

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 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 6:02 P.M.

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

Administration present: Dr. Myers, Superintendent, Mr. Holmes, Assistant Principal and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Admin. Asst.

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Darrow, to Amend the September 17, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda to add under Item 8-A, Superintendent Report, “2012-2013 District Audit Report.” Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Board Salutes

Mr. Biroschik commended the STHS Marching Band and Colorguard for their excellent performances during multiple competitions throughout the past 2 weeks.

Public Comment

None

Academic Topic – PR/Alumni – Ms. Janice Corrigan

Ms. Corrigan updated the Board with the activities that have taken place since her employment as the Public Relations Alumni Coordinator at STHS. The update included the monies received and the income source. Mr. Biroschik requested a future analysis of the annual income vs. expenses.

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Woeltje, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, August 20, 2013. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Woeltje, to approve all items as recommended under Financial Reports on the Tuesday, September 17, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- a. Approve the August, 2013 Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- b. Approve the September, 2013 Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent:

- 2013-2014 School Year Budget – Dr. Myers recommended the STHS Board approve the 2013-2014 Budget as previously reviewed during the Budget Hearing.
- 2012-2013 District Audit Report – Mr. Custis from Gorenz and Associates presented the findings of the 2012-2013 STHS District Audit.
- District Improvement Plan Resolution – The District and School Indicator Reports were submitted to the Board for review and approval. The District is in “Restructuring” for not meeting Annual Yearly Progress measured by the Prairie State Achievement Examination. The District will continue to assess, plan and monitor the Smart Restructuring Indicators on Rising Star.
- Application for Recognition of Schools – The Application for Recognition of Schools was submitted for the Board’s review. STHS has met all of the assurances as listed in the Application.
- Lease Fund - STHS currently has approximately \$165,000 in the Lease Fund. Lease Levy Funds may only be used for technology infrastructure, hardware and software. The STHS wireless internet connection system does not support the entire building and is not reliable. Dr. Myers recommended replacing the current wireless system using Lease Funds for an estimated cost of \$67,655.

- Salary Web Postings – Per 105 ILCS 5/1 0-20.46 and 105 ILCS 5/34-18.37 the District must list on its website a salary, compensation and benefit report for Administrators by October 1, 2013. The District will also post the certified and non-certified positions salaries.
- Review of STHS Safety Plans – Dr. Myers informed the Board that the emergency plan procedures that all staff and students follow when an emergency arises will be presented at the October, 2013 Board meeting. The plan will include outside events.
- Triple I Conference – The Board discussed selecting panel sessions to attend at the Triple I Conference in November, 2013.
- The Bridge Program – The grant for the Bridge Program has been approved. STHS is responsible for the in-kind contributes which includes the use of the facility, some supplies, and availability of our social workers as needed. Dr. Myers recommended the Board approve the Bridge Program at Streator High School.
- Job Descriptions - A first reading was held on multiple secretarial job descriptions, with a second reading and possible board approval at next month's board meeting.
- IASB/PRESS – The Board conducted a first reading of the School Board Policies being revised.

Principal:

- 2014 Graduation Date – Sunday, June 01, 2014 – Dr. Myers explained the involvement of determining the 2014 Graduation date which will be held Sunday, June 01, 2014.
- 2014-2015 Course Offerings – Mr. Brittin reviewed the 2014-2015 Course Offering Sheet. The Board suggested the Course Offering document designate which courses are “dual credit” courses.
- Drug Testing Update – Mr. Brittin updated the Board with the STHS Drug Testing Procedures. For the current year, STHS will continue to test random athletes weekly and one Saturday per season. Future considerations include, adding nicotine to the test, testing students with probable cause, using the breathalyzer and charging the test fee to those students that test positive. Mr. Biroschick suggested considering the test be extended to non-athletes as well.
- Chestnut Support Services – Mr. Brittin reviewed the services provided by Chestnut Support Services and recommend the Board approve the services.
- Facility Fee Waiver Request – Streator Surge Softball 14U Team – Mr. Wargo submitted the Facility Fee Waiver request and recommended Board approval.

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. TIME: 7:20 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Motion carried.

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Schuler, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 8:08 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Executive Session

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Darrow, to expel student ID#2016243 for the 2013-2014 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Old Business

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Darrow, to approve the 2013-2014 School Year Budget as presented. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

New Business

MOTION by McFadden, seconded by Linton, to approve all items listed under “New Business” on the September 17, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda with the exception of items A1, A3b and F. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Linton, to approve Mr. Ray Phillis as 2013-2014 Head Baseball Coach. Ayes (6) Nays (1 - Biroshik) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by McFadden, to Approve the Bridge Program as Recommended. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (1-Schuler) **Motion carried.**

President’s Prerogative

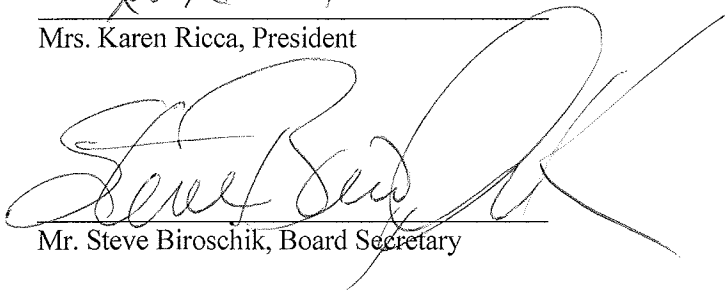
The Board and Administration discussed the “lack of attendance” at STHS’ Parent’s Night. Dr. Myers stated the District will explore additional options for conducting the event in future years.

Adjournment

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Woeltje, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 8:16 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Mrs. Karen Ricca, President



Mr. Steve Biroshik, Board Secretary