

# STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

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

Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

## Call to Order/Roll Call

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

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

Mr. Cooke arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Administration present: Dr. Myers, Mrs. Mascal, Mr. McGurk, Mr. Holmes and Ms. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

## Board Salutes

Mr. Biroschik commended the Band for their First Place performance in Metamora and also commended our two STHS girls for their participation at the Kiwanis event. Ms. Mascal recognized Austin Gass, as well as presented him with a Certificate for his excellence in receiving 7<sup>th</sup> place at the IHSA State Golf Tournament.

Introduce Students of the Month – Mrs. Amy Jo Mascal – Ms. Mascal introduced the Students of the Month.

## Public Comment

Doug Harris, STHS Teacher and Union Representative, commented how great STHS is, as a result of the Administration, Teachers and Staff. He expressed how we all want great things for the students at STHS. As a parent of two children, he really appreciates the Staff at STHS. Doug stated he has also talked with several other Staff members and they feel the same.

Academic Topic – CRISS – T. Park & R. Watson – Ms. Park and Mr. Watson presented a power point presentation on CRISS, Creating Independence (through) Student-Owned Strategies. Both have had various levels of training as well as “hands-on” practice. Both Ms. Park and Mr. Watson are anxious to implement CRISS as it would allow Teachers to easily incorporate active learning strategies into instruction of course content and the students would “own” the strategies, tools and techniques to better understand, organize, and work with content material in all of their classes.

## Approval of Board Minutes – Budget Hearing

**MOTION** by Biroschik, seconded by Darrow, to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing meeting of Tuesday, September 20, 2011. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

## Approval of Board Minutes – Regular

**MOTION** by Darrow, seconded by Grako, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, September 20, 2011. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

## Approval of Financial Reports

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

- a. Approve the September, 2011 Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- b. Approve the October, 2011 Bills

## Administrative Reports

### Superintendent:

- District Audit Report – Gorenz & Associates, Ltd., Peoria – Tim Custis, CPA presented the findings of the 2010-2011 school audit. The Board of Education obtained the goal of 6 months cash on hand. Mr. Custis also presented a detailed summary of the audit as well as illustrations outlining various comparisons. Bottom line is STHS is operating efficiently.
- Investment Update – Dr. Myers contributed that as a result of new legislation, House Bill 2120 passed, districts can now invest public funds with credit unions. His recommendation is to amend the approved list of financial institutions to include Streator Onized Credit Union, which would offer an interest rate of nearly two times the competitor’s rates.

- Drive One 4 Your School Fundraiser Update – Dr. Myers recommended that the \$3,894.00 received by the fundraiser be distributed as follows; \$3,000.00 to the general fund for textbooks to cover excess costs and \$894.00 to the Junior class, the only class to participate in the fundraiser event.
- Triple I Workshop Sessions Update/November 18-20-, 2011 – The Board of Education, Dr. Myers, Amy Jo Mascall, Dave Holmes and Deb Bain will be attending the Triple I Workshop. Dr. Myers presented the list of panel sessions all will attend. Members who attend will provide a summary of the sessions they attend at the December, 2011 Board meeting. Ms. Linton added that the STHS attendees are also presenters at the Workshop.
- 2011 District Report Card – Dr. Myers presented The 2011 Illinois District Report Card analysis listing the various statistics.
- District Evaluators – Dr. Myers recommend the following as Certified District Evaluators: Mrs. Amy Jo Mascall, Mr. Nick McGurk, Mr. Dave Holmes, Mrs. Erika Rock, and Dr. Kevin Myers.
- Security Follow-up – Dr. Myers stated the vandalism investigation is still being conducted. Dr. Myers met with the individuals impacted and all agreed to perform additional security functions at the end of each day.
- Superintendent Evaluation – Dr. Myers presented his performance goals for the next five years. He requested the Board's feedback of his progress to date.
- Administrative Cost Cap – Dr. Myers presented the administrative expenditure analysis for the 2010-2011 school year. STHS has one of the lowest administrative costs for High School only Districts. STHS is in compliance.
- Secretary Generalist Job Description (First Reading) – A first reading was held on this job description, with a second reading and possible board approval at next month's board meeting.
- IASB Board Policy Updates for June, 2011 – Second Reading – Dr. Myers requested the second reading of the IASB Board Policy Updates for June, 2011. There were no changes to the School Board Policy Updates
- Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Job Description – Second Reading – Dr. Myers requested the Second Reading of the Administrative Assistant Job Description and recommended the approval.
- Resolution Supporting LaSalle County Regional Office – Dr. Myers recommended supporting the Resolution.
- Paraprofessional Job Description – (First Reading) – A first reading was held on this job description, with a second reading and possible board approval at next month's board meeting.

