

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library

Call to Order/Roll Call

President Woeltje called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Mr. Biroshik, Mr. Cheffer, Mr. Cooke (arrived at 6:13 P.M.), Mr. Grako, Mrs. Linton, and Mrs. Ricca (arrived at 6:02 P.M.)

Administration present: Dr. Myers, Mrs. Mascal, Mr. McGurk, Mr. Holmes and Ms. Freeman, Board of Education Secretary

Board Salutes

Dr. Myers thanked everyone who helped with the recent Foundation Trivia Night fundraiser.

President Woeltje recognized Mr. Tom Rice for his long-time service and dedication to the band and bowling students.

Mr. Biroshik complimented the students, parents, fans and the players at last month's Streator vs. Woodland basketball game.

Introduce Students of the Month

Mrs. Mascal introduced and recognized the nine January Students of the Month and presented each with a certificate.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Ricca, seconded by Linton, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, December 14, 2010, and the minutes of the special meeting of Thursday, December 30, 2010. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Public Comment

None

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Cooke, seconded by Cheffer, to approve all items as recommended under Financial Reports in the Tuesday, January 18, 2011, Board Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

A. Approve the December 2010 Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report

B. Approve the January 2011 Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- New Course Proposals for 2011-2012 – Ms. Knuffman – Freshman RTI, Mr. Evans – Advanced Placement Physics C: Mechanics and Mr. Peterson – Creative Web Development each presented an overview on how the course will improve academics at STHS. Dr. Myers recommended approving these courses along with Foundations of Technology and the Streator Alternative Distance Learning Program.
- Substitute and Unemployment Follow-up – All substitute teachers, including retired teachers, are paid \$115 per day for days one through ten and \$178.06 for days eleven through thirty. Dr. Myers discussed the unemployment costs for 2009 and 2010.
- Donation – Dr. Myers recommended the Board approve a \$2,000 donation from the Friends of Streator Football and the request to have it placed in the football activity account.

Principal –

- First Semester Academic Highlights – Mrs. Mascal spoke on the accomplishments of corrective action initiatives, Project CRISS (professional development), Study Island, adoption of the five new courses, poverty training, development of teacher leaders, and staff development for paraprofessionals.
- Second Semester Class Size Update – Mrs. Mascal reported that all class sizes are at thirty students and under, with the exception of Health & Fitness and P.E. classes which are slightly over thirty students. Study halls range between five and twenty-four students.

Assistant Principal –

- Attendance & Final Exams – Mr. McGurk reported the Average Daily Attendance is down compared to the last four years. Attendance incentive results for the first semester of 2010-2011 have increased since the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year. Based on the number of days students miss and maintain a grade of at least a B-, students can receive full or partial exemption from final exams.
- Truancy Board – Students on the truancy list are down 7%; medical extensions are down 7%; students receiving truancy tickets is down 37%; students issued truancy contracts is down 30%; and students completing truancy contracts is up 20%.
- Rtl Interventions – Mr. McGurk explained tier one, tier two and tier three interventions and how they vary. Under Tier one academic help is available to all students, Tier Two for specific students and Tier 3 for individual students.

Assistant Principal/Dean of Students –

- Discipline Review – Students are allowed to use cell phones during lunch in the commons. Students now have the option of serving detentions during the lunch period referred to as “Lunch Detentions” that has worked out extremely well. The percentage of attendance in Saturday school has increased. Fighting has gone up 3%. The Discipline Committee is reviewing student handbook changes – proposals will be presented at the April board meeting.
- Facility Fee Waiver Requests – Mr. Holmes recommended the Board approve the facility fee waiver requests for the Streator Girls’ Traveling Softball and Streator 7th and 8th Grade Basketball Leagues for use of the school’s gymnasium during second semester. No maintenance or custodial charges are required for the girls’ traveling softball since Mr. McGurk and Mr. Holmes will be there. The district will pick up the charges for the basketball leagues as was done last year.

Executive Session

MOTION by Cooke, seconded by Cheffer, to go into Executive Session as per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity; and as per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21) for the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; and as per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) for collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. TIME: 7:43 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Cheffer, seconded by Cooke, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 8:31 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Executive Session

None

Old Business

None

New Business

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Cheffer, to approve Marisa Novotney as full-time secretary to the Principal and Athletic Director (starting approximately 6/15/11). Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Ricca, seconded by Grako, to approve Scott Dresbach as full-time Security/Supervision Monitor for second semester of the 2010-2011 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Ricca, to approve the five new courses for the 2011-2012 school year – Freshman RTI, Advanced Placement Physics C: Mechanics, Creative Web Development, Foundations of Technology, and the Streator Alternative Distance Learning Program. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Cheffer, seconded by Grako, to approve the \$2,000 donation from “Friends of Streator Football”, and the request to have it placed in the football activity account. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**


MOTION by Biroshchik, seconded by Cooke, to approve the facility fee waiver requests from Streator Girls’ Traveling Softball and Streator 7th and 8th Grade Basketball Leagues for use of the school’s gymnasium. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

President’s Prerogative

Board member Mr. Dave Cooke, along with the other members of the Board of Education, discussed when comments can be made once the motion goes up for vote out of an executive session meeting. It was agreed that once the motion is made and seconded, board members are allowed to discuss their comments.

Motion for Adjournment

MOTION by Cheffer, seconded by Linton, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 8:42 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board President



Mr. Steve Biroshchik, Board Secretary