

MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Work Session on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Charlie Demarest, John Forbes, Mary Reames, Steve Lewis, Rick Rossi, Howard Scott and Board President Dennis Webber. The following members were excused: Lisa Holm, Laura Leskovac.

Others present: Brian S. Tokar, Superintendent
 Brandon Mirizio, Board Secretary/Business Manager
 Matt Dieter, GES Principal
 Josh Stonebraker, GES Assistant Principal
 Mark Karpinski, GHS Assistant Principal
 Connie Timashenka, K-12 Special Education Director

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Tokar:

- Informed the Board that the previously scheduled student presentations related to the extreme leadership program will be postponed until Monday.
- Discussed the Board Minutes from the October meetings, Financial Reports and Bills for Payment to be approved during the upcoming Voting Meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Activities Committee had no meeting to report.

Athletic Committee report by Mr. Forbes for the meeting held on November 5, 2019.

- Informed of fall sports coaches post season interviews. All of which were successful in many ways.
- Discussed recommended action items related to the approval of an independent swimmer request. Mr. Tokar added that additional requests have been made since the committee meeting.
- Mr. Tokar made reference to the recent cross country and volleyball banquets thanking the associated booster groups and District cafeteria staff for all their work in coordinating the events.

Budget Committee report by Mr. Demarest for the meeting held November 11, 2019.

- Gene Cianci attended to discuss capital projects. Reviewed mandatory tests and inspections that recently occurred. Lead testing revealed one issue that is being addressed through the repair of a recessed water fountain in the Elementary cafeteria. An inspection of gymnasium equipment resulted in recommendations to replace some gearboxes, cables, and safety boxes in the High School gym. Also reviewed roof sections to potentially be repaired, status of high school windows, tennis court rehabilitation and solutions for storage issues at the field house for the soccer program.
- Received update on Elementary ADA playground project pricing and the Educational Foundation's contribution to the project.
- Discussed financial reviews for the 2019/20 revenues and expenditures and everything appears on track.
- Reviewed expenditures from last year broken down by local, state, and federal sources for revenues. Mr. Webber highlighted budgeted versus actual. Noting that

the District still took money from the fund balance while commending the Administration and staff on doing an outstanding job last year.

- Reviewed graphs showing the fund balance from the last five years in various categories.
- Discussed recommended action items including resolution not to exceed Act 1 index, associated resolutions for establishment of capital reserve fund, transfer of money from General to the Capital Fund and the annual assignment of fund balance, the audit report presentation, an internal audit report for the Borough of Greenville Tax Collector, and finally tax exonerations from Sugar Grove and Greenville Borough.
- Mr. Rossi inquired about the cost of the proposed placement of a water cooler in lieu of replacing the recessed water fountain.

Legislative Committee report by Mrs. Reames.

- Spoke with Senator Michelle Brooks' office to express our desire to have a meeting with Michelle and also our state representatives requesting that they be the contact point for meeting. Also spoke with Tony Miller at the Career Center to reaffirm that they would host this meeting. A response from Senator Brooks' office indicated they are in the process of contacting the representatives and we should not expect to hear from them until at least January of 2020 if that meeting will be established.
- Mr. Webber noted that he has spoke with other Districts and they all expressed their interest in the meeting as well.
- Highlighted a wonderful program honoring local veterans at the school this past Monday. Representative Longietti attended and subsequent to the event toured the Gateways room to show off the work that has been done through donations of community members and the Foundation. Projects like this can only happen with additional funds and it was expressed how lucky Greenville is to have such wonderful community support.

Mercer County Career Center report by Mr. Webber.

- Reviewed the roof replacement project and noted they are exploring some alternative options that could provide significant savings.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit report from Mr. Rossi.

- In the process of reevaluating the evaluative tool for the Director. A committee of three has been selected to try to match the tool to the goals and objectives to make it more compatible.

Negotiations Committee had no report from Mr. Webber.

Policy Committee had no report by Mrs. Reames as they will meet next week.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Webber reviewed the additional action items as follows:

- Elementary ADA Playground Equipment Purchase as previously discussed.
- Permission to bid roof sections K,M, and J that are deemed the most in need of attention.
- Substitute and volunteer list additions which will be discussed in Executive Session.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES

Mr. Tokar noted that Dr. Keeling has made in safe to Harrisburg for Board of Education Meetings.

Mr. Karpinski discussed that the High School is currently in the midst of "No Shave November". This is a fundraiser where all proceeds go to Reason for the Season to assist needy children at Christmas. Reviewed Veterans Day Assembly success as previously noted. Discussed upcoming events including the junior high play this upcoming weekend, following weekend will be the fall one act, next weekend the Band will perform in the Hermitage Light Up Parade. Thanksgiving Day at High School will be the 14th annual turkey bowl, and on the 29th of November will be the Alumni basketball game.

Mr. Dieter noted the Elementary Veterans Day assembly and the student's appreciation for such an event. Informed of upcoming band and choir concerts that are open to everyone as well as first grade Christmas performances on the 18th. Informed this week that second graders will be recognized on Channel 33 for a video submitted of the students saying the pledge of the allegiance.

Mr. Stonebraker discussed parents' conferences that were held this past week. Additionally, he reviewed Literacy Night which included students from Thiel College.

Mrs. Timashenka noted that our Special Education Compliance Monitoring concluded today and we were informed it was very comprehensive and very well done by the monitor. Specifically, we were complimented on the involvement of our parents in completing their paper surveys. Mrs. Timashenka thanked the Teachers and Administration for their support with the monitoring.

Mr. Webber asked if there was a way for us to monitor the percentage of parents that attend the open house; specifically, the conferences. Mr. Dieter noted that they will discuss with the teachers and report back.

Mr. Webber congratulated Mr. Powers on winning the recent election.

Mr. Rossi commented on the winter concert for the band and choir recognizing Mrs. Demarest on her excellence with the choir. Additionally, wanted to report our selection for High School Band Director is proving very successful expressing his pleasure with the musical selections and overall presentation of band.

Mr. Karpinski added that their will be a pep band at two home boys and two home girls basketball games.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:02 p.m., the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Brandon Mirizio
Board Secretary