

## MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for the Board Workshop on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 7:04 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Greenville High School. The following members were present: Brad Gosser, Lisa Holm, John Forbes, John O'Malley, Mary Reames, Richard Rossi and President Dennis Webber. Absent: Charles Demarest and Evan Gruver

Others present: Mark Ferrara, Superintendent  
Michele A. Orahoad, Board Secretary  
Connie S. Timashenka, Hempfield Elementary Principal/  
Special Education Supervisor  
Brian S. Bronson, East Elementary Principal  
Brian S. Tokar, Assistant High School Principal  
Jodi Hibbard, Technology Technician

Staff present: None  
Visitors: Four (4)  
Press: One (1)

Mr. Webber led the board and visitors in observing the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11 honoring those who perished in the terrorist attacks.

1. Mr. Webber announced the exit conference with the State Auditors was conducted on Friday, September 6, 2013 to review their findings. Mr. Ferrara is pleased to report that the District had a successful audit with no findings.
2. Scheduled a board member group picture for October 21, 2013.
3. Heard a presentation from Valerie Laufenberg, Executive Director, Americans for the Competitive Enterprise System Inc. concerning the PA Business Week program scheduled to begin on October 21.
4. Mrs. Reames reviewed changes to Policy No. 201 – PUPILS relating to age requirements for the admission of students to first grade and kindergarten.
5. Mr. Demarest's Activities Committee report will be presented on Monday.
  - Revised 2013-2014 Activities Sponsor List
6. Mr. Forbes gave an overview of items discussed and the recommendations from the Athletics Committee meeting held on September 4.
  - Reviewed sports cooperative agreement which is currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2 year cycle. Agreed to notify PIAA by September 15 that the Football cooperative would be dropped. Considered sharing expenses of the soccer program with Commodore Perry. Discussed other prospects to continue the baseball program.
  - ATS (Athletic Training Student) Contract with Slippery Rock University
  - Revised 2013-2014 Fall Sports Coaching List
  - Resignations – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coaches
  - Athletic Training Student Volunteers
  - Employment - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coaches
  - Received a copy of the Title IX report

- Discussed repair work needed to the pole vault pit area
  - Received a request from a parent concerning PIAA gymnastics
7. Ms. Holm reviewed the Budget Committee agenda from September 9.
    - Act 1 Timeline & unofficial Index for 2014-15
    - Mercer County Gas Consortium update
    - Transportation Software
    - Capital Improvement Plan
  8. Mr. Webber reported the Mercer County Career Center's enrollment exceeded 500 students for the start of the school year. A \$75 per day substitute rate has been approved for 2014-15. Due to unfavorable changes in the bond market, the refunding transaction has been tabled at this time.
  9. Mr. O'Malley announced that a meeting with Larry Haynes, Shenango Valley Foundation took place on Tuesday, September 3 to discuss alumni fundraising opportunities. It was suggested that a board be established with both community and board members to oversee the foundation.
  10. Received a thank you letter from Dr. Frank Stratiff.
  11. Sent letters of appreciation to Mr. O'Malley, Dr. Perry and Pizza Joes, Mercer, PA for their recent donations.
  12. Received an Audit Report – Borough of Greenville Receiver of Earned Income Taxes 2010, 2011
  13. Mr. Gosser proposed a 10 year KOEZ Agreement which would allow tax abatement on improvements to a 25 acre parcel of land located in Hempfield Township.
  14. Considered a Facilities Use Request for Girl Scout Registration on Wednesday, September 25.
  15. Discussed the voting procedure for PSBA officer elections and student art contest that takes place at the annual conference in October.
  16. Mr. Tokar reviewed the 2014-15 Independent Studies and course sections with less than 10 students

### **TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Gosser announced the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Celebrate Greenville Successes! on September 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the Glen Johnson Community Center.

Mr. O'Malley suggested that the board focus on Dream Greenville and resume brainstorming meetings.

Mr. Webber announced a vacancy on the MIU IV board which Mr. Rossi has expressed an interest in.

## HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

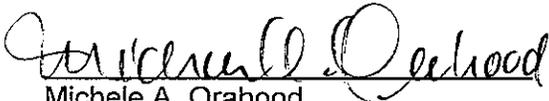
## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distributed August 19, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes, August Financial Reports, Board & Administrator – September 2013, Special Ed Department Meeting – Friday, August 30, 2013, Hempfield Highlights, 2013-2014 Academic Monthly Planner.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 8:56 p.m. the board adjourned to Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

  
Michele A. Orahood  
Business Manager