

**MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD APRIL 17, 2024**

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for their Work Session on Wednesday April 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Russell Chace, Kylee Lewis, Steve Lewis, Lori Warr Madura, Kim Ohr, Lawrence (Rick) Powers, David Silvestri, and President Rick Rossi. The following member was excused: Laura Leskovac.

Others present:            Brian S. Tokar, Superintendent  
                                 Brandon Mirizio, Board Secretary/Business Manager  
                                 Matthew Dieter, Director of Educational Services  
                                 Heather Hawkins, GES Principal  
                                 Dr. Jeffrey Keeling, GHS Principal  
                                 Mark Karpinski, GHS Assistant Principal  
                                 Beth Schaller, GES Assistant Principal/K-12 Special Education Supervisor

Teachers present:            None (0)  
Visitors present:            Three (3)  
Media present:                One (1)

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Rossi opened the meeting thanking Mrs. Leskovac for chairing meetings the past few months while his attendance was via phone.

Mr. Tokar reviewed a school safety training recently attended at the MIU IV noting that from the policy side of school safety we are fortunate to work with PSBA to ensure we stay up to date and in line with those guidelines.

Mr. Tokar distributed the Spring 2024 Alumni Newsletter thanking the High School ELA staff who have led this initiative.

Mr. Tokar presented board minutes, financial reports and bills for payment.

**BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS**

Mrs. Madura had no report for the Activities Committee.

Mr. Silvestri report for the Athletics Committee.

- Reviewed items discussed at the April 10, 2024 meeting that included winter coaches post season interviews as well as athletic budget discussions.
- Presented a possible action item related to a software proposal agreement for FinalForms.

Mr. Powers report for the Budget & Finance Committee.

- Reviewed items discussed at the March 25, 2024 & April 15, 2024 meetings related to budget items.
- Presented possible action items related to Occupational & Per Capita Tax Exoneration Requests, general, art, paper & custodial bid awards as well as a software proposal for BoardDocs.

Mrs. Lewis had no report for the Legislative Committee.

- Mr. Rossi highlighted legislation related to the number of hours and days required for student instruction, noting that currently we are providing our students total instructional time that exceeds the minimum requirement.

Mr. Silvestri report for the Mercer County Career Center.

- Reviewed meeting from March 26<sup>th</sup> that included discussions on graduation ceremonies, exploration of aspiring teacher program as well as approved the CC's Induction Plan. Additionally, Mr. Silvestri provided a reminder that the meeting Monday is being held at the Career Center.

Mr. Rossi report for the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV.

- Provided a reminder of the MIU annual convention and encouraged any Board members interested in attending to contact Mr. Tokar.

Mr. Rossi had no report for the Negotiations Committee.

Mr. Mirizio report for the Policy Committee.

- Reviewed discussion items from the April 17, 2024 meeting that included a possible crowdfunding policy and future updates to the school affiliated handbook.
- Presented possible action items related to an update to #626 Procurement Attachment, #828 Fraud, #819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention & Response as well as #903 Public Participation in Board Meetings.

### **ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Tokar presented possible action items related to the 2024/2025 School Calendar, a membership renewal with PSBA, 2024/2025 technology purchases from Dell Technologies, linkage agreement with Community Counseling Center of Mercer County, an amendment to the behavioral health services agreement for Chill Mobile, intergovernmental agreement with MIU IV for 2024/2025, security services renewal agreement with Woodring, an engineering services proposal with Wallace Panther Group, Packard Park quote from DuraEdge, GES Summer Academy proposal, a small games of chance license for Girls Soccer Boosters, homebound instruction and facility use requests on Sunday and more than five days in a month. Mr. Tokar noted that personnel related items will be reviewed in executive session at the conclusion of the meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Ms. Hawkins highlighted PSSA's starting next week for students as well as the final round of Chill Mobile visiting the elementary. Additionally, Ms. Hawkins provided an update on the ongoing interview process for vacancies.

Ms. Schaller announced that over 70 students are already fully registered for Kindergarten noting that screening will begin next week. Ms. Schaller provided an update on special education interviews as well as the District's acceptance into the PATTAN Applied Behavioral Analysis Program for which staff will be attending in coming months.

Dr. Keeling provided an update on "Workforce Wednesday" inquiries that they have received from community businesses that would like to be involved noting that the PA Game Commission will be presenting at an upcoming program. Dr. Keeling discussed a pilot program they are exploring for

an online student hall pass request system for possible full implementation. In conclusion, Dr. Keeling reviewed the High School interview process.

Mr. Karpinski distributed a listing of upcoming events for April and May as well as provided an update on spring sports. In conclusion, Mr. Karpinski reviewed academic ISS numbers noting that 39 students entered the program with 70% seeing an increase in their grades.

Mr. Dieter discussed his ongoing efforts in professional development planning in coordination with staff survey results recently completed by staff. In conclusion, Mr. Dieter reviewed a recent training he attended centered on Artificial Intelligence noting that things continue to develop very fast in the industry and there will need to be more time spent on related issues in the future.

**TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS**

None.

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and receiving information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



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Brandon Mirizio  
Board Secretary