

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library

Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

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

Administration present: Mr. Seaton, Superintendent, Mr. McGurk (6:20 P.M.), Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

Board Salutes

Mr. Seaton thanked SHS ARAMARK Representative, Kelsi Johnson, for her extra efforts completing a Grant which contributed to enhancing the SHS food program.

Mr. Seaton thanked Ms. Tallier and Mr. Sandoval, SHS Tennis Coaches, for their time and effort completing the USTA Tennis Court Grant.

Mr. Seaton commended the Drama Club for their successful performance of “Noises Off” this past weekend.

Dr. Woeltje commended the crew completing the Bloomington Street Gym Ceiling project, stating 98% of the crew are veterans that are “getting the job done” and are earning a great reputation throughout the state.

Introduce Students of the Month

Mr. Seaton introduced the “November Students of the Month” and presented each with a certificate.

Public Comment

Ms. Becky Coons, Streator Grade School Band-Aid President, Band Booster Uniform Drive Committee Chair and Band Parent, spoke to the Board regarding the importance of continuing the success of the band programs, both musically and in appearance.

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Williamson, seconded by McFadden, to approve all items as recommended under Financial Reports on the Tuesday, November 21, 2017, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve October, 2017, Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve November, 2017, Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent:

- **2017 Preliminary Property Tax Resolution** – Mr. Seaton presented the preliminary property tax resolution which indicated the property growth (EAV) is expected to slightly decrease. The tax levy, as presented by Mr. Seaton, also includes a slight decrease which could result in homeowners paying approximately \$0.78 less in property taxes per \$100,000 of home value. SHS is estimated to receive approximately \$115,907 more in 2018-2019 than in 2017-2018 from property tax dollars. The final Levy will be presented for approval at the December 19, 2017, SHS Board of Education meeting. Mr. Seaton recommended the SHS Board of Education approve the Preliminary Property Tax Resolution.
- **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. As a result of the abatement, SHS is projected to receive approximately \$83,126 from Invenergy for 2017-2018. Mr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the resolution.

- Health Life Safety – Mr. Seaton informed the Board that the work associated the 2010 Health Life Safety Survey has been completed and certified by the SHS Architect. Mr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the Resolution acknowledging the Architect’s certification.
- Football Field Electrical Replacement – Per Mr. Seaton, contractors were contacted for quotes to replace the main electrical panel and install light contactors at the football field. Bodas Electric, Inc. was the only contractor to submit a quote. The total cost for the project as submitted by Bodas Electric, Inc. is \$18,158.00. Mr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the quote from Bodas Electric, Inc. to complete the work.
- Band Uniform Purchase – Mrs. Kotovsky, SHS Band Director, submitted information to the Board related to the cost of purchasing new Band uniforms. The Board reviewed and discussed purchase history information related to band and other SHS athletic/clubs uniform purchases including the number, cost, and fund resources of the purchases. Band students displayed the current (old) uniforms and proposed (new) uniforms via side-by-side dress to enable the Board to visually see the necessity of the purchase. Per Mrs. Kotovsky, nearly 100 uniforms need to be purchased for a total cost of approximately \$43,000.00. Mrs. Kotovsky requested the Board contribute 80% of the funds toward the purchase of the uniforms.
- Surplus Items - Mr. Seaton submitted the list items from the Football Program to be considered as surplus. The items will be offered for sale to the public as a fundraiser for the program.
- Bowling Activity Account – The SHS Bowling Program has requested an activity account for managing funds generated by the program. Mr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the account.

Principal:

- 2017-2018 Early Graduates – The Guidance Department submitted the proposed list of December, 2017, early graduates for an initial review. It is expected that all of the proposed graduates will have completed all of the graduation requirements by the end of the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Scholastic Bowl Cooperative Agreement – Woodland School - Athletic Director, Mr. Wargo, submitted the Scholastic Bowl Cooperative Agreement with Woodland School for the Board’s approval.
- Fall Sports Season End Results – The Board reviewed the 2017, Fall sports results submitted by Mr. Wargo, Athletic Director.

Old Business

None

New Business

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Darrow, to approve the following items listed under “New Business”, on the Tuesday, November 21, 2017, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve the 2017 Preliminary Property Tax Resolution
- Approve the Invenergy Resolution
- Approve the Resolution Certifying the Completion of Work on the 2010 Health Life Safety Survey
- Approve the Replacement of the Football Field Main Electrical Panel and Lighting Contactors
- Approve the Football Items as Surplus and Authorize the Sale Within State Regulations
- Approve the Creation of the Bowling Activity Account
- Approve the Scholastic Bowl Cooperative Agreement With Woodland School

MOTION by McFadden, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the purchase of new Band uniforms with the Board contributing 80% and the Band Boosters contributing 20% of the total cost, not to exceed \$43,000.00. Ayes (5) Nays (2 – Biroshchik, Darrow) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Williamson, 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)(2)** for the collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 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; and as per **5ILCS 120/2(c)(9)** for the discussion of Student Disciplinary Cases. TIME: 7:16 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by McFadden, to return to regular session. TIME: 8:34 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

MOTION by Parr, seconded by Darrow, to expel student, ID #21089 for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year and the complete 2018-19 school year with the opportunity to attend Safe School. Upon review of progress in May, 2018, student could return to SHS in 2018-19 with a placement to be determined. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

MOTION by Williamson, seconded by Darrow, to approve the Grievance Settlement Memorandum between the Board of Education of Streator Township High School District No. 40 and the Streator Council of AFT Local #604 in relation to a Grievance dated September 12, 2016. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by McFadden, to approve the following items listed under “Personnel” on the November 21, 2017, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

Resignations: Ms. Jessica Smith – Full-Time Paraprofessional & Unified Bulldog Club Advisor
Mr. Dave Holmes – Asst. Boys Basketball Coach (1/2 Stipend)
Ms. Taylor Carby – Assistant Girls Soccer Coach

Hires: Ms. Janelle Hackathorn – 2017-18 Full-Time Paraprofessional
Mr. Ken Fredrickson – 2017-18 Assistant Softball Coach
Mr. Josh Houch – 2017-18 Asst. Boys Basketball Coach (1/2 Stipend)

Volunteers: Fr. Ray Guthrie – 2017-18 Volunteer Asst. Boys Basketball Coach
Mr. Dylan McStoots – 2017-18 Volunteer Asst. Wrestling Coach
Mr. Stanley Mroczek – 2017-18 Volunteer Asst. Baseball Coach
Mr. Robert Beck – 2017-18 Volunteer Asst. Boys Tennis Coach
Ms. Madison Renfro – 2017-18 Volunteer Asst. Boys & Girls Track Coach
Mr. Dave Holmes – 2017-18 Volunteer Asst. Boys Basketball Coach

President’s Prerogative

President Woeltje expressed his appreciation for the “great group” of current Board members.

Adjourn

MOTION by McFadden, seconded by Darrow, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting. TIME: 8:38 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board President



James Parr, Board Secretary