

# **STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL**

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library

## **Call to Order/Roll Call**

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

Board members present: Mr. Biroshik, Mr. Cherveney, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Darrow, Mr. Grako, and Mrs. Linton

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

## **Board Salutes**

Mr. Darrow praised the staff at the YMCA for their extra efforts in helping out with the summer band camp.

Dr. Myers thanked Mr. McGurk and everyone involved with the Alumni Baseball Game Foundation Fundraiser which raised \$2,000.

Dr. Myers thanked all of the LaSalle County Board members for their unified efforts in helping to pass the Solar Energy Project.

## **Introduce New Staff – Mrs. Mascal**

Mrs. Mascal introduced the district's new faculty members for the 2011-2012 school year.

- Mr. Adam Bialon – F-T Special Education Teacher & Volunteer Assistant Football Coach
- Mrs. Catherine Cole – F-T Special Education Teacher
- Ms. Eleanor Dooley – F-T Family & Consumer Science Teacher
- Mr. Paul McKee – F-T Industrial Technology (Auto) Teacher
- Mrs. Linda Papenburg – Home Tutoring Teacher
- Ms. Dawn Price – F-T Family & Consumer Science Teacher
- Mrs. Crystal Robart – F-T Special Education Teacher
- Mrs. Erika Rock – Director of Special Education
- Mr. John Sandoval – F-T Math Teacher
- Mr. Nick Shaner – F-T Agriculture/Welding Teacher

## **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** by Linton, seconded by Darrow, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Approval of Financial Reports**

**MOTION** by Grako, seconded by Cooke, to approve all items as recommended under Financial Reports in the Tuesday, August 16, 2011 Board Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the July 2011 Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the August 2011 Bills
- C. Review 2011-2012 Updated Tentative Budget – Dr. Myers summarized the tentative budget projections for revenue and expenses. All schools were notified that they will not receive the final General State Aid payment in June of 2012. The General State Aid for STHS will decrease by \$153,697. The public hearing on the budget will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 5:45 P.M. in the STHS library, with the regular meeting to follow at 6:00 P.M.

## **Administrative Reports**

Superintendent:

- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) 2010-2011 – Dr. Myers reported that STHS did not meet the 88.5% that students are to meet or exceed on the PSAT test. Since STHS did not meet the expectation, a letter was sent to all families

informing them of the results. Our scores decreased on average 5% to 6% in reading and mathematics from the 2010 scores. STHS also did not make the AYP graduation rate. The area high schools reported similar results.

- Special Transportation – Dr. Myers recommended the Board approve Personal Touch, Inc., to serve as one of the two routes for transportation service for two students who have IEP's. IL Central School Bus would serve as the other route since they agreed to lower their rates.
- Health Insurance Update – The increase is .9% for the 2011-2012 school year. Since the increase will not exceed 10%, the Board will assume responsibility as per the current contract language. Dr. Myers recommended the Board remain with Blue Cross & Blue Shield.
- Ramza Insurance Renewal – Dr. Myers recommended the Board approve the liability insurance packet renewal with Ramza Insurance Group for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Board Goal Setting – A Special Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. in the STHS Library, with Mr. Dean Langdon, IASB Field Service Director

Principal:

- School Improvement Goals for 2011-2012 – The message statement, "We want every student at SHS to be known and cared for", has been shared with the staff. Mrs. Mascall discussed the additional goals that will be focused on this year as part of the Corrective Action Plan.
- Professional Development Focus for 2011-2012 – Mrs. Mascall reported that Mrs. Tiffany Park and Mr. Robb Watson have become certified trainers in Project CRISS (Creating Independence through Student Owned Strategies), and also, Ms. Erin Knuffman and Ms. Staci Sheldon (moved out of state in July) became trainers in Understanding the Frameworks of Poverty Strategies. Another teacher will be trained to continue where Ms. Sheldon left off. Both groups will train small groups of staff at the monthly 11:45 a.m. student dismissal dates.

Assistant Principal/Dean of Students:

- Distance Learning Fee for 2011-2012 – Mr. Holmes recommended a tuition fee charge of \$50 per course. The start date for Distance Learning is September 6, 2011.

### Old Business

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by Linton, to approve all items as recommended under Old Business in the Tuesday, August 16, 2011 Board Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve IASB Board Training Workshop for Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 5:30 P.M. in the STHS Library

### Executive Session

**MOTION** by Cherveney, seconded by Darrow, 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: 7:16 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Cooke, seconded by Darrow, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 7:42 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

### Motions from Executive Session

None

### New Business

**MOTION** by Cherveney, seconded by Cooke, to accept with regrets the resignation of Ms. Laura McCormack, full-time Family & Consumer Science Teacher, for the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Cherveney, seconded by Darrow, to approve the employment of the following for the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Ms. Dawn Price, Full-Time Family & Consumer Science Teacher
- Mr. Jeremy Coley, Full-Time Custodian
- Mr. J.T. Huey, Head Girls' Soccer Coach
- Ms. Erin Knuffman and Ms. Monica Arroyo, Junior Class Sponsor (shared position)
- Mrs. Tiffany Park, S-Club Sponsor
- Mr. Beau Albert, Assistant Baseball Coach
- Mr. Rory Bedeker, Assistant Baseball Coach
- Mr. Scott Dresbach, Assistant Baseball Coach

**MOTION** by Ricca, seconded by Linton, to approve Mrs. Julie Gabehart as a volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Grako, seconded by Darrow, to approve the family medical leave requests for Mrs. Anne Carlson, full-time English teacher, starting approximately September 25, 2011, and return approximately December 5, 2011, along with Mr. Kenny Carlson, full-time Social Studies teacher, starting approximately December 5, 2011 through December 21, 2011. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Cherveney, seconded by Grako, to approve Special Transportation as presented. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Linton, seconded by Darrow, to approve the Health Insurance Plan as presented for 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Biroshik, seconded by Cooke, to approve the Ramza Insurance Group, Inc., package renewal for the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (1 – Mr. Grako) **Motion carried.**

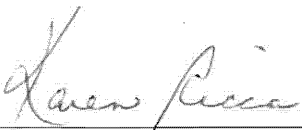
**MOTION** by Linton, seconded by Darrow, to approve the Distance Learning Fee for the 2011-2012 school year as presented. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

#### **President's Prerogative**

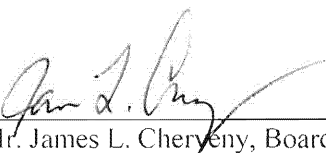
Mr. Biroshik inquired about looking at the cost for renting work uniforms for the custodial staff. Dr. Myers will bring back information to next month's board meeting.

#### **Motion for Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Darrow, seconded by Cooke, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 7:50 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



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Mrs. Karen Ricca, President



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Mr. James L. Cherveney, Board Secretary