

**MINUTES OF BOARD WORK SESSION HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Area School District met for their Work Session on Wednesday November 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of Greenville High School. The following members were present: Russell Chace, John Forbes, Lawrence (Rick) Powers, Mary Reames, Rob Robertson, and Vice-President David Silvestri. The following members were excused: Steve Lewis, Rick Rossi and Laura Leskovac.

Others present:        Brian S. Tokar, Superintendent  
                              Brandon Mirizio, Board Secretary/Business Manager  
                              Matt 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:        One (1)  
Visitors present:        Three (3)  
Media present:            One (1)

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Tokar introduced representatives from Black Bashor & Porsch, LLP who presented their independent audit reports for the Greenville Area School District for the year end June 30, 2023.

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

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Activities Committee had no report.

- Mr. Tokar reviewed possible action item related to additional 2023/2024 field trip requests.

Athletics Committee report by Mr. Silvestri for the November 8, 2023 meeting:

- Reviewed informational and discussion items related to fall coaches exit interviews, winter sports previews and PIAA enrollment numbers.
- Presented possible action items related to Wrestling supply requests as well as updates to the Coaches list that will be further discussed in executive session.

Budget & Finance Committee report by Mr. Tokar for the November 13, 2023 meeting:

- Mr. Tokar further discussed possible action items related to June 30, 2023 budget transfers, fund balance designations and the independent auditor's reports as well as the resolution not to exceed the 2024/2025 index.
- Mr. Mirizio presented 2024 CM Regent insurance renewals as well as a proposal for Act 80 comparison services by BerkOne.
- Mr. Tokar further presented possible action items related to a dental insurance renewal proposal with Delta Dental, a real estate tax refund request, a repository tax sale approval request, Per Capita & Occupational Tax exoneration requests by Berkheimer, a maintenance truck replacement purchase, a van purchase with ACCESS funds, ARP learning loss purchase of IXL software, authorization to dispose of the recently retired band trailer, the postage

meter lease renewal, a roof repairs/maintenance proposal by McCreary, a roof repairs/maintenance project management proposal through Roof Consulting Services and a topographic & partial boundary surveying proposal.

Legislative Committee had no report.

Mercer County Career Center report by Mr. Silvestri:

- Reviewed current enrollments, acknowledged the celebration of their 50-year anniversary, discussed upcoming tours available, and gave a highlight on programs.

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV had no report.

Negotiations Committee report by Mr. Tokar:

- Mr. Tokar announced the Board will be looking to contract with Mark Wassel, of Knox Law Firm to assist in upcoming teacher union contract negotiations.

Policy Committee by Mrs. Reames for the October 25, 2023 meeting:

- Presented possible action items related to second readings of policies #005 Organization, #006 Meeting, #216.1 Supplemental Discipline Records, and #251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care & Other Educational Instability.

#### **ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Tokar presented additional possible action items related to the 2024 GES After-school tutoring program proposal with ARP ESSER funding, a facility-use request on a Sunday prior to 1p.m. and a service agreement with Crossroads, Inc. Mr. Tokar noted that a homebound instruction request and personnel adjustments will be reviewed in executive session.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Ms. Schaller announced an emotional support dog was recently brought into the Elementary school as well as work being recently conducted with Colleen DeJulia on SEL curriculum and programming ideas.

Ms. Hawkins highlighted recent PTO events, discussed fire safety programming, Red Ribbon Week and parent teacher conferences that were very well attended.

Mr. Dieter reviewed recent in-service activities that were conducted at the High School building as well as a possible action item related to expanding training opportunities through our current online module with Vector that will be funded with ARP ESSER professional development funds.

Dr. Keeling discussed recent Veteran's Day celebrations held at GHS and provided an update on theater/drama productions.

Mr. Karpinski distributed a listing of upcoming events as well as highlighted the start of Winter sports.

Mr. Tokar updated everyone on the GASD Educational Foundation Teacher Grant Program noting that the deadline for applications was today. Additionally, Mr. Tokar noted that Monday will mark the last meeting attended by our outgoing board members and announced plans for them to be recognized.

**TOPICS REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Forbes acknowledged and thanked district staff for their work resulting in clean audit reports.

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:28p.m. to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel related items.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.



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Brandon Mirizio  
Board Secretary