

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 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. Mascal, Principal, Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., Mr. Doty, Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

Board Salutes

Mr. Wargo commended Mr. Doty, Head Boys Basketball Coach, and the team for their event success playing at the Chicago Bulls stadium.

Mr. Hoekstra commended Mr. Tyne, Social Science Teacher, for organizing the senior voter registration event during lunch hour in the SHS commons and thanked community member, Mr. Tom Kruger, for assisting with this service.

With the school day being an eLearning day as the result of frigid temperatures, Mr. Wargo commended all in attendance for making tonight's meeting.

Students of the Month

Due to inclement weather, this month's Students of the Month presentation will be postponed and recognized at the February 20, 2024 Board of Education meeting.

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, January 16, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Truth-In-Tax Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, December 12, 2023
- B. Approve the Destruction of All Closed Session Recordings Prior to January, 2022

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items listed under "Financial Reports" on the Tuesday, January 16, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the December, 2023, Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the January, 2024, Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- 2024-25 Proposed School Calendar - The 2024-25 School Calendar recommendation was submitted to the Board for review. Per Mr. Cameron, the proposed calendar dates have been discussed by the calendar committee and shared with Streator Elementary, Grand Ridge and Woodland in order to have common dates for transportation and breaks as much as possible. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the 2024-25 proposed calendar.
- Administrative Reports – Administration and the Technology Director submitted semester reports of activities completed for the Board's review. The reports reflect activities completed throughout the first semester of the 2023-24 school year.

- Security System Upgrade – Ficek Electric & Communication Systems, Inc. – The current security camera system is over 12 years old and is in need of an upgrade. The cost of the system upgrade as provided by Ficek Electric & Communication systems, Inc. is \$412,539.00. The upgrade includes the capability of recording all around the building, as well as at the football field. Funds currently budgeted for the 2023-24 school year, as well as LEASE funds surplus and LEASE funds projected to be received for the 2024-25 school year will be used for the project. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board accept the bid from Ficek Electric & Communication Systems, Inc. for the amount of \$412,539.00 to perform the upgrade.
- Levy Update – LaSalle County – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that LaSalle County made an error last year on the levy in regards to bond payments. This will cost the District an unbudgeted amount of \$152,123.00 and will affect our tax rate for one year. The clerk will add the amount to next year’s levy and reimburse the District for its loss.
- Livingston County Solar Project – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that a new solar project is in the process of being implemented in Livingston County, including a small portion of the county that resides in District 40. If implemented, the project would bring in approximately \$9,500.00 annually for 20 years. Mr. Cameron will provide updates regarding the project status as it becomes available.

Principal –

- Smart Goals Presentation – Science – Mr. Matt Brandenburg – Due to inclement weather, the Smart Goals presentation is postponed and will be presented at the February 20, 2024 Board of Education meeting.
- 2023-24 Early Graduates - The Board reviewed the list of STHS Students requesting to graduate after the first semester of the 2023-24 school year. Per the Guidance Department’s verification, the students have completed the proper requirements as set by the Board of Education.
- 2023-24 2nd Semester School Improvement Schedule – Mrs. Mascal submitted the 2nd Semester School Improvement Schedule for the Board’s review.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Girls Bowling to Regional, Danville, IL - Mrs. Mascal, Principal, submitted the Overnight Extended Student Trip Application for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd Lock-In, Streator, IL - Mrs. Mascal, Principal, submitted the Overnight Extended Student Trip Application for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Welding Class to Olbricht Botanical Garden, Madison, WI - Mrs. Mascal, Principal, submitted the Overnight Extended Student Trip Application for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd to State Convention, Springfield, IL - Mrs. Mascal, Principal, submitted the Overnight Extended Student Trip Application for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd to Leadership Conference, Washington, DC - Mrs. Mascal, Principal, submitted the Overnight Extended Student Trip Application for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd to Leadership Conference, Monticello, IL - Application for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd to Chapter Officer Retreat, Sunset Beach, MO - Mrs. Mascal, Principal, submitted the Overnight Extended Student Trip Application for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.

Assistant Pricipal(s)/A.D. –

None

Old Business

None

New Business

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the following items listed under “New Business”, on the Tuesday, January 16, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve the 2024-25 School Year Calendar
- Approve the 2023-24 Early Graduates
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for Girls Bowling to Regional in Danville, IL
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for the AgEd Lock-In Streator, IL
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for Welding Class to Olbricht Botanical Garden, Madison WI
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for AgEd to State Convention, Springfield, IL
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for AgEd to Leadership Conference, Washington, DC
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for AgEd Leadership Camp, Monticello, IL
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for AgEd to Officer Retreat, Sunset Beach, MO

MOTION by Hoekstra, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the Security Camera Upgrade bid from Ficek Electric & Communication Systems, Inc. for the amount of \$412,539.00. Ayes (5) Nays (2 – Biroshik, Wargo) **Motion carried.**

Closed Session

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, 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)(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: 7:04 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION to return to Regular Session. TIME: 8:09 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions From Closed Session

MOTION by Biroshik, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the resignation, with the option to retire, of Mrs. Kimberly Zavada as Bookkeeper, effective July 28, 2024. Retirement notification must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent prior to July 28, 2024. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Biroshik, to approve the following items listed under “Personnel”, on the January 16, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will be contingent upon Background Check results. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Resignations: - Mr. Dan Pouk – National Honor Society Advisor
- Mr. Terry Kochis – Assistant Baseball Coach
- Mr. Cooper Melvin – Assistant Baseball Coach – Split Stipend
- Hires: - Mr. Robert Cloe – 2024-25 Head Football Coach
- Volunteers: - Ms. Zoey Styczen – 2023-24 Volunteer Asst. Scholastic Bowl Coach
- Mr. Paul Stys – 2023-24 Volunteer Asst. Scholastic Bowl Coach

President’s Prerogative

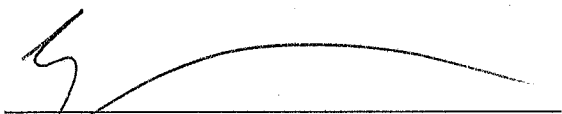
None

Motion for Adjournment

MOTION by Hoekstra, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 8:12 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Steve Biroshik, Board President



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary