

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Regular Meeting - Board of Education

Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library

Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order/Roll Call

President Woeltje called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Mr. Biroshchik, Mr. Darrow, Mr. McFadden, Mr. Parr, Mr. Tutoky, Mr. Williamson and Dr. Woeltje

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

Board Salutes

Mr. Seaton commended the maintenance and custodial staff for the work progress and appearance of the facility.

Student Recognition – Student of the Year Awards – Mrs. Mascal recognized the “Students of the Year” and presented each with a certificate. The recipients were chosen by the various Department Teachers.

Public Comment

Mr. Robert Oberholtzer expressed his desire for the press to publicize more SHS academic achievements.

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by McFadden, seconded by Darrow, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Williamson, seconded by Darrow, to approve all items as listed under Financial Reports on the Tuesday, June 27, 2017, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

A. Approve the May, 2017 Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report

B. Approve the June, 2017 Bills

Mr. Seaton also reported that the health insurance premium estimated increase for the 2017-18 school year has been received. An increase in health insurance premiums of 14% has been projected. Mr. Seaton is hopeful that a negotiated rate of 10% or less can be reached.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- **2016-17 Amended Budget** – Because of the changes in the budget throughout the 2016-2017 school year on the expense and revenue sides, it is necessary to amend the current fiscal year budget. A Public Hearing was held, this date, at 5:45 P.M. to review the proposed amendment. Mr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the 2016-2017 school year Amended Budget.
- **Prevailing Wage Resolution** – Each year the Board of Education will investigate and determine the prevailing rate of wages (as defined in the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act) being paid to laborers, mechanics and other workers in the locality of District 40. Thereafter, the District ensures that no less than such wages are paid to workers who are employed to construct public works for the District. Legal notice will appear in The Times once the resolution has been approved by the Board.
- **Health/Life Safety Extension Application for 2017 to 2018** - STHS did not complete all of the items on the Health/Life Safety Survey this year. Mr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the request for an “Extension of Time” that will be filed with the Regional Superintendent of Schools Office. Included in the Application is the list of items.
- **Health/Life Safety Amendment** – As a result of the ceiling failure in the Bloomington Street Gymnasium, it will be necessary for the Board to adopt the Health/Life Safety Amendment. Adopting the amendment allows the District to expend Health/Life Safety funds for the repair of the ceiling.
- **Bid Letting for Repair/Replacement of Bloomington Street Gym Ceiling** – Because the cost to repair/replace the Bloomington Street Gymnasium exceeds \$25,000.00, the Board needs to approve bid letting for the project. The cost to repair/replace the ceiling is approximately \$160,000.00. Insurance will not cover the ceiling project. Damages to

the gymnasium floor would be covered by insurance after a \$10,000.00 deductible is paid, however, fees to fix the gymnasium floor is not expected to reach \$10,000.00.

- School Treasurer Bond Renewal – Annually, the STHS Board will review and approve the School Treasurer Bond. Mr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the current vendor, Theresa Muntz from Accounting, Tax, and Business Service and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, for the period beginning July 1, 2017. Mr. Seaton informed the Board that this bond will be cancelled effective August 1, 2017 (after one month). A new Treasurer Bond for the period August 1, 2017, through July 31, 2018, will be presented in conjunction with the commercial insurance bid award at the July 18, 2017, Board meeting.
- 2017-18 Bridge Program – As of this date, the Bridge Grant for the 2017-18 school year has not yet been approved. This item has been tabled for future consideration.
- Sick Bank Policy Update – Second Reading – The Board performed a second reading of the policy to be updated. The Sick Bank Committee is recommending that the membership of the committee be changed from currently two teachers and one administrator to two teachers, one administrator, one paraprofessional, one secretary, one custodian, and one at-will employee. Since the Sick Bank includes employees from all of the above classifications, the committee recommends representation from those who belong to the Sick Bank. Mr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the updates.
- 2017 Triple I Conference - November 17, 18, 19, 2017 – The Board discussed attendance at this year's Annual Triple I Conference in Chicago.
- 2016-2017 FOIA Request Log – Per School Board Policy 2:250, the STHS Board is to be notified when a FOIA request to STHS has been made. A complete list of the 2016-2017 FOIA requests was submitted to the Board for review.