#### **Principal:**

- Professional Development Focus for 2011 -2012 – Mrs. Mascall reminded us that teachers would be attending the second session of the Internal Professional Development Training on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. Teachers were assigned one of three trainings.
- Parent Teacher Conferences – Scheduling Through Online PT Conference Wizard. - Mrs. Mascall spoke about the scheduling through the online PT Conference wizard which gives both parents and teachers the capability of viewing and/or scheduling.
- Overnite/Extended Student Trip to Millikin's University 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Literary Festival – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Trip for approval.

#### **Assistant Principal –**

- Paraprofessional Evaluation Tool – Mr. McGurk presented and recommended the use of the Paraprofessional Evaluation Form.

#### **Assistant Principal- Dean of Students –**

- Facility Use Request – Mr. Holmes presented requests for use of the Pop's Dale Gym and The Commons/Auditorium for the IVCC Men's Basketball League and Streator Unlimited, respectively.
- Custodial Job Recommendation – Mr. Holmes recommended the hiring of an additional full time custodian to eventually replace the retiring custodian, Ed Poldek.

#### **Executive Session**

**MOTION by Biroshchik, seconded by Linton, 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. TIME: 7:38 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by Darrow, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 9:12 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

### Motions from Executive Session

**MOTION** by Grako, seconded by Cherveney, to approve the Issuance of a Notice To Remedy to a Certified Employee as Indicated in the Executive Minutes of October 18, 2011. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Cooke, seconded by Biroshchik, to approve the 3 day suspension of a Certified Employee as Indicated in the Executive Minutes of October 18, 2011. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by Cooke, to approve the recommendation of the administration to terminate employee ID#8212001P, as Indicated in the Executive Minutes of October 18, 2011. Ayes (5) Nays (2 (Cherveney and Linton)) **Motion carried.**

### Old Business

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by Grako, to approve the Investment Recommendation as presented in the Tuesday, October 18, 2011 Board Agenda. **Ayes (7) Nays (0) Motion carried**

**MOTION** by Cooke, seconded by Linton, to approve the IASB/PRESS Board Policy Updates for June, 2011 as presented in the Tuesday, October 18, 2011 Board Agenda. **Ayes (7) Nays (0) Motion carried**

**MOTION** by Cherveney, seconded by Biroshchik, to approve the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Job Description as presented in the Tuesday, October 18, 2011 Board Agenda. **Ayes (7) Nays (0) Motion carried**

### New Business

**MOTION** by Linton, seconded by Grako, to accept with regrets the resignation of Rebecca Brandenburg, Science Club Advisor, for the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Linton, seconded by Grako, to approve the employment of Ms. Debra Kinsinger as Science Club Advisor, for the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

**MOTION** by Cherveney, seconded by Linton, to approve the employment of Ms. Devin Leroy as F-T Paraprofessional, for the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by Grako, to approve the District Audit for 2010-2011 from Gorenz & Associates, Ltd. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

**MOTION** by Linton, seconded by Cherveney, to approve the Drive One 4 Your School. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by Linton, to approve the list of District evaluators certified to complete evaluations of Personnel for 2011-2012: Mrs. Amy Jo Mascal, Mr. Nick McGurk, Mr. Dave Holmes, Erika Rock and Dr. Kevin Myers. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by Darrow, to approve the Administrative Cost Cap. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

**MOTION** by Cherveney, seconded by Darrow, to approve the Resolution Supporting LaSalle County Regional Office. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by Cherveney, to approve the Overnight/Extended Student Trip to Millikin University's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Literary Festival. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

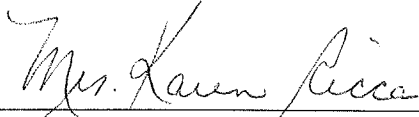
**MOTION** by Grako, seconded by Linton, to approve the Facility Usage Request. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

**MOTION** by Biroshik, seconded by Cooke, to approve the Custodial Job Recommendation. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

**President's Prerogative**

**Adjournment**

MOTION by Cherveney, seconded by Darrow, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 9:30P.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