

MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD JANUARY 16, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Work Session on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:33 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Greenville High School. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Lisa Holm, Laura Leskovac, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and Dennis Webber. The following members were absent: Steve Lewis.

Others present: Brian S. Tokar, Superintendent
 Brandon Mirizio, Acting Board Secretary/Business Manager
 Matt Dieter, Elementary Principal
 Joshua Stonebraker, Assistant Principal
 Dr. Jeff Keeling, High School Principal
 Connie Timashenka, K-12 Special Education Director

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

Mr. Webber announced that the board will have a combined meeting/work session, the board will break into executive session then come back for a voting meeting.

1. Activities Committee: Mrs. Leskovac reviewed the January 11th meeting.
 - Discussed the second semester field trips that will be presented for approval, noting that nothing was out of the norm.
 - Mr. Tokar reviewed changes to the field trip report that has been organized by bus and/or van. Mr. Tokar thanked the office staff for their work on the report.
 - Mrs. Leskovac discussed the possible use of Charter Buses for the 6th Grade field trip.

2. Athletic Committee: Mr. Scott reviewed the January 9th meeting.
 - Bids to be approved for Baseball and Track & Field came in under budget.
 - With the need for additional Baseball Hats and the high costs associated with those items, the Boosters have agreed to assist in some of those costs.
 - Discussed a digital race clock that Track & Field is in need of and the Boosters have agreed to assist in offsetting the cost.
 - Noted the new Junior High Volleyball Coaches that will be presented for approval.
 - Reviewed the end of the Boys Soccer Team and the roster expectations for next season. For the future looking into a 2020 junior high feeder program and also discussed the concerns associated with any possibility of a Co-Op with other schools.
 - Reviewed the Golf Team and the potential need to play elsewhere as the Greens will not be open. Preliminary conversations with Pine Hills have been made for use of their course.
 - Reviewed security at Elementary Basketball and Club Volleyball practice times in the future.

3. Budget Committee: Mr. Demarest reviewed the January 14th meeting.
 - Revenue & Expenditure Reviews show everything is lining up. Highlighted several items that compared to the budget half way through the year were over/under expected at this point.
 - Reviewed Safety Grant Part A Award of \$25,000 and that Part B is still in play but will be awarded at a later date.
 - Discussed PSERS 2019/20 Employer Contribution rate of 34.29%.

- PlanCon and Construction update and end date is expected in the near future.
 - Reviewed the presentation of projected maintenance/custodial expenses for upcoming year. Reviewed potential projects for the upcoming summer and discussed the continually upkeep of the roofing. Board gave Mr. Cianci the go ahead to look into potential pricing for roofing projects.
 - Discussed Auditorium repairs and maintenance needed prior to musical for current year.
 - Presented Index and Linkage Agreement resolutions to be presented for approval.
 - Mr. Webber reviewed the possibility of a concession stand project at the High School through the Athletic entrance. Looking into converting closet space and expanding into locker room to provide for concession stand space being done in house with current staff.
 - Mr. Webber emphasized the need for continual roof upkeep.
 - Ms. Holm noted that at the midway point of the year the Revenue and Expenditure Reviews appear favorable. The savings from utility costs related to the recent renovations are encouraging to the District.
4. Legislative Committee: Mrs. Reames has no report.
 - Mr. Rossi mentioned that Mr. Ferrara is spearheading a bus on March 29, 2019 for Board Members to travel to Harrisburg to speak with legislatures.
 5. Mercer County Career Center: Mr. Webber
 - MCCC had their Reorganization meeting.
 6. Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV – No Report
 7. Negotiations Committee: Mr. Webber
 - The committee met with the GEA on January 8, 2019 to have initial meeting setting up guidelines for negotiation.
 - Committee met last night with Insurance provider to see any new and different options that can be offered. Noted the significance of the different options that will be presented showing savings to offset raises.
 - Set up meetings for the next three months.
 8. Policy Maintenance Report: Mr. Reames
 - Noted committee will be meeting for the first time in February.
 9. Discussed Field Trip request for 2nd semester as presented by Mrs. Leskovic.
 10. Discussed Track & Field and Baseball Bids and will discuss the coaches in Executive Session.
 11. Discussed Act 1 Index Resolution and the Linkage Agreement.
 12. Discussed Change Order for Rien Construction Company. Mr. Tokar noted that this change order for adjustments to field quantity allowances, this is not the final bill for Rien Construction. Mr. Tokar noted that approving this change order will not impact the finalizing of punch list items that still need to be completed.
 13. Discussed Pitney Bowes Lease agreement for a smaller machine that will cut costs in half.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

1. Safe2Say: Mr. Tokar discussed the January 14, 2019 state mandated roll out of the safe to say program. The district team is comprised of Mr. Tokar as the lead as well as Mr. Stonebreaker and Mr. Karpinski. The program is centered on students' ability to submit anonymous tips in various ways directly to the Attorney General's office in Harrisburg. Mr. Tokar is coordinating an on-site training through the Sandy Hook Group; who has initiated the program in the State, for late February. Mr. Tokar noted the District is focused on the positives of the program and it's potential while still maintaining a balance of good dialogue with students and the communication of school level issues with Teachers, Guidance Counselor and Principals. Mr. Rossi highlighted that other districts are passing resolutions not to participate in the program. Mr. Webber and Mrs. Reames noted the potential issues with the roll out of this program and thanked the District Safe2Say Team. Mrs. Leskovac inquired of false accusations being reported anonymously and the ability to identify those. Mr. Tokar communicated that certain steps could be taken to eventually uncover an identity; however, it would take a significant amount of time.
2. HS Classroom Renovation – Community Door: Mr. Tokar discussed being approached by a member of the community that was interested in committing funds to cosmetic updates and changes to the Gateway classroom in the High School. Noting this is something that was discussed with the Foundation; who has received a significant contribution from this community individual, as to their involvement. Mr. Tokar discussed the diverse needs of this classroom and the importance of working with the staff to allow for flexibility.
3. Handicap Playground Equipment at Elementary: Mrs. Reames discussed a meeting last week with a gentlemen from Pittsburgh who provided various different options with a price point that was lower than anticipated. Noting that the Education Foundation is seeking various grant monies, donations from community members and also money from the School Board for this upcoming project.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Tokar presented the December meeting minutes and financial reports.

Mr. Tokar reviewed the Statement of Financial Interest Forms for 2018 and requested that they be returned at the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Tokar presented a donation of artwork to the District by the family of Evelin Williams. Highlighting that the Evelin Williams family spans four generations within our District with twelve either current or future graduates. Mr. Dieter and Mr. Stonebreaker unveiled the artwork from the artist Jay Segura from Miami Florida and acquired by the Williams family in the 1960's.

Mr. Tokar conveyed with January being Board Appreciation month how blessed Greenville has been for the consistency on our school board with every member of our current board having served at least two consecutive terms. Emphasizing how it has allowed a lot to get done on behalf of the students of the District. On behalf of everyone, the students and the staff Mr. Tokar thanked each member for their hard work.

Mrs. Reames stated that a gift was given to the board by the GEA and a letter thanking each member and also honoring the school board by making a monetary donation to the Education Foundation for ADA playground equipment at the Elementary building.

Mr. Webber read a letter thanking the board for Christmas cookies that were delivered to the staff at the District.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:21 p.m., the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Mirizio', is written above a horizontal line.

Brandon Mirizio
Acting Board Secretary