

**STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40**  
Regular Meeting - Board of Education  
Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library Meeting Room  
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, Mrs. Baker, Mr. Hoekstra, Mr. Hoffmeyer, Mr. Tutoky, Mr. Wargo and Dr. Woeltje

Administration present: Scott Cameron, Superintendent, Mrs. Mascal, Principal, Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., Mr. Doty, Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Johnston, Admin. Assistant

**Board Salutes**

Mr. Hoekstra commended Mr. Hintzsche, Ms. Heimerdinger and the FFA students who continue to successfully represent our School District.

Mr. Wargo commended the employees of the District, at all levels, for a very successful school year.

Mr. Biroschik recognized the 1983 STHS Winning State Softball Team and commended the success of their celebration event recently held at the PNA in Streator.

**Students of the Year**

Mrs. Mascal, Principal, recognized the 2022-23 STHS Students of the Year and provided each with a certificate.

**STHS Athletic State Qualifiers Recognition**

Mr. Carlson, Head Boys Track Coach, recognized the 2022-23 individual state qualifiers of the boys' track team for their success at the state track meet. Also recognized was state qualifier, Abby Pierce, for her success at the girls' state track meet.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Board Minutes**

**MOTION** by Wargo, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items listed under "Approval of Minutes" on the Tuesday, June 27, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, May 16, 2023
- B. Approve the Destruction of All Closed Session Recordings Prior to June, 2021

**Approval of Financial Reports**

**MOTION** by Wargo, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items as listed under "Financial Reports" on the Tuesday, June 27, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the May, 2023 Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the June, 2023 Bills

**Administrative Reports**

Superintendent –

- **2022-23 Amended Budget** – Because of the changes in the budget throughout the 2022-2023 school year on the expense and revenue sides, it is necessary to amend the current fiscal year budget. A Public Hearing was held, this date, at 5:45 P.M. to review the proposed amendment. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the 2022-2023 school year Amended Budget.
- **STHS Consolidated District Plan** – The Consolidated District Plan reflects how the District utilizes the Title Grant funds. The Plan needs to be approved annually by the Board of Education prior to submitting to the State. The plan has been updated with the appropriate dates. Mr. Cameron recommended that the Board approve the District Plan.

- Prairie State Insurance Cooperative Renewal – Mr. Cameron and the Board reviewed the Commercial Insurance renewal rates through Prairie State Insurance Cooperative (PSIC). The total premium for 2023-24 is \$191,400.86 reflecting a total increase of approximately \$24,903.10 from the prior year. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the 2023-24 commercial insurance renewal.
- BCBS Medical Insurance – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that the Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance renewal rate for the upcoming year decreased 1.87%. This is projected to save the District approximately \$18,410 from the prior year. Mr. Cameron explained however, the deductible costs to the plan recipients have risen which inevitably contributes to keeping these premiums low. Mr. Cameron informed the Board that the insurance committee is asking the Board to consider contributing the additional increase in deductible to the employee HRA Plan. Based on the percentage usage during the 2022-23 school year, the proposed increase in HRA is projected to cost the District an estimated \$8,600. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board consider the insurance committee's request to contribute the additional deductible to the individual's HRA plan.
- Building & Grounds Projects – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that Mr. Dennis is requesting authorization for Green & Associates to proceed with preparing the Specs for bidding the following projects:
  - Classroom Univents Project Phase 2
  - Sports Complex Roof Projects
  - Carpet Removal and Replacement Room 117

Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve moving forward on the projects.

