

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 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. Hoekstra, Mr. Hoffmeyer, Mr. Tutoky, Mr. Wargo and Dr. Woeltje (exited 7:17 p.m.)

Board member absent: Mrs. Baker

Administration present: Mr. Cameron, Superintendent, Mrs. Lotshaw, Principal, Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

Board Salutes

Mr. Hoffmeyer congratulated Mr. Danny Harcharik and Mrs. Kathy Harcharik for combined 58 years of service to the District. Mr. & Mrs. Harcharik will be retiring at the end of this month, December, 2023.

Mr. Wargo commended the AgEd Department, teachers and students for their presentation at the IASB convention in November, 2023, stating he was very proud of how they represented SHS.

Mr. Cameron commended the Band and Choir Department, teacher and students for their recent concert performances.

Mr. Biroschik commended all performers in the *Bulldogs on Broadway* talent show, stating there was a lot of talent displayed during the event.

Students of the Month

Mrs. Lotshaw, Principal, recognized the December Students of the Month and presented each with a certificate.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the following items listed under “Approval of Minutes” on the Tuesday, December 12, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, November 14, 2023
- B. Approve the Destruction of All Closed Session Recordings Prior to December, 2021

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Wargo, to approve the following items listed under Financial Reports on the Tuesday, December 12, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the November, 2023 Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the December, 2023 Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- 2023 Tax Levy (for 2024-2025 School Year) – The property growth is expected to increase by approximately 12.00%. The tax levy as presented would result in a slight decrease in tax rate for the upcoming year. The decrease is \$.03 (3 cents) which means an approximate savings of \$30.00 for the owner of a \$100,000.00 home. Please see the attached spreadsheet for the total dollars collected last year and the total potential dollars that may be collected for next year. The total aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2023 is \$7,509,687.00, which represents a 15.84% increase over the aggregate amount of property taxes extended for the year 2022. Because the increase exceeds 5%, a Truth In Taxation Public Hearing was required and held this dated. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the Levy as presented.

- 2024 Mechanical Systems Improvements Phase II Bid Acceptance – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that the bid process for the 2023 Mechanical Systems Improvements-Phase 1 project has been completed. John’s Service and Sales, Inc. was the low bidder at \$388,900.00. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve John’s Service and Sales, Inc. to complete the work.
- 2024 Sports Complex Roofing Bid Acceptance – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that the bid process for the 2024 Sports Complex Roofing project has been completed. JL Adler Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. was the low bidder at \$96,810.00. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve JL Adler Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. to complete the work.
- IASB/PRESS Board Policy Updates #113 – Second Reading – The Board conducted a second reading of the proposed Board Policy updates for consideration of approval.

Principal –

- Smart Goals Presentation – Special Education – Ms. Liz Swiskoski – Ms. Swiskoski, Special Education Department Chair, presented via Power Point, the Student Services SMART Goals and statistics to the Board. (SMART – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely). The Overall School-Wide Goal is to Decrease Chronic Truants, Increase Graduation Rate and keep Freshman on Track.

Assistant Principal(s)/A.D. –

- Discipline Report Review - Mr. Doty shared the updated 2023-24 discipline report with the Board. The report reflects the current and prior year comparisons through December 5, 2023.
- Drug Testing Statistics – 1st Semester, 2023-24 – Mr. McGurk submitted the first semester, 2023-24 drug testing statistics for the Board’s review and answered questions.
- Facility Use Fee Waiver Requests - Multiple – Mr. McGurk submitted multiple Facility Use Fee Waiver Requests for the Board’s review and recommended approval, including Streator Zips 9u, Streator Diamond Dawgs 12u Travel Baseball, Streator Stingers 13u Travel Baseball, Streator Bulldogs 15u Travel Baseball, Streator Dawgs 12u Travel Baseball, Streator Diamond Dawgs 14u Travel Baseball and Streator Girls Basketball (Supersonics).

Old Business

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under “Old Business” on the Tuesday, December 12, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve the 2023 Tax Levy for the 2024-25 School Year
- Approve the IASB/PRESS Board Policy Updates #113

New Business

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under “New Business” on the Tuesday, December 12, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Accept the 2024 Mechanical Systems Improvements – Phase II Project Bid from John’s Service and Sales, Inc. for the Amount of \$388,900.00
- Accept the 2024 Sports Complex Roofing Project Bid from JL Adler Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. for the Amount of \$96,810.00
- Approve the Following Facility Use Fee Waiver Requests:
 - Streator Zips 9u
 - Streator Diamond Dawgs 12u Travel Baseball
 - Streator Stingers 13u Travel Baseball
 - Streator Bulldogs 15u Travel Baseball
 - Streator Dawgs 12u Travel Baseball
 - Streator Diamond Dawgs 14u Travel Baseball
 - Streator Girls Basketball (Supersonics)

Closed Session

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoekstra, 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: 6:50 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Dr. Woeltje exited the Closed Session meeting at 7:17 p.m. and did not return to Regular Session.

Appoint Temporary Secretary

President Biroschik appointed Ms. Johnston as Temporary Secretary.

MOTION by Hoekstra, seconded by Tutoky, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 8:00 P.M. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Motions from Closed Session

Motion by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the **Non-Release** of the Closed Session minutes dated: Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

June 27, 2023	September 05, 2023 (Spec. Mtg.)	November 14, 2023
July 18, 2023	September 19, 2023	
August 15, 2023	October 16, 2023	

Motion by Biroschik, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items Listed Under "Personnel," on the Tuesday, December 12, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will be contingent upon Background Check results. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Resignations: - Ms. Rachel O'Connor – Paraprofessional
- Mr. Bob Benning – Assistant Football Coach (1/2 Stipend)
- Hires: - Ms. Renae Mills - 2023-24 Full-Time Paraprofessional
- Mr. Nicolas Taylor – 2024-25 Full-Time Career & Technical Education Teacher
- Volunteer: - Mr. Bob Benning – 2024-25 Volunteer Assistant Football Coach

Motion by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the "Re-Hiring" of the following for the 2024-25 school year. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

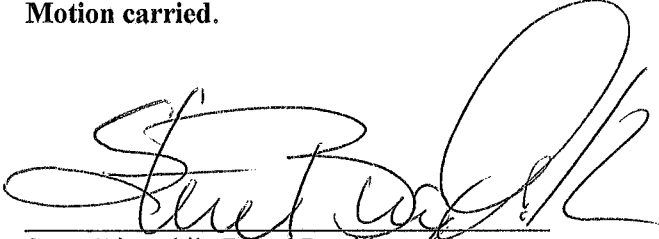
- Cross Country Head Coach - Brad Brittin
- Cross Country Asst. Coach - Doug Harris
- Football Asst. Coaches - Chuck Leonard, Ken Fredrickson, Jason Mohr, Eric Moton,
- Ed Lewis, Justin Stillwell
- Football Asst. Coach/Equip. Manager - Jason Schultz
- Football Volunteer Coach - Michael Burke, Jeremy Wachowski
- Golf Head Coach - Dustin Masley
- Golf Asst. Coach - Kirk Melody
- Boys Soccer Head Coach - JT Huey
- Boys Soccer Asst. Coach - Ethan Koncor
- Girls Tennis Head Coach - Kaye Tallier
- Girls Tennis Volunteer - Hannah Elias
- Volleyball Head Coach - Julie Gabehart
- Volleyball Asst. Coaches - Paula Krohe, Taylor Hoskins

President's Prerogative

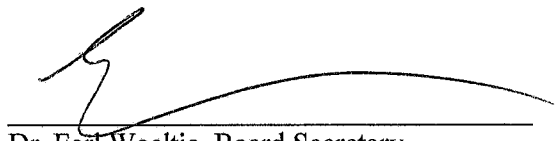
President Biroschik wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and expressed his appreciation of working with the Board and for all of the Board's hard work.

Motion for Adjournment

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Tutoky, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 8:03 P.M. Ayes (5) Nays (0)
Motion carried.



Steve Biroschik, Board President



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary