

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 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. Cooke, Mr. Darrow, Mrs. Linton and Mrs. Schuler

Board member absent: Mr. Grako

Administration present: Dr. Myers, Superintendent, Mrs. Mascal, Principal, Mr. Holmes, Assistant Principal-Dean and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

Board Salutes

Mrs. Ricca commended and thanked Ms. Janice Corrigan, Ms. Ada Hirkala and Ms. Marla Wahl for their hard work and efforts in canvassing the “One-Cent for Children of LaSalle County”

Mrs. Linton commended Mr. Jim Park (SES), Janice Corrigan and her husband for their efforts in canvassing the “One-Cent For Children of LaSalle County” and thanked all those in the community who got out and voted.

Mrs. Linton commended Mr. Karth, Mr. Rice and the SHS Band and Chorus students for their behavior as recognized in Mr. Bob Good’s correspondence. Mr. Good was Tour Director of the SHS Band and Chorus during their trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Biroschik congratulated Mr. Stephen Truchon, SHS swimmer, for his success in competing at Nationals. Mr. Truchon is the first SHS swim athlete to compete at the National level.

Mr. Darrow commended the SHS Administration, Faculty and Staff for their overwhelming presentation for the 8th Grade Preview Night held at SHS.

Mr. Darrow recognized the FFA Advisory Committee for their efforts and for seeing that the SHS FFA is recognized at the State level.

Mr. Biroschik congratulated the FFA Advisory Committee as recipients of the \$5,000.00 Hogs Fighting Hunger Grant.

Mr. Cooke added that community members also addressed him to express how impressed they were with the 8th Grade Preview Night presentation. Mr. Cooke thanked the Administration and all parties involved for their efforts.

Recognize SHS Staff Retiree – Mr. Jim Eccleston

Dr. Myers thanked Mr. Jim Eccleston, Maintenance, for his 20 years of service and contributions to Streator Township High School.

Recognize Board of Education Members – Mr. Dave Cooke & Mr. Charlie Grako

Dr. Myers recognized and thanked Mr. Cooke and Mr. Grako for their many years of volunteer hard work and dedication to Streator Township High School. Mr. Cooke and Mr. Grako have served on the STHS Board for 12 years and 8 ½ years respectively.

Introduce Students of the Month

Mrs. Mascal introduced and recognized the April Students of the Month and presented each with a certificate.

Public Comment

None

Academic Topic – Alternative School Results – Ms. Bain & Ms. O’Brien

Ms. Bain and Ms. O’Brien presented the Board with an overview of the Alternative School, Credit Recovery and Distance Learning programs of STHS and provided statistics reflecting the success of the many students.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Darrow, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Cooke, seconded by Linton, to approve the Financial Reports as listed on the April 16, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda, including April Bills. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the March, 2013 Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the April, 2013 Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- School Board Reorganization Meeting – Dr. Myers suggested a Special Board meeting be held on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the STHS LMC for the reorganization of the STHS Board of Education.
- Leasing Levy Funds - The Leasing Levy fund is a restricted account which currently has a balance of \$222,428.00. The funds will be used to support the Operations and Maintenance plan. Dr. Myers provided the leasing fund allocation and items list. The items will be leased to own with at least two payments issued prior to ownership.
- Roof Project – Dr. Myers recommended the repair of the roof on the 1963 academic wing. The cost of the repair is \$21,500.00.
- Stadium Field Irrigation – Dr. Myers recommended the renovation of the stadium field irrigation. The cost of the project is \$25,837.50.
- Out of District Placement – Springfield Public School has requested the Board of Education adopt a resolution acknowledging the STHS student will follow the calendar of District 286.
- IASB Resolutions/School Board Member Representative – If the District would like to propose any resolutions at the IASB Conference, they will need to nominate a member of the STHS Board and file the Resolution by June 19, 2013. The Board has requested the Resolution be reviewed again at the STHS Board of Education meeting of May 21, 2013.
- 2013-2014 Registration Fees – The fees collected during 2012-2013 Registration helped to offset additional costs and lack of funding from the state. The fees went to the department budgets which were used to assist in the education of the students. The athletic fees all went back into the athletic teams or facilities. Dr. Myers recommends the 2013-2014 Registration Fees remain the same as the 2012-2013 Registration Fees.

Principal -

- Winter Sports Results Summary – Athletic Director, Mr. Wargo, submitted the 2012-2013 Winter Sports Season review and statistics.
- Extended Summer School for Special Education - Mrs. Rock updated the Board on the Extended School Year Program. Students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) need an extended summer school program. These students are demonstrating a regression in skills over the summer and the amount of recoupment time is excessive. Mrs. Rock recommended extending the Summer, 2013 ESY program from 3 weeks to 6 weeks.
- Fee Waiver Request – Relay For Life – The Streater Relay For Life Committee has requested a facility and custodial fee waiver should they need to move their June 14th and 15th event indoors.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – Cross Country to Baraboo, Wisconsin – Mrs. Mascall presented the application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.

Assistant Principal –

- Student Handbook – First Reading – A first reading was held relating to the Student Handbook. On behalf of the Discipline Committee, Mr. Holmes reviewed the proposed changes relating to multiple detentions and banning students from carrying book bags to class. Mr. Darrow and Mrs. Schuler voiced their concerns relating to locker visit time constraints and getting from class to class timely. Mrs. Schuler suggested trying the respective change for 9 weeks. Mr. Holmes will re-review the proposed policy change regarding student book bags with the Discipline Committee.

Closed Session

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Cooke, 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: 7:42 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Schuler, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 8:05 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

None

Old Business

None

New Business

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Ricca, to approve all items listed under "New Business", "Personnel", on the April 16, 2013, Board meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Cooke, seconded by Schuler, to approve the Special Board Meeting of Monday, May 6, 2013 @ 6:30 P.M. for Reorganization of the STHS Board. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Cooke, to approve the Leasing Expenditures as recommended. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Cooke, to approve the Roof Project as recommended. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Cooke, to approve the Stadium Field Irrigation as recommended. Ayes (5) Nays (1 - Biroshik) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroshik, seconded by Linton, to approve the Special Education Out of District Placement Resolution as presented. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Linton, to approve the 2013-2014 Registration Fees to remain the same as the 2012-2013 school year. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Cooke, to approve the Extended Summer School for Students with IEP's. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroshik, seconded by Darrow, to approve the Fee Waiver Request for Relay For Life as presented. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

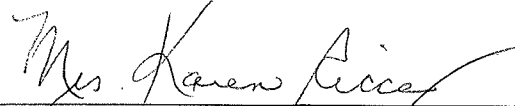
MOTION by Cooke, seconded by Schuler, to approve the Cross Country Overnight/Extended Student Trip to Baraboo, WI. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**


President's Prerogative

Mrs. Ricca expressed to Mr. Cooke and Mr. Grako that they will be missed.

Adjourn

MOTION by Biroshik, seconded by Schuler, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 8:10 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**


Mrs. Karen Ricca, President


Mr. Steve Biroshik, Board Secretary