

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library

Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

Call to Order/Roll Call

President Ricca called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Mr. Biroshchik, Mr. Darrow, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Ricca, Mrs. Schuler and Dr. Woeltje

Board member arriving late: Mrs. Linton @ 6:20 p.m.

Administration present: Dr. Myers, Superintendent, Mrs. Mascal, Principal (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), Mr. Holmes, Assistant Principal, Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

Board Salutes

Dr. Woeltje commended the SHS Band program for their winning performance at the Geneseo Band competition.

Mr. Biroshchik commended the SHS Cross Country team for their great sportsmanship.

Mr. Biroshchik commended the SHS Varsity Football Program for “back to back” wins against Sterling H.S. and LaSalle Peru H.S.

Dr. Myers thanked former SHS 1963 graduate, Mr. Don Dobberpuhl, for taking time to share his success story with the SHS students. Mr. Dobberpuhl has ties with “Apple” computers. He will be inducted into the SHS “Worthy Hall of Fame” in December, 2013.

Dr. Myers thanked the local Law Enforcement and K-9 team for conducting a thorough search of the SHS facility. The search result evidenced a “clean facility”.

Special Recognition – Positive Action Committee – Lissa Small

The positive action committee was formed to find ways to support and encourage students who exhibit excellent character traits, display a strong sense of fairness and consideration towards others and who encourage their fellow students to display their best behavior. Positive Action Committee, Ms. Small, recognized 6 students and presented each with a certificate. The students were nominated by faculty and staff.

Dittmer, Avalon - “Future Leader” Award

Chismar, Logan & Mesarchik, Kyle – “Journey” Award

Kolodziej, Daniele & Zavada, Jessica – “Friend in Need” Award

Houch, Jacob – “Lean On Me” Award

Introduce Students of the Month – Mrs. Amy Jo Mascal – Ms. Mascal, Principal, introduced the Students of the Month.

Public Comment

None

Academic Topic – Interventions Across Curriculum – Mr. McGurk, Ms. Zoe Cassady & Ms. Dawn Price

The AIAC (Academic Intervention Across Curriculum) committee focuses on New Course Approval Process, Common Core Survey, Annual Existing Interventions Survey, Student Advisory Program and the AIAC’s 5 Year Plan. Members of the AIAC committee consisting of Ms. Cassady, Ms. Price, Ms. O’Brien and Ms. Liegl updated the Board on Interventions Across Curriculum.

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Woeltje, to approve the Minutes of the Budget Hearing and the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, September 17, 2013 and the Collaborative Decision Making Special Meeting of October 02, 2013. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Woeltje, to approve all items as recommended under Financial Reports in the Tuesday, October 15, 2013 Board Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- a. Approve the September, 2013 Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report
- b. Approve the October, 2013 Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent:

- Building Survey Update – Dr. Myers informed the Board that a meeting with Vissering Construction was conducted on October 3, 2013 to review building structural issues which need to be corrected. Vissering Construction has agreed there are issues which need to be resolved. A meeting with the Window company to review areas of concern is also forthcoming.
- Review of SHS Safety Plans – Mr. Holmes updated the Board with the Severe Weather Safety Guidelines and protocol for suspending activities should a weather related emergency arise. The Guidelines include procedures for activities held on the SHS premises as well SHS activities that take place at the Streator YMCA and James Street facilities.
- Administrative Cost Cap – Dr. Myers presented the administrative expenditure analysis for the 2012-2013 school year. STHS has one of the lowest administrative costs for "High School Only" Districts. The administrative cost per pupil has decreased from \$318.11 in 2009-2010 to \$200.34 for the 2012-2013 school year. Since the administrative cost did not exceed the 5% limit, the SHS Board is not required to conduct a Public Hearing.
- State Grants - Dr. Myers reviewed two Grants offered by the State of Illinois, the Energy Efficiency Grant and the Maintenance Grant. Both of the Grants require the District to match dollar for dollar. Dr. Myers recommended the District apply for both the Energy Efficiency and the Maintenance Grant for \$484,000 and \$100,000 respectively. The District would be responsible for contributing half of the total, equivalent to \$292,000 (\$242,000 + \$50,000). The Grants will be used to repair the facility roofs. Mr. Biroshchik suggested the District consider a tin, pitched roof. Dr. Myers also recommended transferring \$292,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. The Capital Projects Fund remaining balance would be \$549,806.
- Triple I Conference – The Board reviewed the panel selections that Board members will attend at the 2013 Triple I Conference. At the December, 2013 Board meeting, Board members will provide a summary of the sessions attended.
- Job Descriptions – Multiple Secretarial Positions – Second Reading – Dr. Myers requested the second reading of the following job descriptions and recommended approval; Main Office Secretary, Secretary to Principal, Secretary to Athletic Director, Secretary to Guidance and Attendance Discipline Secretary.
- IASB/PRESS Board Policy Updates – Second Reading – The Board reviewed the IASB/PRESS Board Policy Updates for consideration of Adoption.

Principal:

- 2012-2013 AYP Results – PSAE, ACT – Mrs. Mascall review the 2013 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) statistics with the Board. While SHS did not meet the 95% of students meeting or exceeding the test results, SHS improved in the areas of Reading and Math.
- Kahn Academy Update – SHS Departments have reviewed and discussed Khan Academy during their Department meetings. Mrs. Mascall shared the Faculty's comments as a result of their investigation regarding.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip - FFA National Convention, Louisville, KY – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip - Bulldog Scribes to Millikin University, Decatur, IL – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip - Welding Students to Welding Competition, Tulsa, OK – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Trip for approval. Mr. Biroshchik stated that Mr. Coonan of Alloy, Inc. would be interested in speaking with the SHS' Welding students.
- Facility Use & Fee Waiver Request – Northlawn Junior High Graduation – Mr. Wargo submitted the Facility Use and Fee Waiver Request and recommended Board approval.
- Facility Use & Fee Waiver Request – Kids Wrestling Club – Mr. Wargo submitted the Facility Use and Fee Waiver Request and recommended Board approval.

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. TIME: 7:48 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Linton, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 7:57 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

None

Old Business

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Woeltje, to approve all items listed under “Old Business” on the October 15, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

New Business

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Woeltje, to approve all items listed under “New Business” on the October 15, 2013, Board Meeting Agenda with the exception of item A1. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Biroshchik, to approve the Retirement Plan of Ms. Miriam Mitchell. Ayes (5) Nays (2 – Biroshchik, Darrow) **Motion carried**

President’s Prerogative

Dr. Myers informed the Board of the acceptance of the “School Wide Title I” application, thus, increasing the flexibility of Title I Grant monies. SHS will now be able to allocate the monies to *all* Professional Development and not limited to the specific 25% or less of the population.

Adjournment

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Darrow, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 8:04 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Mrs. Karen Ricca, Board President



Mr. Steve Biroshchik, Board Secretary