

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library

Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

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

Board member absent: Mr. Nick McFadden

Administration present: Mr. Seaton, Superintendent, Mrs. Mascal, Principal and Carol Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

Board Salutes

Mr. Biroschik congratulated Mr. Ryne Dresbach, SHS Senior Tuba player for placing “3rd Chair Tuba” in the Honor Band at IMEA All-State.

Board members commended the many successful seasons of the SHS Athletes this winter, including Streatorettes, Bowling, Wrestling and the Special Olympians.

Introduce Students of the Month

Mrs. Mascal introduced and recognized the February, 2016 Students of the Month and presented each with a certificate.

Public Comment

The following SHS Students and Community members spoke regarding their support for Mr. Grayson, SHS Band and Choir

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| Teacher: | Ms. Brandi Walker | Ms. Nora Missel |
| | Ms. Aubrey Frederici | Ms. Ellie Krasnican |
| | Ms. Carmin Craft | Ms. Marie Jensen |
| | Ms. Kim Tutoky | Mr. Richard Tutoky |
| | Mr. Ryne Dresbach | Ms. Gina Dresbach |

Mr. Jeff Williams spoke to the Board and Administration regarding his support to keep the final exam exemption incentive in place.

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Ricca, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Tuesday, January 12, 2016, and the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Ricca, seconded by Darrow, to approve all items as recommended under Financial Reports in the Tuesday, February 16, 2016, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve the January, 2016, Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- Approve the February, 2016, Bills

Qualified School Construction Bond Designation Application – In January, 2016, SHS submitted the Qualified School Construction Bond Designation Application reflecting \$10,610,000.00. Mr. Seaton informed the Board that 29 Districts were granted approval to issue interest-free construction bonds, a total amount of approximately \$490,000,000.00. Streator High School District 40 was listed next in line, as number 30 on the list.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- 2016-2017 Contract For Speech/Language Services – The Board reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement for the SHS Speech-Language Pathologist. Mr. Seaton recommended the Board continue the contract with Mendota High School regarding the sharing of Speech services.
- 2016 Summer Workers – Mr. Seaton submitted a recommendation from Mr. Dennis, Chief Maintenance Supervisor, to hire 1 temporary full-time maintenance worker and 2 temporary full-time custodial/grounds workers and a recommendation from Mr. Beck, Director of Technology, to hire 2 temporary part-time technology workers. The total estimated cost for the summer help is \$14,724.00.
- 2016-2017 School Calendar – The SHS calendar committee considered feedback from the staff as they developed the 2016-2017 school calendar. The proposed calendar includes Veteran’s Day as a non-attendance day and aligns Spring Break with Streator Elementary #44. The Spring Break also avoids the testing windows for PARCC.
- Working Cash Abatement Resolution – Mr. Seaton informed the Board that it will be necessary to transfer \$67,550.00 in Working Cash to the Capital Projects fund in order to complete the work through the Energy Efficiency Grant and Maintenance Grants. Mr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the Resolution authorizing such transfer.
- TIF 3 and TIF 4 – The City of Streator is proposing two new TIF Districts within District 40. Mr. Seaton explained that District 40 is currently in negotiations with the City of Streator to receive a “pay-in-lieu of” reimbursement for at least a portion of the property tax money that would potentially be lost under the new TIF Districts.
- Student Recognition Activities – Administration and the Board discussed procedures for recognizing success of SHS programs and athletics. The discussion included the necessity for all successes to be treated equally.
- Final Exam Policy - Mr. Seaton provided the Board with current data including statistics pertaining to the final exam exemption policy. The exam exemption incentive factors grades, attendance and discipline. The Board and Administration discussed possible changes to the policy, including voiding the exemption incentive.

Principal –

- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – SHS FFA Lock In at Streator HS, Streator, IL – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – SHS FFA to Cascade Mountain, Portage, WI – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – SHS FFA to Ag Legislative Seminar in Springfield, IL – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – SHS FFA to Farm Bureau Youth Conf. in Fair Oaks, IN – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – SHS Seniors to Great America, Gurnee, IL – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – SHS Streatorettes to IHSA State Finals in Bloomington, IL (ATF) – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – SHS Wrestling to Sectionals in Washington, IL (ATF) – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.

Closed Session

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Schuler, 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: 7:54 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Motion carried.

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Ricca, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 9:40 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion** carried.

Motions from Closed Session

None

Old Business

None

New Business

MOTION by Ricca seconded by Darrow, to approve the following items listed under “New Business”, “Personnel”, on the February 16, 2016, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

1. Hire – Ms. Devin Doty – 2015-2016 Assistant Girls Track Coach

MOTION by Ricca, seconded by Darrow, to approve the 2016-2017 Speech/Language Professional Contract. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Darrow, to approve the 2016 Summer Help. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Darrow, to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Ricca, seconded by Darrow, to approve the Working Cash Abatement Resolution. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Ricca, to approve the following Overnight/Extended Student Trips: Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- *FFA Lock In at Streator HS, Streator, IL*
- *FFA to Cascade Mountain, Portage, WI*
- *FFA to Legislative Seminar in Springfield, IL*
- *FFA to LaSalle County Farm Bureau, Fair Oaks, IN*
- *SHS Seniors to Great America, Gurnee, IL*
- *SHS Streatorettes to IHSA State Finals, Bloomington, IL (ATF)*
- *SHS Wrestling to Sectionals in Washington, IL (ATF)*

President's Prerogative

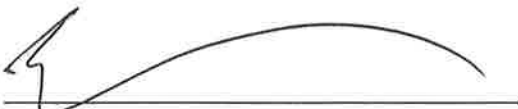
None

Motion for Adjournment

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Darrow, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 9:45 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Mr. Steve Biroschik, Board President



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary