

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 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 (7:30 p.m.), Mr. Biroschik, Mr. Hoffmeyer, Mr. Tutoky, Mr. Wargo and Dr. Woeltje
Board member absent: Mr. Hoekstra

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

Administration absent: Mr. Doty, Assistant Principal

Board Salutes

The Board, Administration, and Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., congratulated and recognized the various state qualifying teams, coaches and athletes from the 2023-24 winter season.

Streatorettes – Coach Payton and Assistant Coach Manypenny, thanked the Board and Administration for tonight's recognition and revamped the success of their season. The Streatorettes finished in 14th place by fractions of a point.

Wrestling – Coach Lowman thanked the Board and Administration for tonight's recognition. Coach Lowman also recognized senior wrestler, Nick Pollet (in attendance), for his 6th place IHSA state medal. Mr. Pollet's medal is the first SHS wrestling medal since 1958. Lily Gwaltney, freshman girl's wrestler, was also recognized for her successful season and as an IHSA wrestling state qualifier.

Students of the Month Recognition

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

Public Comment

None

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under "Approval of Minutes" on the Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 20, 2024
- B. Approve the Destruction of All Closed Session Recordings Prior to March, 2022

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Wargo, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items listed under "Financial Reports" on the Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve the February, 2024, Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report
- Approve the March, 2024, Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- 2023-24 Tentative Amended Budget Display and Set Budget Hearing – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that it will be necessary to amend the 2023-2024 budget as a result of revenue and expense changes throughout the year. The Board reviewed the tentative amended 2023-2024 budget as summarized. Mr. Cameron explained that the tentative amended budget is being submitted and reviewed early this year as a result of a software conversion planned for the upcoming months. Mr. Cameron recommended a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 5:45 PM. The final amended budget will be presented for approval at the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2024.

- 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.
- Vocational Building & Building Projects – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that both the Building & Grounds Committee and the Finance Committee have recently met to discuss the updated Vocational Building plan and costs. The cost of the project has increased significantly and includes a smaller building than originally planned. As a result of these unforeseen increased expenses and circumstances, Mr. Cameron and the Board discussed the list of many Building and Grounds projects in which the money could be better utilized. The list was provided by Mr. Dennis, Maintenance Supervisor. The money needs to be spent or allocated by December, 2025. After extensive discussion, the Board agreed to halt proceeding with the Vocational Center project. The final agreement to forego the Vocational Center project will be voted on during the Board meeting of April 16, 2024.
- Surplus Items – The Board reviewed the list of proposed Weld Shop surplus items as submitted by Mr. Taylor, Weld Shop Instructor. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board declare the items as surplus and authorize the sale of the items within state regulations.

Principal -

- Smart Goals Presentation – English/World Languages – Mr. Ray Yanek - Mr. Yanek, English Department Chair, presented via Power Point, the English 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.
- Tenure Teachers – Mrs. Lotshaw, Principal, submitted and reviewed with the Board, the list of teachers obtaining tenure at the end of the 2023-24.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd to Ag Legislative Day, Springfield, IL (ATF) - Mrs. Lotshaw presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for the Board’s approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd to State Proficiencies, Mt. Zion, IL – Mrs. Lotshaw presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for the Board’s approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – SHS Theatre Lock-In, Streator, IL – Mrs. Lotshaw presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for the Board’s approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Boys Track Meet, Edwardsville, IL – Mrs. Lotshaw presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for the Board’s approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Boys Basketball Shootout, West Lafayette, IN - Mrs. Lotshaw presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for the Board’s approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Senior Class Trip, Gurnee, IL - Mrs. Lotshaw presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for the Board’s approval.

Assistant Principal(s)/A.D. –

- 2024-25 IHSA Membership Renewal – IHSA is an organization which sets the standards and guidelines for athletics and activities in the State of Illinois. Mr. McGurk recommended the Board approve the IHSA Membership Resolution.
- Facility Use Fee Waiver Request – Streator Youth Football – Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., submitted the Facility Use Fee Waiver Request for the Board’s review and approval.
- 2023-24 Winter Sports Season Summaries – The Board reviewed the 2023-24, Winter sports results submitted by Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., and Coaches.
- Discipline Report Review – Mr. Doty prepared the updated 2023-24 Discipline Report for the Board’s review. The report reflects the current and prior year comparisons through February 12, 2024. Mrs. Lotshaw answered questions on Mr. Doty’s behalf and absence.

Old Business

None

New Business

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under “New Business” on the Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Motion **carried**.

- Approve the Display of the 2023-24 Tentative Amended Budget and Set the Amended Budget Hearing Meeting for June 25, 2024, @ 5:45 P.M.
- Approve the STHS Consolidated District Plan

- C. Approve the List of Surplus Items and Authorize the Sale Within State Regulations
- D. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for AgEd to Ag Legislative Day, Springfield, IL (*ATF*)
- E. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for AgEd to State Proficiencies, Mt. Zion, IL
- F. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for SHS Theatre Lock-In, Streator, IL
- G. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for Boys Track Meet, Edwardsville, IL
- H. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for Boys Basketball Shootout, Lafayette, IN
- I. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for Senior Class Trip, Gurnee, IL
- J. Approve the 2024-25 IHSA Membership Renewal
- K. Approve the Facility Use Fee Waiver Request for Streator Youth Football

Closed Session

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, 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: 7:25 P.M. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Tutoky, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 8:35 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Biroshik, to approve the Employee Contract between the Streator Township High School District 40 Board of Education and Nick McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., updated to reflect the effective dates of July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027, and a 3% salary increase for the 2024-25 school term. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Baker, to approve the Employee Contract between the Streator Township High School District 40 Board of Education and Beau Doty, Assistant Principal, updated to reflect the effective dates of July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027, and a 3% salary increase for the 2024-25 school term. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroshik, seconded by Woeltje, to approve the Employee Contract between the Streator Township High School District 40 Board of Education and Rob Beck, Director of Technology, updated to reflect the effective dates of July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027, and a 3% salary increase for the 2024-25 school term. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the 2024-25 Employee Agreement between the Streator Township High School District 40 Board of Education and Ms. Hannah Elias, School Nurse, including a 3% salary increase. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the salary increases as presented for the 2024-25 school year for the following District Confidential Employees. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**
 Chief Maintenance Supervisor, District Bookkeeper, Maintenance, Supt. Admin. Asst., Payroll/AP Bkpg., Truancy Mentor, District Technician, Alumni Coordinator (Split), Alumni Coordinator (Split)

Motions From Closed Session

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items Listed Under "Personnel," on the Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will also be contingent upon Background Check results. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Hires:
 - Mr. Beau Albert – 2024-25 Assistant Football Coach – Split Stipend
 - Ms. Tina O'Brien – 2024-25 National Honor Society Advisor
- Volunteers:
 - Ms. Amber Matsko – 2023-24 Volunteer FFA Advisor

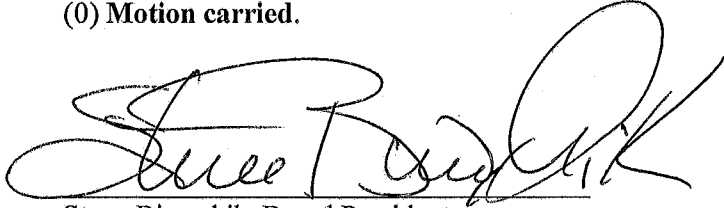
President's Prerogative

None


Motion for Adjournment

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Biroschik, to adjourn from the Regular meeting. TIME: 8:39 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays

(0) **Motion carried.**

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Biroschik".

Steve Biroschik, Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Earl Woeltje".

Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary