

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library
Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Administrative 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. Darrow, Mrs. Linton, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Ricca and Dr. Woeltje
Board member absent: Mrs. Schuler

Administration present: Dr. Myers, Superintendent and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

Board Salutes

Dr. Myers commended the Streator Fire Department for their professionalism and expedient response to the High School during a major nearby gas leak.

Public Comment

Five persons consisting of community members and STHS students voiced their support to retain the lights at the STHS Tennis Courts. Speakers included, Ms. Laysa Redd, Mr. Logan Chismar, Mr. Tyler McKinnie, Mr. Jacob Knox and Ms. Debbie Baker.

Academic Topic – IMEA – Mr. Tim Karth

Mr. Karth educated the Board regarding the process of the IMEA, Illinois Music Educators Association, and Conference participation. School Bands, Choirs and Orchestras can apply to take part in the IMEA Conference enabling the group to participate along with the best musicians in the Region. Mr. Karth informed the Board, he has applied to take part in the Conference for the past six years and was proud to announce that the STHS Band has recently been accepted to participate in the IMEA Conference this year. Mr. Karth invited the Board, Administration and Community to come and support the STHS Band on the “Big Stage” at the Peoria Civic Center.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Biroschik, to approve the minutes of the Budget Amendment Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 25, 2013. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Linton, seconded by McFadden, to approve all items as recommended under Financial Reports on the Tuesday, July 16, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the June, 2013 Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the July, 2013 Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- Sodexo - Mr. Larry Fullmer, Sodexo District Manager, and Ms. Marilyn Robbins, Sodexo General Manager, reviewed the HHFKA, Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act, and the USDA Federal food guidelines for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Building Survey Results – Mr. Tony Loden, STRBR Senior Consultant, discussed the construction of the 2005 building addition and reviewed his recent evaluation of the roofs and walls. The evaluation was performed to determine priorities for repairs and identify potential structural issues. Mr. Loden’s evaluation reflects major deficiencies in the building construction. Dr. Myers recommended authorization to complete the warrantee(d) work on the building.
- 2013-2014 Tentative Budget – Dr. Myers presented the Board with the tentative budget for the 2013-2014 school year, such draft being a very early edition. The initial 2013-2014 budget reflects a negative balance of \$(1,422,088.00). Dr. Myers explained that many changes in revenue and expenses will occur between July and September. In December of 2012, STHS predicted a decrease of 1.57% in the tax levy dollars. The overall levy dollars decreased .57% for a difference of 1.0% or \$(81,039.00). A final public hearing on the budget will be conducted at the September 17, 2013 Board meeting.

- School Treasurer Bond Renewal – Annually, the STHS Board will review and approve the Treasurer Bond. Dr. Myers recommended STHS continue using the current vendor providing treasurer services to STHS, Accounting, Tax and Business Service.
- Bank Institution Options – Dr. Myers reviewed the findings of exploring additional banking options performed to ensure STHS is receiving the best service and support for their banking needs. Four local institutions were asked to provide information regarding services they provide and answer questions privy to the District's needs. Of the four Banking Institutions contacted, two provided the requested information; First National Bank of Streator and Centruce Bank. Dr. Myers recommended STHS continue to work with Streator National Bank for the Operational banking activity.
- Selection of Depositories – Board Policy 4:30 – The Board reviewed the list of depositories for STHS District #40 as mandated annually through STHS Board Policy 4:30.
- Title I Plan – The Title I Plan is part of STHS's school improvement plan and focuses on improving the Reading and Mathematics abilities of STHS students. The Title I Plan has previously been approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. The Board reviewed the Plan for possible approval.
- Triple I Conference – The Board discussed STHS Board of Education representation at the Triple I Conference.
- Freedom of Information Act – Per School Board Policy 2:250, Dr. Myers notified the Board that a FOIA request was received from Voxitatis Research Foundation on July 9, 2013. The request included information regarding Theatre Musicals performed at STHS during the 2012-2013 school year.
- Destruction of Closed Session Recordings – The Board discussed the destruction of all Closed Session recordings prior to January, 2012.
- Tennis Court Lights – At the May, 2013 BOE meeting, Dr. Myers and the Board discussed the removal of the STHS tennis court lights. The removal of the lights pended feedback from the community. No community feedback regarding the removal of the lights was provided prior to the next Board meeting of June, 2013. Hence, at the June, 2013 Board meeting, Dr. Myers and the Board agreed to remove the lights to save on monthly lighting costs. Days after the June, 2013 Board meeting, community members phoned and wrote letters to the Board and Administration to support keeping the lights intact. During the current Board meeting of July, 2013, the Board discussed once again the removal (or not) of the STHS tennis court lights. Suggestions voiced by the Board included, leaving the lights up until they totally fail, search for replacement bulbs on E-Bay and for the community to voice their concerns to the City of Streator as well. Dr. Myers and the Board concluded with leaving the lights intact while exploring additional options and revisiting the options at the August, 2013 Board meeting.

Principal -

- Spring, 2013 Sports Results – The STHS Board reviewed the 2013, Spring sports results.
- Facility Usage Rental Rates, Fee Structure and Rental Procedures, Board Policy 8:20 – The Board reviewed the Facility Usage Rental Rates, Fee Structure and Rental Procedures as mandated annually through Board Policy 8:20.

Assistant Principal-Dean of Students –

- Appoint STHS Hearing Officer – Mr. Holmes recommended STHS continue to use the services of the current Hearing Officer, Mr. Edward R. Condon.

Closed Session

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Woeltje, to go into Closed Session as per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; and as per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21) for the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, 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)(9) for the discussion of Student Disciplinary Cases and as per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) for the collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees .
 TIME: 7:29 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Darrow, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 7:42 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

None

Old Business

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Woeltje, to approve Streator National Bank as the Banking Institution for STHS's General Funds as recommended. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

New Business

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Linton, to approve all items listed under "New Business" on the July 16, 2013, Board Meeting Agenda with the exception of Item E (Selection of Depositories, etc.). Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

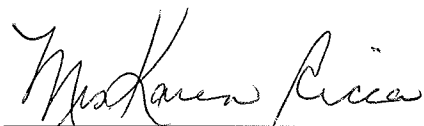
MOTION by Linton, seconded by Woeltje, to approve the Selection of Depositories, Investment Managers, Dealers and Brokers as presented. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (1 – McFadden) **Motion carried.**

President's Prerogative

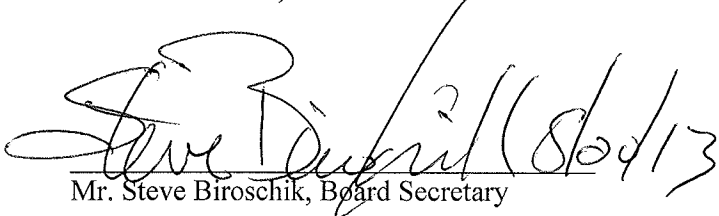
Mr. Biroschik stated he was approached by community member, Mr. James Coonan regarding STHS's welding instruction. Mr. Coonan suggested the STHS Welding Department emphasize on "tig welding" in addition to "stick welding" and has offered to meet with the staff to discuss the possibilities regarding.

Adjourn

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Darrow, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 7:51 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Mrs. Karen Ricca, Board President



Mr. Steve Biroschik, Board Secretary