- Beverage Vending Services Bids – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that bids were sought for Beverage & Vending Services for a 3-year period, August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2026. Bids were received from Pepsi and Coca-Cola. The Board reviewed the Pepsi agreement for the 3-year period. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve Pepsi for the 3-year Beverage & Vending Services.
- James Street Recreational Area Intergovernmental Agreement – Mr. Cameron explained that the District is currently in the process of finalizing the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Streator as related to the James Street Recreational Area. The City has planned a Special Meeting Friday, June 30, 2023, to finalize the Agreement on their end. The Board will likely hold a Special Meeting in the upcoming week to discuss possible approval of the Agreement as well. If the Agreement is approved by both parties in the upcoming weeks, STHS will convert the current football and baseball fields to soccer fields. STHS will be responsible for maintaining that portion of the facility. The City of Streator will continue to utilize and maintain the facilities T-Ball fields and Dog Park.
- Tire Aligner Equipment Bids – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that bids were sought for the purchase of a Tire Aligner. The low bid came from Hunter Engineering Company for the amount of \$33,287.97. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the Tire Aligner purchase from Hunter Engineering Company.
- Infield Groomer Bids – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that bids were sought for the purchase of an Infield Groomer, Bunker & Field Rake. The low bid came from Revels Turf & Tractor, LLC for the amount of \$19,021.28. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the Infield Groomer purchase from Revels John Deere.
- Transportable Bleachers & Bench – Mr. McGurk submitted information for the purchase of various transportable bleachers/benches totaling \$18,665.98. The items will be purchased by Amazon and paid for through the Community Partnership Grant. Mr. Cameron recommended that the Board approve the purchase of the items.
- 2022-23 Audit Contract – Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. – Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. submitted an Engagement Letter to complete the 2022-23 school year audit for the amount of \$17,850.00. Last year's audit fee was \$16,390.00. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the Engagement with Gorenz and Associates, Ltd., for the amount of \$17,850.00 to complete the 2022-23 Audit.
- School Treasurer Bond Renewal - Annually, the STHS Board will review and approve the School Treasurer Bond. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the continuance of the Bond with the current vendor, Theresa Muntz from Muntz & Talbott, CPA, P.C., and the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company.
- Administrative & Technology Reports - Administration and the Technology Director submitted year end reports for the Board's review. The reports reflect activities completed throughout the year.
- STHS Portable Bleacher Use – Streator Fest Committee – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that the Streator 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee has requested to use the portable bleachers July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 8, 2022, for the various celebration events occurring at Northpoint Plaza. Mr. Cameron recommended that the Board approve the loaning of the bleachers to the committee after they provide proof of insurance.
- IASB/PRESS Board Policy 4:60 Update – The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed update to Board Policy 4:60, Purchases & Contracts. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board increase the threshold authorizing the Superintendent to make purchases without prior Board approval, from \$15,000 to \$25,000. The threshold also

aligns with the State Law for bidding procedures which is currently \$25,000. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the Policy as updated.

- IASB/PRESS Board Policy Updates #112 – First Reading – The Board conducted a first reading of the IASB/PRESS Board Policies being updated. A second reading on the policies being updated will be held during the July 18, 2023, Board of Education meeting
- FOIA Requests – Multiple - Per School Board Policy 2:250, the STHS Board is to be notified when a FOIA request to STHS has been made. The following FOIA requests were received; timely responses were provided.
  - 5.19.23 *Coca-Cola, Laura Quesada - Beverage Agreements*
  - 6.08.23 *WNIJ Public Radio, Peter Medlin - Student Monetary Fines*
  - 6.08.23 *Prairie State Wire, Vince Espi - DEI Services Documentation*
  - 6.16.23 *NBC, Katy Smyser - FOIA Lawsuit Documents*

**Principal –**

- STHS 2023-24 Faculty Handbook – Second Reading – The Board reviewed and conducted a second reading of the proposed changes to the STHS Faculty Handbook. Mrs. Mascall recommended the Board approve the handbook as updated.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – Girls Track to State Meet, Charleston, IL (ATF) - Mrs. Mascall, Principal, presented the Overnight/Extended Student Trip Application for the Board’s review and approval.
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- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – Football to Football Camp, Maroa, IL - Mrs. Mascall, Principal, presented the Overnight/Extended Student Trip Application for the Board’s review and approval.

**Assistant Principal(s)/A.D.–**

- IHSA Coop – Boys & Girls Swimming – Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., submitted the 2023-25 Cooperative Agreement for Boys & Girls Swimming with various High Schools for the Board’s review and approval.
- 2022-23 Spring Sports Season End Results – The Board reviewed the 2022-23 spring sports season end results submitted by Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D. and coaches.
- Job Description Revisions – Mr. McGurk submitted the following Job Descriptions as updated for the Boards review and recommended approval.
  - Freshman Class Advisor
  - Sophomore Class Advisor
  - Junior Class Advisor
  - Senior Class Advisor
  - S-Club Advisor

**Old Business**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under “Old Business” on the June 27, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

- A. Approve the 2022-23 Amended Budget
- B. Approve the 2022-23 STHS Faculty Handbook

**New Business**

**MOTION** by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the following items listed under “New Business”, on the Tuesday, June 27, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the STHS Consolidated District Plan
- B. Approve the Commercial Insurance Renewal Through Prairie State Insurance Cooperative for a Total Premium of \$191,400.86
- C. Approve the 2023-24 BCBS Medical Insurance Renewal Including Additional Board Paid Employee Deductible
- D. Authorize Bidding the Following Buildings and Grounds Projects; Classroom Univents Project Phase 2, Various Sports Complex Roof Projects and Carpet Removal & Replacement Room 117
- E. Approve the 3-Year Beverage/Vending Services Contract with Pepsi
- G. Approve the Purchase of the Tire Aligner from Hunter Engineering Co. for the Amount of \$33,287.97
- H. Approve the Purchase of the Infield Groomer from Revels Turf and Tractor, LLC for the Amount of \$19,021.28
- I. Approve the Purchase of the Transportable Bleachers from Amazon for the Amount of \$18,665.98
- J. Approve the 2022-23 Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. Audit Contract for the Amount of \$17,850.00

