

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 20, 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. Darrow, Mrs. Linton, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Ricca, Mrs. Schuler and Dr. Woeltje

Board member arriving late: Mr. Biroshik at 6:08 p.m.

Administration present: Dr. Myers, Superintendent, Mrs. Mascal, Principal, Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal and Carol Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

Appoint Temporary Board Secretary

President Ricca appointed Mrs. Schuler as Temporary Board Secretary

Board Salutes

Mrs. Ricca commended and thanked both the Board and Union Negotiating Teams for their fine efforts.

Mrs. Linton commended the summer work crew for a job well done in making the STHS facility look great.

Mrs. Schuler commended Mr. Brittin for his organization of the Drug Policy Committee meeting this date.

Mr. Darrow reported he has experienced comments from the community regarding the efficiency of this year's registration process and commended the staff and all involved regarding.

Mrs. Linton complimented Mr. McGurk regarding attendance statistics.

Dr. Myers also commended Mr. McGurk for the high attendance numbers as the "average daily attendance" is one of two key multipliers for the amount of GSA income the District receives.

Special Recognition – Nick McGurk

Mr. McGurk, 2012-2013 Head Baseball Coach, recognized the 2012-2013 Baseball team for concurring STHS's 1000th baseball game win. Mr. McGurk presented the Board with the winning game ball and a sign recognizing the accomplishment which will be displayed at STHS's baseball field.

Mr. Biroshik Arrived (6:08 p.m.) and commenced his secretary duties.

Introduce New Staff – Mrs. Mascal

Mrs. Mascal introduced the District's new faculty members for the 2013-2014 school year.

- Ms. Andrea Kulik – F-T Science Education Teacher
- Ms. Kearsten Zielinski – F-T Special Education Teacher
- Mr. Dan Hladovcak – P-T (2/5) Career/Tech Education Teacher

Public Comment

None

Academic Topic – District Goals

Dr. Myers updated the Board with the status of the District Goals.

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Darrow, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of Tuesday, July 16, 2013. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Schuler, to approve all items as recommended under Financial Reports in the Tuesday, August 20, 2013, Board Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve the July, 2013 Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report
- Approve the August, 2013 Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- Investments – Vezzetti Capital Management – Mr. Vezzetti of Vezzetti Capital Management, LLC provided the Board with a brief overview of the financial highlights for the fiscal year 2012-2013.
- 2013-2014 Tentative Budget Summary - Dr. Myers reported the initial 2013-2014 budget reflects a 1.06 million dollar deficit. STHS has been informed that the funding of General State Aid will be 88.7%. The next steps include finalizing payroll, lowering the amount of supply expense and estimating the amount of grants applied to salaries. A final budget for the 2013-2014 school year will be presented at the September 17th STHS Board meeting. A final public hearing on the budget will be conducted at 5:45 p.m. on September 17, 2013.
- Tennis Court Lights – Dr. Myers and the Board discussed the list of alternatives for action to the STHS tennis court lights which were developed by input from the community members, electricians, tennis coaches and maintenance staff. The discussion favored leaving the current lights and poles, performing repairs by the STHS maintenance department and replacing all SO cords. Material costs for the project are approximately \$1,130.00.
- Athletes and Activities Analysis – The Board reviewed the cost analysis of the 2012-2013 athletic and activity events which included the cost per participant.
- Health Insurance Update – Blue Cross Blue Shield provided “Spec” sheets reflecting the current insurance plan, the renewal of the current plan and proposed renewal options. The health insurance increase to renew the current plan reflected a 23% increase for the 2013-2014 school year. The Health Insurance Committee recently met to review all of the proposed options. The committee's recommendation is to change the policy plan through Blue Cross Blue Shield. The recommended insurance plan's rate increase would be approximately 8.9%. Employees would consume more out of pocket expense but no increase in premium.
- Ramza Insurance Renewal – Dr. Myers presented the liability insurance coverage specifications provided by Ramza's Insurance Company for the 2013-2014 school year. Dr. Myers recommended the Board renew the liability coverage with a higher deductible to lower the premiums. By raising the deductible to \$10,000 from the previous deductible of \$5,000, the insurance costs will decrease \$15,033.
- FOIA Request - Per School Board Policy 2:250, Dr. Myers notified the STHS Board that a FOIA request had been made. The “Family Taxpayers Foundation” organization submitted a FOIA request to obtain health insurance contribution rates for the district and the employee. STHS provided the requested information.

Principal –

- Facility Fee Waiver Request – Streator Youth Football – Mr. Wargo submitted the Facility Fee Waiver Request for Streator Youth Football and recommended approval.
- 2013-2014 Spring Coaches Recommendation – Mr. Wargo submitted the 2013-2014 Spring Coach recommendations for Board approval.
- Professional Development Focus for 2012-2013 – Mrs. Mascal reviewed the 1st Semester School Improvement Calendar which lists all the prearranged professional development workshops, in-services and meetings scheduled through the end of the first semester.
- Title I – School Wide Overview – Mrs. Mascal reviewed the ten components of the Title I School Wide Plan. Statistics and detailed information regarding Truancy, RTI and Team Structure were also provided and reviewed.

Closed Session

MOTION by Schuler, 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: 7:31 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Linton, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 8:18 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions From Closed Session

MOTION by Biroshchik, seconded by Schuler, to approve the Contract Agreement with the Streator Educational Support Personnel, Local 604, IFT-AFT and the Streator Township High School Board of Education, District #40, for the 2013-2015 school years. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Darrow, to approve the At-Will Compensation and Benefit recommendations for the 2013-2014 school year as follows; Total new monies of \$22,546.48. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Old Business

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Darrow, to approve the 2013-2014 Tentative Budget as Presented. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Darrow, to approve action to the tennis court lights as follows; Leave the current lights and poles, perform repairs by the Maintenance Department to the six lights currently out and replace all SO cords. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

New Business

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Linton, to approve all items listed under "New Business", "Personnel", on the August 20, 2013, Board meeting Agenda with the exception of the following recommendation; Mr. McGurk as 2013-2014 Volunteer Softball Coach. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Darrow, to approve Mr. McGurk as 2013-2014 Volunteer Softball Coach as recommended. Ayes (6) Nays (1-Linton) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Woeltje, to approve the Health Insurance Plan for the 2013-2014 school year as recommended. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by McFadden, to approve the Liability Insurance Package renewal for the 2013-2014 school year as recommended. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Darrow, to approve the Facility Fee Waiver Request for Streator Youth Football as recommended. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

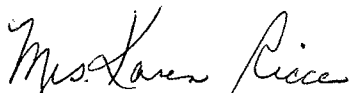
MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Darrow, to approve the School Wide Title I Plan proposal as presented. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

President's Prerogative

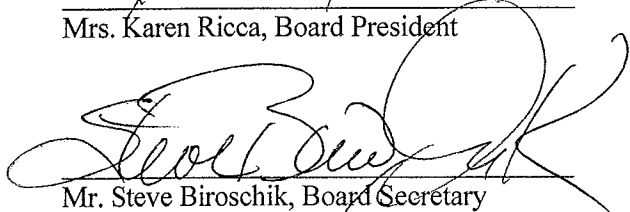
President Ricca recommended the Board attend a "Board Retreat" titled "Board Collaborative Decision Making." Mrs. Ricca recommended using the TEAM's consultants for the retreat.

Motion for Adjournment

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Schuler, to adjourn from the Regular meeting. TIME: 8:29 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Mrs. Karen Ricca, Board President



Mr. Steve Biroshchik, Board Secretary