
MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for a work session on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Lecture Hall. The following members were present: Charles Demarest, John Forbes, Lisa Holm, Steve Lewis, Laura Leskovac, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi, Howard Scott and President Dennis Webber.

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

Teachers present: One (1)
Visitors present: Five (5)
News media present: One (1)

1. No report from the Activities Committee. Dr. Hogue informed the board that the 7th Grade Happening will return to the GHS schedule of events.
2. Mr. Forbes gave an overview of the items discussed and the recommendations from the Athletics Committee meeting.
 - Approval of a Soccer Team
 - Intramural Track and Field Program and Memo of Agreement with GEA
 - Basketball Bids
 - Pole Vault Mat Storage
3. Mr. Demarest reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from the September 14 meeting.
 - Resolution authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt for capital improvements. – Clif Pastel, Dinsmore & Shoh, LLP/via telephone Lou Verdelli, RBC Capital Markets, LLC.
 - Spending and Income review
 - State Budget Impasse, PSERS payment & line of credit
4. Mrs. Reames did not have anything new for the Legislative Report at this time.
5. Mr. Webber informed the board that the Mercer County Career Center Report has increased its substitute pay and is currently negotiating a new contract with the professional staff. Rachel Martin is pursuing leads for new adult education program.
6. Mr. Rossi did not have anything to present from the Midwestern Intermediate Unit 4.
7. Mr. Webber announced that Negotiations with GEA are ongoing.

8. Mrs. Reames reviewed the Policy Committee's draft policies.
 - 214 Class Rank
 - 239 International Students
 - 004.1 Nepotism
9. Considered PSBA Officers. . *PSBA endorsed as high qualified.
 - President-Elect
Mark B. Miller*, Centennial SD (Bucks Co.)
Mary Birks*, Mt. Lebanon SD (Allegheny Co.)
 - Vice President
John Love, Muhlenberg Twp. SD (Berks Co.)
Robert Schwartz*, Wallenpaupack Area SD (Pike Co.)
Michael Faccinetto*, Bethlehem Area SD (Northampton Co.)
10. Received Hempfield Fire Department's Use of Facility request.
11. Discussed the Lakeland Advertising Agreement prepared by MAIELLO BRUNGO & MAIELLO, LLO
12. Considered the 2015-2016 Transportation Change Request from Frye, Inc.
13. Received a Naming Rights Proposal.
14. Received documents related to the district construction projects.
 - Owner and Architect Agreement submitted by HHSDR, Inc.
 - Hempfield ES – Greenville Area School District 20 Yr Variance request
 - Soils Engineering Services & Geotechnical proposal – High School & Hempfield
15. Discussed a proposal prepared by The Garland Company concerning the 70's wing roof at Hempfield Elementary School.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Ferrara announced a celebration is scheduled for September 25 when the first home football game will be played on the new turf field.

Dr. Hogue and Mr. Tokar discussed open house, PSSA scores and professional development activities at GHS.

Mrs. Timashenka reviewed the writing cohort conference that she and three teachers recently attended in Harrisburg.

Mr. Dieter reviewed the elementary open house schedule.

Ms. Hibbard discussed the new networking infrastructure and how Erate funding saved the district \$90,000.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distributed August Board Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None

At 10:20 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and contract issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.


Michele A. Orahood
Board Secretary