- K. Approve the 2023-24 Treasurer Bond Renewal with Theresa Muntz from Muntz & Talbott, CPA, P.C. and the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
- L. Approve the Streator Fest Committee Request for the Use of the STHS Portable Bleachers
- M. Approve the Update to IASB/Press Board Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts
- N. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip – Girls Track to State Meet, Charleston, IL *(ATF)*
- O. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip – Boys Track to State Meet, Charleston, IL *(ATF)*
- P. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip – Football to Camp, Maroa, IL
- Q. Approve the IHSA Boys & Girls Swimming Coop with Multiple High Schools
- R. Approve the Revisions to the Following Job Descriptions
  - 1. Freshman Class Advisor
  - 2. Sophomore Class Advisor
  - 3. Junior Class Advisor
  - 4. Senior Class Advisor
  - 5. S-Club Advisor

**Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Wargo, seconded by Tutoky, 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. **TIME: 7:23 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Hoekstra, to return to Regular Session. **TIME: 8:27 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) Motion carried.**

**Motions from Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Wargo, to approve the Non-Release of the Closed Session Minutes dated December 20, 2022, January 17, 2023, February 21, 2023, March 14, 2023, April 25, 2023, and May 16, 2023. **Ayes (7) Nays (0) Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Biroshchik, to approve the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the 2020-25 Streator Township High School, Streator Council of AFT Local 604, to add the following tiered stipends. **Ayes (7) Nays (0) Motion carried.**

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| A. Assistant Bowling Coach (1)      | Tier 5 |
| B. Assistant Streatorette Coach (1) | Tier 5 |
| C. Head Bass Fishing Coach (1)      | Tier 7 |
| D. Head E-Sports Coach (1)          | Tier 7 |

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the Employee Contract between the Board of Education and Mr. Scott Cameron, Superintendent, as updated, effective July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2027. **Ayes (7) Nays (0) Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Woeltje, to approve the following items listed under “Personnel”, on the June 27, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will be contingent upon Background Check results. **Ayes (7) Nays (0) Motion carried.**

- Retirement: - Mr. Todd Hoffman – Special Education Teacher
- Resignation:- Ms. Emlyn Krasnican – Paraprofessional
- Ms. Brianne Yedinak - Paraprofessional
- Hire: - Mr. Paul Stys – 2023-24 Full-Time Paraprofessional
- Ms. Jennifer McMullen – 2023-24 Full-Time Paraprofessional
- Ms. Paula Krohe – 2023-24 Assistant Volleyball Coach

- Ms. Taylor Hoskins – 2023-24 Assistant Volleyball Coach
  - Mr. Justin Stillwell – 2023-24 Assistant Football Coach (Split Stipend)
  - Mr. Rory Bedeker – 2023 Summer Drivers Education Teacher
- Volunteer: - Mr. Jeremy Durdan – 2023-24 Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach

**MOTION** by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the re-hiring of the 2023-24 STHS Substitutes as presented. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Baker, to approve the “Re-Hiring” of the Club/Activity Sponsors for the 2023-24 school year as presented. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

**Freshman Class** - Megan O’Kraske/Devin Doty  
**Sophomore Class** – Brad Brittin  
**Junior Class** – Robb Watson  
**Senior Class** – Rob Tyne  
**Student Council** – Jason Robart  
**National Honor Society** – Dan Pouk  
**FFA** – Riley Hintzsche  
**Key Club** – Brad Brittin  
**Spanish Club** – Alison Clausing  
**German Club** – Debbie Horton  
**Science Club** – Matt Brandenburg  
**Special Olympics** – Crystal Robart  
**Welding Club** – David Taylor  
**Math Team** – Robb Watson  
**Hub Club** – Chris Aubry  
**Weight Room Supervisors** – Larissa Magana, Chuck Leonard

**Art Club** – Janelle Garcia/Monica Hladovcak  
**Band** – Wyatt Onsen  
**Choral** – Wyatt Onsen  
**Scholastic Bowl** – Rob Tyne  
**Auditorium Manager** – Mark Fulkerson  
**Drama Club** – Rob Tyne/Kim Freeman  
**Asst. Drama** – Rob Tyne/Kim Freeman  
**Yearbook** – Tina O’Brien  
**ACES/WYSE** – Doug Harris  
**S Club** – Zoey Styczen  
**Tech Prep Club** – Chris Peterson  
**Musical Music Director** – Wyatt Onsen  
**Snowball** – Tiffany Park  
**Bulldog Scribes** – Ray Yanek

**President’s Prerogative**

None

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Wargo, seconded by Biroshchik, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting. TIME: 8:37 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Mr. Steve Biroshchik, Board President

Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary