Rossi.

Negotiations Committee had no report from Mr. Webber.

Policy Committee report by Mrs. Reames from the meeting held on August 19th and will meet next week on September 23rd.

- Reviewed recommended policy retirements related to polices 516, 248, 348, 448, and 548 and discussed that this is needed due to conflicts of revisions made through Title IX to policies last month.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Webber and Mr. Tokar reviewed in detail the additional recommended action items related to the resolution for instructional days, the 2020/2021 PSBA annual election, 2020/2021 bus route overviews, 2020/2021 bus driver list updates, proposal for day student transportation. Mr. Tokar noted that the 2020/2021 cognate & grade level leader appointments, 2020/2021 volunteer list updates, and staff resignations will be discussed in further detail during executive session at the conclusion of the meeting.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Mrs. Leskovac passed along a series of thank you's that were received from the Junior High New Wilmington Football team related to our recent hosting of an event.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES

Mrs. Timashenka thanked the GASDEF for the ADA Playground project as the children are enjoying the new equipment very much.

Mr. Karpinski thanked Corporal Carson for his coordination through the Greenville Fire Department and UPMC to donate the tourniquets for the safety buckets. Mr. Karpinski emphasized the event to be held on September 30th and the administration's goal to make it as special as possible for the students.

Dr. Keeling discussed the modified schedule being run at the High School for instruction noting that the 5th and 6th grade classes appear to be settling in well. Dr. Keeling reviewed the fall sports seasons noting a collaboration through Thiel College to assist in live streaming events. Finally, Dr. Keeling highlighted an upcoming event with the 7th and 8th grade classes coordinated by Corporal Carson through the PA Attorney General Office where they will discuss anti bullying.

Mr. Stonebraker acknowledged the students use of the newly installed ADA Playground. Additionally, Mr. Stonebraker reviewed the success of the newly adopted pick-up/drop-off procedures.

Mr. Dieter acknowledged how well the students and staff have done with new protocols. Mr. Dieter noted the inability to have a physical open house but noted the teachers are working on a virtual version that will be posted on the website.

Mr. Tokar highlighted a ribbon cutting event for the ADA Playground with members of the Greenville Area School District Educational Foundation to formally unveil the completion of the project.

Mr. Webber expressed his thanks to the Administrators, all staff, including janitorial staff, and anyone who had anything to do with the reopening plan. Mr. Webber thanked everyone for working as hard as they are related to safety and sanitization as everyone has been healthy up to this point. Additionally, Mr. Webber shared two unsolicited stories that were shared with him from community members regarding the reopening plans and their respective decisions.

Mrs. Reames added a community announcement for the rededication of the amphitheater at the park that is to be held this Sunday at 1:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:17 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to receive information related to personnel and legal matters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



Brandon Mirizio
Board Secretary