

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40
Board of Education – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 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. Biroshchik, Ms. Linton, Mrs. Ricca, Mrs. Schuler and Dr. Woeltje
Board member absent: Mr. Darrow and Mr. McFadden

Administration present: Dr. Myers, Superintendent, Mr. McGurk, Asst. Principal and Mrs. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

Board Salutes:

Mrs. Ricca commended Mr. Tyne and the Western Civilization students for their hard work and success of the Worthy Hall of Fame Banquet.

Mr. Biroshchik recognized Mr. J.J. Cravata, SHS alum, for his successful performance and 20 scored points during the NIU vs. St. Joseph's basketball game.

Mr. Biroshchik congratulated Mr. Stephen Truchon who recently accepted a scholarship at Eastern Illinois. Mr. Truchon has broken records in the 50 and 100 yard free style and the 100 yard butterfly.

Mr. Biroshchik commended Mr. Karth and the SHS students for their Winter Concert performance and recognized the SHS Color Guard for their hard work throughout the year.

Dr. Woeltje also commended Mr. Karth and the SHS students for their Christmas Concert performance.

Dr. Woeltje commended the Key Club for the success of the 5K run held on December 7, 2013.

Dr. Myers complimented the Senior class for their quality of their support while assisting in the Washington community.

Dr. Myers commended the SHS students of Ms. Zielinski's Language Arts class. After returning from a field trip to the Holocaust in Skokie, IL, the District received a call which complimented their behavior as one of the best groups to tour the museum.

Dr. Myers commended the SHS Auto Department for helping a family in need by repairing their broken down vehicle.

Dr. Myers congratulated and recognized eleven SHS students that were recently named Illinois State Scholars.

Introduce Students of the Month:

Mr. McGurk introduced the "December Students of the Month" and presented each with a certificate.

Public Comment:

None

Academic Topic – Alternative School – Mr. McGurk & Mrs. Rock:

Mr. McGurk and Mrs. Rock reviewed the proposed Alternative School options and cost analysis as previously discussed at the November 19, 2013 Board meeting. During the presentation, an additional option, "Option #5", was presented and discussed. The proposed Option #5 package consisted of housing the Alternative School Program onsite, bringing the students back to their home school.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Linton, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, November 19, 2013.
Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Approval of Financial Reports:

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Woeltje, to approve all items as recommended under Financial Reports in the Tuesday, December 17, 2013, Board Agenda. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the November, 2013 Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the December, 2013 Bills

Reports:

Superintendent –

- 2013 Tax Levy (for 2014-2015 School Year) – The Truth in Taxation Hearing was not required since the aggregate amount requested did not exceed 105%. Property Growth (EAV) is expected to decrease 3.22%. The current tax rate will have a slight decrease from \$2.8726 to \$2.8724 for the community. This is the fourth consecutive year SHS has been able to refrain from raising the tax rate. Dr. Myers recommended approving the tax levy at 1.09% EAV to assure all funds are available to the District.
- Invenergy Resolution – Solar Abatement – The Invenergy Resolution is an annual requirement in the abatement process. The resolution allows the County Clerk's Office to abate the taxes on solar equipment and not the land. SHS is projected to receive approximately \$79,000 in 2014-2015. Dr. Myers recommended the Board approve the resolution.
- ROE Inspection Update - Auditorium Curtains - Dr. Myers informed the Board that the committee has met to discuss the future replacement of the Auditorium curtains. Quotes to replace the curtains are being obtained.
- 2013 SIP District Restructuring Plan Renewal – SHS is in Restructuring for not meeting Annual Yearly Progress as measured by the Prairie State Achievement Examination. As required, the District will submit the updated Restructuring Plan using the indicators found on the District Dashboard by January 17, 2014.
- SRAVTE – Designate Backup Administrator – SHS is a seated board member of SRAVTE based in LaSalle Peru. The SRAVTE Board has requested the SHS BOE appoint a designee from our school to attend meetings should Dr. Myers be unable to attend. Dr. Myers recommended the SHS BOE approve Mrs. Mascal, Principal as the alternate designee from SHS.
- Board Policy 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities – Per Board Policy 7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities, the Board reviews the sex equity policies and practices every 4 years. Dr. Myers recommended the Board approve the policy with the current actions in place and no changes.
- Freedom of Information Act Requests – On November 19, 2013, T. Vorkapic made a FOIA request for copies of invoices and/or billings from Sodexo to STHS for the operation of the Foodservice Program for the time period August, 2013 through October, 2013. On December 05, 2013, T. Vorkapic made an additional FOIA request to obtain a copy of the signed, 2013-2014 Foodservice Contract Renewal Agreement Form. The requested information was timely provided.
- Triple I Conference – Members who attended the 2013 Triple I Conference reported on the sessions they attended.

Principal

- 2013 SIP Highly Qualified Teachers – As required, the District will timely submit the 2013 SIP Highly Qualified Teacher Indicators Report by January 03, 2014.
- Facility Use & Fee Waiver Request – A Facility Use and Fee Waiver Request was submitted for the Streator Bombers Basketball Team and the Illinois Valley Band Festival.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip-FFA Leadership Conference, Schaumburg, IL – Mrs. Mascal submitted the Application for the Overnight/Extended Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip-Key Club District Convention, Springfield, IL - Mrs. Mascal submitted the Application for the Overnight/Extended Trip for approval.

Assistant Principal /Dean of Students- None

Closed Session

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Linton, 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. TIME: 7:26 P.M. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Linton, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 7:40 P.M. Ayes (5) Nays (0)
Motion carried.

Motions from Closed Session

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Linton, to not release the Closed Session Minutes dated June 25, 2013, July 16, 2013, August 20, 2013, September 17, 2013, October 15, 2013 and November 19, 2013. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Old Business

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Woeltje, to approve the Alternative School, Option #5 as presented. Ayes (5) Nays (0)
Motion carried.

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Woeltje, to approve the 2013 Tax Levy as presented. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

New Business

MOTION by Biroshik, seconded by Schuler, to accept with regrets the resignation of Mr. Scott Dresbach as Assistant Baseball Coach. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Woeltje, to approve the Invenergy Resolution as presented. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

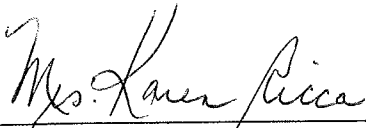
MOTION by Linton, seconded by Woeltje, to approve all items listed under "New Business", items C through I, on the December 17, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

President's Prerogative

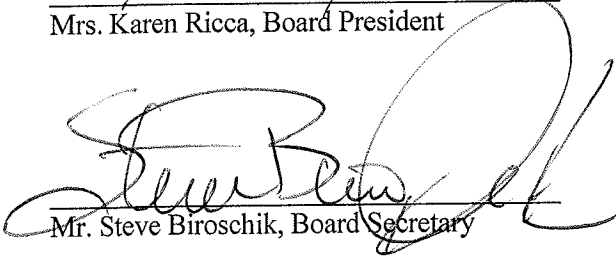
Mrs. Ricca reminded the Board of the timeline to complete the Superintendent's evaluation and discussed the possibility of changing the previously used evaluation tool.

Motion for Adjournment

MOTION by Biroshik, seconded by Schuler, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 7:47 P.M. Ayes (5) Nays (0)
Motion carried.



Mrs. Karen Ricca, Board President



Mr. Steve Biroshik, Board Secretary