

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 20, 2022, 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: Mrs. Baker, Mr. Biroschik, Mr. Hoekstra, Mr. Hoffmeyer, Mr. Tutoky, Mr. Wargo and Dr. Woeltje

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

Board Salutes

Mr. Hoekstra commended Mr. Beck, Technology Director, and all those involved with the recent launching of the new STHS Mobile App.

Mr. Biroschik also added that the SHS Mobile App is easy to navigate.

Mr. Wargo commended the staff members who use social media to promote STHS activities, adding it is nice that the public gets a chance to see some good things happening at Streator High School.

Students of the Month

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

Vocational Students Presentation – Marilla Park Pavilion Update

Shop Instructor, Mr. Taylor, updated the Board with the status of the construction of the Marilla Park Picnic Pavilion. The project is being partnered with the City of Streator and was started at the beginning of the school year. Per Mr. Taylor, the foundation for the pavilion has been poured and approximately 50% of the timbers have been cut. The goal is to have all of the timber cut and stained by the end of January, 2023. Mr. Taylor hopes to move the timbers to the job site during Spring Break.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the following items listed under “Approval of Minutes” on the Tuesday, December 20, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (1 – Wargo) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, November 15, 2022
- B. Approve the Destruction of All Closed Session Recordings Prior to December, 2020

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the following items listed under Financial Reports on the Tuesday, December 20, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the November, 2022 Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the December, 2022 Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- **2022 Tax Levy (for 2023-2024 School Year)** – The property growth (EAV) is expected to increase by about 1.17% and 2.50% for LaSalle County and Livingston County respectively. Mr. Cameron provided a spreadsheet including the total potential dollars that may be collected for next year. The tax levy as presented would result in a slight increase in tax rate for the upcoming year. The increase is \$.01 (1 cent) which means approximately \$10.00 for the owner of a \$100,000.00 home. The total aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2022 is \$6,574,105.00 which represents a 4.99% increase over the aggregate amount of property taxes extended for the year 2021. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the Levy as presented.

- 2023 Masonry Tuckpointing Bid Acceptance – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that the bid process for the 2023 Masonry Tuckpointing project has been completed. Otto Baum Company, Inc. was the low bidder at \$134,890.00. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve Otto Baum Company, Inc. to complete the work.
- 2023 Mechanical Systems Improvements - Phase 1 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 \$439,000.00. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve John's Service and Sales, Inc. to complete the work.
- 2023 Ag Shop Renovations Bid Acceptance – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that the bid process for the 2023 Ag Shop Renovations project has been completed. R.L. Sohol General Contractor was the low bidder at \$226,000.00. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve R.L. Sohol General Contractor to complete the work.
- Building & Grounds Committee Report – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that the Building & Grounds committee including Board members Mr. Tutoky and Mr. Wargo recently met to discuss various current and upcoming projects including, but not limited to, possible construction of a 4,000 sq. foot building, multiple project bids, possible property purchase, Welding class art projects, and an outdoor athletic improvement plan. Mr. Cameron and Board discussed the various possible projects.
- 2023 SRAVTE Agreement – Mr. Cameron submitted the 2023 SRAVTE Agreement for the Board's review. SRAVTE helps fund SHS's Career and Technical Program salaries and equipment. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the Agreement.
- SHS Softball Field Naming – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that the Softball Field Naming Committee has recently met to discuss the requests to name the Softball Field. The committee reviewed the process and history of the *Naming* policy as well as the biographical/historical data. The Softball Field Naming Committee recommended to not name the SHS Softball Field.
- IASB/PRESS Board Policy Updates #110 – First Reading – The Board conducted a first reading of the School Board Policies being revised.

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.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Drama to Allstate, Downers Grove, IL ATF - Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Streatorettes to IHSA State Contest, Bloomington, IL – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Streatorettes to IDTA State Convention, Springfield, IL – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.

Assistant Principal(s)/A.D. –

- Drug Testing Statistics – 1st Semester, 2022-23 – Mr. McGurk submitted the first semester, 2022-23 drug testing statistics for the Board's review.
- Facility Use Fee Waiver Request – Streator Diamond Dawgs Travel Baseball – Mr. McGurk submitted the Facility Use Fee Waiver Request for the Board's review and approval.

Old Business

MOTION by Biroshchik, seconded by Wargo, to approve the 2022 Tax Levy for the 2023-24 School Year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

New Business

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under “New Business” on the December 20, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Accept the 2023 Masonry Tuckpointing Bid from Otto Baum Company, Inc. for the Amount of \$134,890.00
- Accept the 2023 Mechanical Systems Improvements – Phase I Bid from John's Service and Sales, Inc. for the Amount of \$439,000.00
- Accept the 2023 Ag Shop Renovations Bid from R.L. Sohol General Contractor, Inc. for the Amount of \$226,000.00
- Approve the 2023 SRAVTE Agreement

- E. Approve the SHS Softball Field Naming Committee Recommendation to Not Name the SHS Softball Field
- F. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for Drama to Allstate, Downers Grove, IL *ATF*
- G. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for Streatorettes to IHSA State Contest, Bloomington, IL
- H. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for Streatorettes to IDTA State Convention, Springfield, IL
- I. Approve the Facility Use Fee Waiver Request for Streator Diamond Dawgs Travel Baseball Team

Closed Session

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Wargo, 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)(5)** for the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purchase of discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired; 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: 7:03 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Wargo, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 8:50 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

Motion by Tutoky, seconded by Biroshchik, to approve the **Non-Release** of the Closed Session minutes dated: Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

June 28, 2022	September 06, 2022	November 15, 2022
July 19, 2022	September 20, 2022	
August 16, 2022	October 18, 2022	

Motion by Tutoky, seconded by Baker, to Approve the following items Listed Under "Personnel," on the December 20, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will be contingent upon Background Check results. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Resignation:
 - Mr. John Sandoval – Asst. Girls Tennis Coach
 - Ms. Emily Lane – Asst. Volleyball Coach
 - Mr. Jacob Bemont – Asst. Baseball Coach (Split Stipend)
 - Mr. Brennon Martin – Asst. Baseball Coach (Split Stipend)
- Hire:
 - Ms. Devin Doty – 2022-23 Full-Time Physical Education/Health & Fitness Teacher
- Volunteer:
 - Mr. Brennon Martin – 2022-23 Volunteer Asst. Baseball Coach
 - Ms. Ashton Good – 2022-23 Volunteer Streatorette Coach

Motion by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Wargo, to approve the "Re-Hiring" of the following for the 2023-24 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Cross Country Head Coach - Brad Brittin
- Cross Country Asst. Coach - Doug Harris
- Football Asst. Coaches - Chuck Leonard, Bob Benning, Ken Fredrickson, Jason Mohr, Eric Moton
- Football Asst. Coach/Equip. Manager - Jason Schultz
- Football Volunteer Coach - Scott Luckey
- 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 - Justin Ainsley
- Volleyball Head Coach - Julie Gabehart
- Volleyball Asst. Coaches - Zoey Styczen

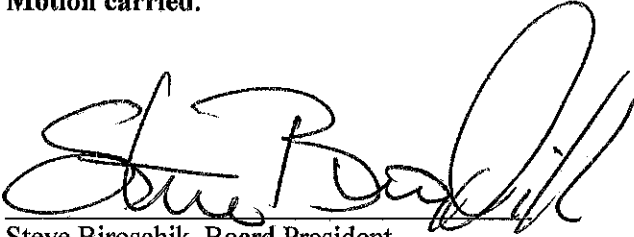
Motion by Biroschik, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the "Re-Hiring" of Mr. Kyle Tutt as Head Football Coach for the 2023-24 school year. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

President's Prerogative

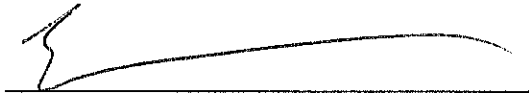
President Biroschik wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and expressed his appreciation of working with the Board and for all of the Board's hard work.

Motion for Adjournment

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Tutoky, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 8:55 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Steve Biroschik, Board President



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary