

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 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. Lotshaw, Principal, Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., Mr. Doty, Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

Board Salutes

Mrs. Baker congratulated Nick Pollett, SHS wrestler, for placing 6th at the State Wrestling Tournament this past weekend.

Mrs. Baker commended the Scholastic Bowl team, including students, Ryan Beck and Palmer Phillis for their success during this year's season.

Mrs. Baker wished Coach Doty and the Boys Basketball team luck as they begin this season's Regional Tournament.

Mr. Hoffmeyer commended Kirsten Peterson for her performance singing the National Anthem at a recent basketball game.

Mr. McGurk commended Band Director, Wyatt Onsen, for coordinating students to perform the National Anthem at SHS events.

Mr. Hoekstra congratulated the Streatorette coaches and team for their season successes.

Mr. Hoekstra recognized and thanked Jim Hanchett, community member, for his efforts taking pictures at the many SHS events.

Mr. Biroschik commended the many SHS teams that have had great seasons this year, including but not limited to, girls basketball, boys basketball and bowling.

Mr. Biroschik welcomed Coach Cloe, Head Football Coach, adding he is off to a great start with the team and coaches.

Students of the Month Recognition – January & February

Mrs. Lotshaw recognized the January and February students of the month and provided each with a certificate.

Public Comment

None

Board President Statement - President Biroschik read aloud a statement regarding a personnel matter.

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under "Approval of Minutes" on the Tuesday, February 20, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

A. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 16, 2024

B. Approve the Destruction of All Closed Session Recordings Prior to February, 2022

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Wargo, to approve the following items as listed under "Financial Reports" on the Tuesday, February 20, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

A. Approve the January, 2024, Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report

B. Approve the February, 2024, Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- 2023-24 ESY Special Education Program– Mr. Cameron submitted the proposed 2023-24 ESY Special Education Program to the Board and recommended the Board approve the plan.
- 2024 Summer Driver’s Education Program – Mr. Cameron submitted the Summer Driver’s Education proposal to the Board for approval. The Summer Driver’s Education fee is \$200 for in-district students and \$300 for out-of-district students (no free or reduced pricing). Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the Summer, 2024 program.
- 2024 Summer Help - Mr. Cameron submitted a recommendation from Mr. Dennis, Chief Maintenance Supervisor, to hire one temporary full-time skilled labor and two temporary full-time custodial/grounds workers for this summer. The total estimated cost for the summer help is approximately \$15,228.00 - \$16,732.00. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board authorize the hiring of the summer help.
- E-Learning Days vs. Emergency Days – Mr. Cameron and the Board discussed the benefits and flaws of the two different options, eLearning Days vs. Emergency Days. Future discussions will continue to be had regarding the best fit for the SHS students.
- FOIA Request – Per School Board Policy 2:250, the SHS Board is to be notified when a FOIA request to SHS has been made. On January 17, 2024, a FOIA request was received from Nathan Mihelich, IRTA. Proper response to the request was timely submitted.

Principal –

- Smart Goals Presentation – Science Department – Mr. Matt Brandenburg – Mr. Brandenburg, Science Department Chair, presented via Power Point, the Science 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.
- Smart Goals Presentation – Math Department – Mr. Rob Fabris – Mr. Fabris, Math Department Chair, presented via Power Point, the Math 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.
- Class Courses Discussion – Guidelines have been set to eliminate classes with less than 10 students registered. Mrs. Lotshaw, Principal, reported that 18 courses will be eliminated for the 2024-25 school year for lack of student registration. Administration and the Board discussed possible options for providing instruction to classes with low census registered students.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Streatorettes State Competition, Bloomington, IL (ATF) - Mrs. Lotshaw presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Boys Wrestling State Competition, Champaign, IL (ATF) - Mrs. Lotshaw presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Girls Wrestling State Competition, Bloomington, IL - Mrs. Lotshaw presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.

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 February 12, 2024.

Old Business

None

New Business

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the following items listed under “New Business” on the Tuesday, February 20, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the 2023-24 ESY Special Education Program
- B. Approve the 2024 Summer Driver’s Education Program
- C. Approve the 2024 Summer Help
- D. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for Streatorettes State Competition, Bloomington, IL (ATF)
- E. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for Boys Wrestling State Competition, Champaign, IL (ATF)
- F. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for Girls Wrestling State Competition, Bloomington, IL

Closed Session

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, 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)(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)(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: 8:06 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

9:58 p.m. - Mr. Tutoky Exited the Closed Session meeting.

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Hoekstra, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 10:25 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Baker, to approve the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the 2020-2025 Streator Township High School, AFT Local #604 Teacher Contract, regarding the installation and use of the security camera system. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the 2020-2025 Streator Township High School, Educational Support Personnel, AFT Local 604 Contract, regarding the installation and use of the security camera system. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Baker, seconded by Hoekstra, to accept the request of the STHS Educational Support Personnel Council, AFT Local 604, to enter into early negotiations of the Contract. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Biroshchik, to approve the Employee Contract between the Board of Education and Mr. Scott Cameron, Superintendent, updated to be effective July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2028, and to include a salary increase of 3% for the 2024-25 school year. The Superintendent's salary for each subsequent year of the contract will be determined annually. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Wargo, seconded by Baker, to approve the following items listed under "Personnel," on the February 20, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will be contingent upon Background Check results. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

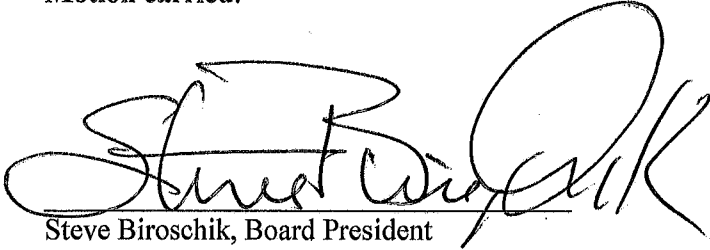
- Retirement: - Mr. Tom Edwards – Special Education Teacher
- Ms. Sue Grabowski – Paraprofessional
- Mr. Daniel "Lenny" Missel – Custodian
- Resignation: - Mr. Ron Salisbury – Assistant Softball Coach
- Mr. Adam Brown – Assistant Baseball Coach – Split Stipend
- Hire: - Ms. Lisa Hipes – Full-Time Bookkeeper/Human Resource
- Mr. Deon Gotch – 2023-24 Full-Time Custodian
- Ms. Hannah Elias – 2023-24 Assistant Boys Tennis Coach
- Ms. Alexis Ramon – 2023-24 Assistant Softball Coach (Split Stipend)
- Mr. Todd Hoffman – 2023-24 Assistant Baseball Coach (Split-Stipend)
- Mr. Paul Stys – 2023-24 Assistant Baseball Coach (Split Stipend)
- Mr. Matt Darrow – 2023-24 Assistant Baseball Coach (Split Stipend)
- Volunteers: - Mr. Adam Brown – 2023-24 Volunteer Baseball Coach
- Ms. Samantha Goerne – 2023-24 Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach
- Mr. Javier Magana – 2024-25 Volunteer Assistant Football Coach

President's Prerogative

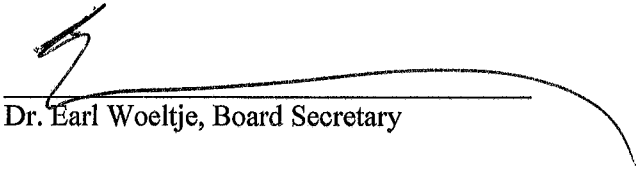
None

Motion for Adjournment

MOTION by Hoekstra, seconded by Woeltje, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 10:28 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0)
Motion carried.

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Steve Biroshik, Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Earl Woeltje", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary