

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Budget Hearing – Board of Education

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 5:45 P.M. in the STHS Library

Call to Order/Roll Call

President Ricca called the Budget Hearing to order at 5:48 P.M.

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

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

Public Comment

None

Review of Budget

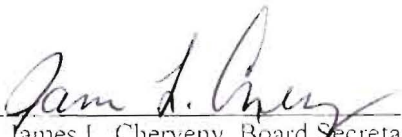
Dr. Myers projected a surplus of \$10,000 of revenue over expenditures for 2011-2012. The 2011-2012 budget reflects a positive balance of \$127,472 which takes into account the decrease in General State Aid and the potential of receiving one mandatory categorical payment. The enrollment numbers for next year is projected to go down which may lead to dipping into reserves for 2012-2013. General State Aid revenue decreased by \$540,658 and the special education cost increased by \$279,681. Dr. Myers will continue to look at revenue and expenditures. Dr. Myers recommended the Board approve the 2011-2012 budget as presented.

Motion to Adjourn

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Cooke, to adjourn from the Budget Hearing. TIME: 5:58 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Mrs. Karen Ricca, President



Mr. James L. Cherveney, Board Secretary

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 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. McGurk, and Ms. Freeman, Board of Education Secretary

Administrator absent: Mr. Holmes

Board Salutes

Dr. Myers received a correspondence complimenting our girls' volleyball team on how polite and courteous they were at a McDonald's. Another correspondence was received by Dr. Myers praising our band members who watched out for their fellow classmate in a wheelchair crossing the street.

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

MOTION by Biroshik, seconded by Cherveney, to go into Executive Session as per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9) for the discussion of Student Disciplinary Cases. TIME: 6:05 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Cherveney, seconded by Cooke, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 6:25 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Executive Session

MOTION by Biroshik, seconded by Cooke, to expel student ID# 2014072 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Academic Topic – Response to Intervention (RtI) – Mrs. Tina O'Brien and Ms. Erin Knuffman presented a power point presentation on their success with RtI students. Mrs. O'Brien and Ms. Knuffman genuine concern and enthusiasm for these students was evident.

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Biroshik, seconded by Cherveney, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, August 16, 2011. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Grako, seconded by Cooke, to approve all items as recommended under Financial Reports in the Tuesday, September 20, 2011 Board Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- a. Approve the August 2011 Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report
- b. Approve the September 2011 Bills
- c. Approve the 2011-2012 School Year Budget

Administrative Reports

Superintendent.

- Investment Options - Mr. Don Harris, Streator National Bank, reviewed investment options that will provide greater security for the district's funds and better interest rates. Dr. Myers recommended the Board approve the investment of STHS funds with Streator National Bank.
- Salary Web Postings - This is an annual requirement per Illinois School Code to post Administrator pay. Dr. Myers recommended posting total creditable earnings of all district employees, effective October 1.
- Application for Recognition of Schools for 2011-2012 - This is an annual requirement per ISBE. Dr. Myers recommended Board approval.

- Solar Energy Abatement Agreement - The district would benefit by entering into the agreement with Invenergy through the mechanisms of the state GSA funding. The district is able to increase its revenue while reducing our property tax burdens. The tentative agreement was approved at the May 17, 2011, Board of Education meeting. Dr. Myers recommended the Board support the Solar Energy project and enter into an agreement with Invenergy.
- Custodian Work Uniform Update – Dr. Myers recommended the purchase of work shirts for our custodians and maintenance staff from Aramark at a cost of \$14.00 a shirt, quantity of 54 shirts, totaling \$756. Custodians will wear their own blue jeans. The custodial staff supports the idea that was proposed by Mr. Biroshchik to better identify custodians working in the school. Mr. Darrow expressed his concern that the expense was unnecessary.
- Triple-I Conference Workshop Sessions/November 18-20, 2011 - Dr. Myers asked the board to choose the workshop sessions they would like to attend and send it to his assistant by Thursday, October 13. The panel selections will be reviewed at next month's board meeting. Those who attend the sessions will provide a brief summary at the December board meeting.
- The Bridge Program – The grant for the program has been approved through December 2011. This is a federally funded grant and it's anticipated that the grant will be approved for the months of January-May 2012. The program allows students to work in the building half of the day providing additional support of our staff while earning a GED. Dr. Myers recommended Board approval.
- Building Committee Update – Mr. Biroshchik, Mr. Marx, Mr. Holmes and Dr. Myers met and prioritized the list of building needs from most to least importance for the next three years. Quarterly updates will be provided to the Building Committee.
- Disposition of District Property – Dr. Myers recommended the Board approve the disposition of industrial technology equipment from the Industrial Technology Department – Wilton Horizontal Band Saw, Sand Muller and Melting Furnace, since they are outdated or no longer in use. Any money raised by the sale of these items will go to the Industrial Technology Department. Mr. Darrow expressed his concerns about safety of selling any damaged equipment.
- Dr. Myers recommended the December board meeting date be changed from Tuesday, December 20, 2011, to Tuesday, December 13, 2011.
- IASB/PRESS Board Policy Updates for June 2011 (First Reading) – Mrs. Ricca reviewed policy updates with the Board – focusing on new policy 5:125, Personal Technology and Social Media: Usage and Conduct. Mrs. Ricca requested that all staff be informed of the new policy. A second reading and possible board approval will take place at next month's board meeting.
- Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Job Description (First Reading) – A first reading was held on the job description, with a second reading and possible board approval at next month's board meeting.

Principal:

- Summer School 2011 Summary and Class Size Report and Comparison – Mr. Brittin – English, math, science and drivers' education were offered for summer school, with a total of 146 students who passed and earned credit. Mr. Brittin mentioned that there is the possibility that there will be an out of district fee schedule next year because of interest in summer school driver's education. Overall, summer was a success. Mr. Brittin reported on Class Size and Comparison based on first day enrollment figures dating back to 2003.
- Mrs. Mascia reviewed the 2012-2013 Course Offering Sheet, along with additions and changes to it.
- Request to Hire Additional Full-Time Paraprofessional Position – Mrs. Erika Rock, Director of Special Education, recommended a one-to-one paraprofessional position be added for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, due to a special education student's needs.

Assistant Principal/Dean of Students –

- Dedication of Building (Board Policy 4:150 Naming or Renaming of School Facilities) – A committee was formed to review naming the Alternative School building and after discussion, the group unanimously recommended Mr. Jack Wilson. Mr. Wilson worked with The Bridge Program for eight years, taught at STHS for 34 years and was golf coach for 28 years. Mr. Wilson had a passion for kids and was a tremendous mentor to those he came in contact with. Mr. Holmes recommended Board approval.

Old Business

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Ricca, to approve all items as recommended under Old Business in the Tuesday, September 20, 2011, Board Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve Solar Energy Agreement with Invenergy as Presented

Executive Session

MOTION by Grako, 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)(2) 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: 8:10 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Darrow, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 8:40 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Executive Session

None

New Business

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Darrow, to accept the resignation of Mr. Dustin Masley, Assistant Softball Coach, for the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

MOTION by Grako, seconded by Cooke, to approve Mrs. Carol Johnston as Full-time Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (6) Nays (1 – Mr. Biroschik) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Linton, to approve Mr. Adam Bialon as Assistant Softball Coach for the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Cherveney, seconded by Grako, to approve Ms. Gwen Yusko as temporary Head Streatorette Coach for first semester of the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Cherveney, to approve Mr. Nick Shaner as FFA Advisor for the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Darrow, to approve Ms. Angela Richards as a family medical leave substitute teacher for Mr. & Mrs. Carlson starting approximately September 25, 2011 through December 21, 2011. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Darrow, to approve Mr. John Sandoval as a volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2011-2012 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Grako, seconded by Darrow, to table the motion regarding approval of the investment recommendation as presented. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Dr. Myers will bring back additional investment options to compare from at next month's board meeting

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Biroschik, to approve the web-posting of Administrator and Teacher Creditable Earnings as per Illinois School Code. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Cherveney, seconded by Grako, to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools for 2011-2012. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Cooke, seconded by Ricca, to approve the custodial work uniform recommendation as presented. Ayes (6) Nays (1 – Mr. Darrow) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Cooke, to approve The Bridge Program as presented. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Cherveney, seconded by Cooke, to approve the Disposition of District Property as presented. Ayes (6) Nays (1 – Mr. Darrow) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Grako, to approve the December Board Meeting change of date from Tuesday, December

20, 2011 to Tuesday, December 13, 2011. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroshik, seconded by Linton, to approve the 2012-2013 Course Offering Sheet. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Cooke, seconded by Darrow, to approve the request to hire an additional full-time Paraprofessional position as presented. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Darrow, to approve the dedication of a building (Board Policy 4:150) as presented. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

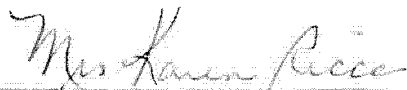
MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Grako, to approve the application for an Overnight/Extended Student Trip as presented. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

President's Prerogative

President Ricca reminded everyone about Drive One 4 Our School this Saturday starting in the school parking lot from 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Mrs. Ricca requested daily intercom announcements be made for the rest of the week and an AlertNow message go out to all families, faculty and staff on Saturday morning regarding this event.

Adjournment

MOTION by Cherveney, seconded by Biroshik, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Mrs. Karen Ricca, President



Mr. James L. Cherveney, Board Secretary