

MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD MARCH 13, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for their Work Session on Wednesday March 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Russell Chace, Steve Lewis, Lori Warr Madura, Kim Ohr, Lawrence (Rick) Powers, David Silvestri, and President Rick Rossi (via telephone). The following members were excused: Laura Leskovac and Kylee Lewis.

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Tokar provided a reminder that the April 22nd Board Regular Meeting set to begin at 6:30 p.m. will be held at the Mercer County Career Center.

Mr. Tokar presented Board Minutes, Financial Reports and Bills for Payment.

BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

Mrs. Madura – Activities Committee had no report.

Mr. Silvestri – Athletics Committee

- Reviewed the committee meeting from March 6, 2024 and presented the following possible action items: baseball sports supply requests and a service contract renewal for athletic training services.
- Mr. Tokar further discussed the athletic training contract renewal with UPMC for two additional years.

Mr. Powers – Budget & Finance Committee

- Reviewed the committee meeting from March 11, 2024 and presented the following possible action items: An acceptance of service for a judicial sale, per capita & occupational tax exoneration request from Berkheimer as well as a PCCD grant purchase related to a security camera server replacement with MobilCom.

Mrs. Lewis - Legislative Committee had no report.

Mr. Silvestri - Mercer County Career Center

- Reviewed the Career Center meeting from February 27, 2024 and presented the possible action item: The Career Center 2024/2025 General Fund Budget.
- Mr. Tokar further discussed the proposed Career Center budget detailing how contributing District's tuition payments are calculated based on a 3-year rolling average of their program enrollments.

Mr. Rossi - Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV

- Presented the following possible action items: The MIU IV 2024/2025 General Operating Budget as well as indicating his desire for the Board to consider a resolution to nominate him for consideration to be re-elected to a new term to serve on the MIU IV board.

Mr. Rossi - Negotiations Committee

Mrs. Leskovac - Policy Committee

- Mr. Tokar reviewed the committee meeting from February 14, 2024 and presented the following possible action items: Second Reading #815 Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources, Second Reading #200 Enrollment of Students, Second Reading #202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students, Second Reading #217 Graduation, Second Reading #254 Educational Opportunity for Military Children and Second Reading #810 Transportation.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Tokar noted 2nd Semester Field Trip Requests were given to the Board for informational purposes. Additionally, Mr. Tokar presented the following possible action items: a services contract for Special Education Programs & Services at New Horizons North with Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit, a Notice of Adoption of Approved LEA Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds for 2024/2025 funding years for MIU IV passthrough funds, rates from AC Schools Inc for an aide to be placed on a school van, an Engineering Services Proposal from Wallace Pancher Group for the paving of the Field House parking lot and an Engagement Letter for labor related legal services with Knox McLaughin Gornall & Sennett, P.C.. Additionally, Mr. Tokar noted volunteer listing adjustments and a variety of personnel related items will be further discussed in executive session.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Dieter provided an update on the District's use of the newly implemented IXL assessment software and further explained how it is being utilized by both students and teachers. Additionally, he discussed a recent professional development opportunity that certain staff participated in related to the program.

Ms. Schaller highlighted Early Intervention transition meetings that have been conducted as well as noting state assessment testing dates have been set. In conclusion, she announced that Special Games events are being planned and will be held at Sharon School District.

Ms. Hawkins discussed One School One Book activities that have begun and are ongoing with elementary students and families. Additionally, she noted staff conducted a PBIS staff survey last week as well as planned coordination with the MIU to review and plan for goals for next year. In conclusion, Ms. Hawkins shared that submitted Kindergarten enrollment packets total forty-six (46).

Mr. Tokar provided an update on behalf of Dr. Keeling noting that course selections for next school year for students currently in grades 8-11 will begin next week. Preparations for state exams are ongoing and staff members have reported positive results through IXL software. Additionally, thanks were provided to the GASD Educational Foundation related to the recent teacher grant awarded to Dr. Williams and Mrs. Calleja. Their students are tracking the progress of former Greenville graduate, Ben Good, in the Iditarod. Lastly, GHS senior Giulianna Hartsell was acknowledged for qualifying for state chorus, one of only fifteen to qualify from PMEA District 5.

Mr. Karpinski offered additional comments on the preparations being undertaken for the upcoming state assessment exams. Mr. Karpinski congratulated GHS wrestlers: Teague Calvin (8th), Madilyn Enterline (2nd), Kelley Enterline (5th) and Joe Peterson (qualifier) on their recent success at the state tournament. In conclusion, distributed a listing of upcoming event.

Mr. Tokar added that the calendar committee met yesterday; however, that specific item will not be brought to the board until next month as efforts are made to solidify some professional development days for the staff.

TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel related items and receiving information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Brandon Mirizio
Board Secretary