Principal –

- 2016-17 Spring Sports Season End Results – The Board reviewed the 2016-17 spring sports season end results submitted by Mr. Wargo, Athletic Director and coaches.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – Streatorettes to UDA Summer Dance Camp, Bloomington, IL - Mrs. Mascal presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.

Assistant Principal –

- 2017-18 Student Handbook - Second Reading – The Board performed a second reading and review of the proposed changes to the Student Handbook for possible approval.

Old Business

MOTION by McFadden, seconded by Williamson, to approve the following items listed under “Old Business” on the June 27, 2017, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

- Approve the 2016-17 Amended Budget
- Approve the Sick Bank Policy Updates
- Approve the 2017-18 Student Handbook Updates

New Business

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by McFadden, to approve the following items listed under “New Business”, on the June 27, 2017, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve the Prevailing Wage Resolution
- Approve the Health/Life Safety Extension Application for 2017 to 2018
- Approve the Health/Life Safety Amendment
- Authorize the Superintendent to Seek Bids for Repair/Replacement of the Bloomington Street Gym Ceiling
- Approve the Renewal of the Treasurer Bond with Theresa Muntz from Accounting, Tax, and Business Service and the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for Streatorettes to UDA Summer Dance Camp, Bloomington, IL

Closed Session

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Tutoky, 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)(8)** for security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property; and as per **5ILCS 120/2(c)(11)** for the litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending

before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting; 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: 6:49 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by McFadden, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 8:05 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Darrow, to approve the non-release of the Closed Session Minutes dated December 20, 2016, January 17, 2017, February 21, 2017, March 21, 2017, April 25, 2017 and May 23, 2017. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by McFadden, to approve the 2017-18 Emergency Response Plan. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by Darrow, to approve the following items listed under “Personnel” on the June 27, 2017, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Resignations: Mr. Raymond Phillis – Head Baseball Coach
Ms. Tim Hagerty – Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
- Hires: Mr. Matt Brandenburg – 2017-18 Science Department Chair & Science Club Advisor
Mr. Rory Bedeker – 2017 Summer Drivers Ed Behind The Wheel Teacher
- Volunteers: Mr. Ben Huff – 2017-18 Volunteer Asst. Football Coach

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by McFadden, to approve the “Re-hiring” of the following Activity Sponsors/Advisors for the 2017-18 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

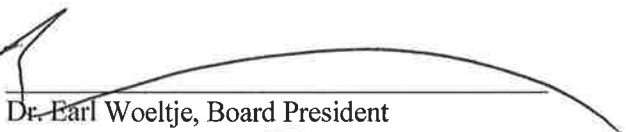
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| Freshman Class - Megan O’Kraski/Devin Doty | Art Club – Janelle Garcia |
| Sophomore Class – Brad Brittin | Band – Jamie Kotovsky |
| Junior Class – Robb Watson | Choral – Jamie Kotovsky |
| Senior Class – Rob Tyne | Scholastic Bowl – Rob Tyne |
| Student Council – Jason Robart | Asst. Scholastic Bowl – Rob Tyne |
| National Honor Society – Janelle Nordtvedt | Drama Club – Rob Tyne |
| FFA – Riley Hintzsche | Yearbook – Tina O’Brien/Antonello Pinto |
| Key Club – Dawn Osborne | WYSE – Doug Harris |
| Spanish Club – Alison Clausing | S Club – Tiffany Park |
| German Club – Debbie Horton | Tech Prep Club – Chris Peterson |

President’s Prerogative

President Woeltje and Board members discussed various Graduation procedures and protocols, including but not limited to, special attire requests, possible outside ceremony, Board gowns, additional air flow options, ticket limitations for crowd control, staff delivery of diplomas to recipients, class banners, unused (non-compliant) gymnasium bleachers, Valedictorian and Salutatorian recognition, and production of written protocols.

Adjournment

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by McFadden, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting. TIME: 8:26 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board President



Mr. James Parr, Board Secretary