

# STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library  
Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

## Call to Order/Roll Call

President Woeltje called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Mr. Biroshchik, Mr. Hoffmeyer, Mr. Mast, Mr. McFadden, Mr. Parr and Dr. Woeltje  
Board member absent: Mr. Tutoky

Administration present: Dr. Seaton, Superintendent, and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

## Board Salutes

Dr. Seaton commended the coaches and athletes that remain COVID-19 compliant as they begin their 2020-21 fall sports seasons.

Dr. Seaton also commended the COVID-19 Transition Team for their extra efforts in creating the STHS Return to Learning Plan for the 2020-21 school year.

## Public Comment

None

## Approval of Board Minutes

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the minutes of the 2019-20 Budget Amendment Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 23, 2020. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

## Approval of Financial Reports

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by McFadden, to approve all items as listed under Financial Reports on the Tuesday, July 28, 2020, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the June, 2020 Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the July, 2020 Bills

## Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- Investments – Vezzetti Capital Management – Mr. Vezzetti of Vezzetti Capital Management, LLC provided the Board with a brief overview of the financial highlights for the fiscal year 2019-20 and current investment strategies.
- 2020-21 Tentative Budget and Set Budget Hearing – Dr. Seaton and the Board reviewed the Preliminary Budget for the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Seaton recommended a Budget Hearing on the 2020-21 Budget be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 5:45 p.m.
- Reopening Plan – COVID-19 Considerations – Dr. Seaton and the Board reviewed the Reopening Plan – COVID-19 document which was recently created by the District's Transition Team. The Transition Team included administrators, board members, teachers, support staff, maintenance staff and technology staff. The plan provides parents the option to choose between a remote learning plan or in-person instruction for their student(s). The 2020-21 school year will begin Tuesday, August 11, 2020 for all students. Parents will have until Wednesday, August 26, 2020, to make a final decision towards which plan they choose for their student(s) for the remainder of the first semester.
- List of Depositories, Investment Managers, Dealers and Brokers – Board Policy 4:30 – The Board reviewed the List of Depositories, Investment Managers, Dealers and Brokers that District #40 currently uses as mandated annually through STHS Board Policy 4:30. Mr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the Selection of Depositories.
- Facility Usage Rental Rates, Fee Structure and Rental Procedures – Board Policy 8:20 – The Board reviewed the Facility Usage Rental Rates as mandated annually through STHS Board Policy 8:20. The Board discussed raising the rates for the rental of the newly renovated Auditorium to \$500 for Profit Organizations and \$250 for Non-Profit Organizations.
- Closed Session Recordings - Destruction – Annually, the Board reviews and determines if they want to destroy dated Closed Session recordings. Dr. Seaton recommended destroying all Closed Session recordings prior to

January, 2019, keeping the legal number of verbatim recordings. After further discussion, the Board discussed tabling the discussion of the destruction of the closed session recordings until the next scheduled Board of Education meeting of August 15, 2020.

- Job Description – Community/Alumni Coordinator (Revised) – Second Reading – Dr. Seaton requested the second reading of the Job Description and recommended approval.
- FOIA Request - Per School Board Policy 2:250, the STHS Board is to be notified when a FOIA request to STHS has been made. A FOIA request was received June 24, 2020, from Janie Jordan, Data Research Partners. A response to the request was timely submitted.
- Board Policy Updates #104 – First Reading - The Board conducted a first reading of the IASB/PRESS Board Policies being revised.

Principal –

- Appoint STHS Hearing Officer – Mrs. Mascall recommended STHS continue to use the services of the current Hearing Officer, Mr. Edward R. Condon.
- 2020-21 Textbooks/Instructional Materials – Board Policy 6:210 – The Board reviewed the list of Textbooks/Instructional Materials used by the District as mandated annually through STHS Board Policy 6:210, Instruction.

### Old Business

**MOTION** by Mast, seconded by Biroshchik, to approve the Community/Alumni Coordinator Job Description. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

### New Business

**MOTION** by McFadden, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under “New Business,” on the Tuesday, July 28, 2020, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the 2020-21 Tentative Budget and Set the Budget Hearing Meeting for September 15, 2020, @ 5:45 P.M.
- B. Approve the Reopening Plan–COVID-19 for the 2020-21 School Year
- F. Approve the Appointment of the Hearing Officer, Mr. Edward Condon, for the 2020-21 School Year

**MOTION** by Parr, seconded by McFadden, to approve the 2020-21 Facility Usage Fee Structure and Rental Rates Procedures with the amendment of the Auditorium rates to \$250.00 for Non-Profit Organizations and \$500.00 for Profit Organizations. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by Mast, to approve the List of Depositories, Investment Managers, Dealers and Brokers. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (1-McFadden) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by McFadden, to table the destruction of all closed session recordings prior to January, 2019. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

### Closed Session

**MOTION** by McFadden, 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: 6:58 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Parr, seconded by McFadden, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 7:47 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

### Motions from Closed Session

**MOTION** by Parr, seconded by McFadden, to approve the following items listed under “Personnel,” on the July 28, 2020, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will be contingent on Background Check results. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

1. Retirement: - Denise Hernandez – Paraprofessional
2. Resignation: - Mr. Mark Yanek – Boys Assistant Tennis Coach
3. Hire: - Mr. Dale Melrose – 2020-21 Part-Time Custodian

**MOTION** by Parr, seconded by Mast, to approve the following items listed under “Personnel,” on the July 28, 2020, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will be contingent on Background Check results. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Ms. Kim Freeman – 2020-21 Assistant Drama Director
- Mr. Ray Yanek – 2020-21 Bulldog Scribe Sponsor
- Mr. Robb Watson – 2020-21 Math Team Sponsor
- Mr. David Taylor – 2020-21 Welding Club Advisor
- Mrs. Tiffany Park – 2020-21 Snowball Advisor
- Mrs. Crystal Robart – 2020-21 Special Olympics Advisor
- Mr. Zachary Taylor – 2020-21 Musical Music Director

**MOTION** by McFadden, seconded by Parr, to approve the following items listed under “Personnel,” on the July 28, 2020, Board Meeting Agenda, contingent upon the Sports Season occurring and/or the coach submitting a plan of activities if the season is cancelled entirely. All new hires will be contingent on Background Check results.

Mr. Biroshchik stated the following; *“I want this to go on record that I think we need to table this for a month until we find out what the direction is from the Illinois High School Sports (Association) and the Illinois Department of Health before we move forward. I want that on record... that I think we are better off to wait and see what happens.”*

Ayes (5) Nays (1-Biroshchik) **Motion carried.**

- Hires:
- Mr. Larry Kerestes – 2020-21 Assistant Football Coach
  - Mr. Jeff Strabala – 2020-21 Assistant Football Coach
  - Mr. Stash Mroczek – 2020-21 Assistant Football/Equipment Manager (1/2 Stipend)

- Volunteers:
- Mr. Terrell Shepherd – 2020-21 Volunteer Assistant Football Coach
  - Mr. Eric Moton – 2020-21 Volunteer Assistant Football Coach

**MOTION** by Parr, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the “Re-Hiring” of the following for the 2020-21 school year contingent upon the Sports Season occurring and/or the coach submitting a plan of activities if the season is cancelled entirely. All new hires will be contingent on Background Check results.

Mr. Biroshchik stated the following; *“I think we’re overstepping our bounds. We don’t know what the sports would be like. We may not have any; are they going to be modified? I have NO PROBLEM voting for these folks to do their jobs if they’re going to be there. But I am definitely, definitely, definitely, against any kind of modified, and I use this term again, “glorified PE section”, because you may not have the whole team show up; you can’t participate correctly in these glorified situations, as a sport. It’s great that they have an activity; something to go to. We might be better off getting them all a Y membership and let them all go out there and play basketball. This is wrong guys, but that’s my opinion.”*

Ayes (5) Nays (1 - Biroshchik) **Motion carried.**

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| - Boys Basketball Head Coach      | - Beau Doty  |
| - Boys Basketball Asst. Coach     | - Omar Moreno, Adam Thorson                            |
| - Boys Basketball Volunteers      | - Bryan Park, Harry Park, Jeff Strabala, Jake Strabala |
| - Girls Basketball Head Coach     | - Beau Albert  |
| - Girls Basketball Asst. Coaches  | - Melissa Zavada, Dave Marvin                          |
| - Girls Basketball Volunteer      | - Jill Seaton  |
| - Wrestling Head Coach            | - Isaias Macias  |
| - Wrestling Asst. Coaches         | - TJ Moran   |
| - Wrestling Volunteers            | - John Sandoval  |
| - Bowling Head Coach-Boys & Girls | - Nancy Longnecker                                     |
| - Bowling Volunteers              | - Ron Ramza, Dan Pond                                  |
| - Cheerleading Head Co-Coaches    | - Hannah Phelps, Zena Leonard                          |
| - Streatorettes Head Coach        | - Tiffany Condon                                       |

**MOTION** by Parr, seconded by McFadden, to approve the “Re-Hiring” of the following Activity Sponsors/Advisors for the 2020-21 school year. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

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| <b>Freshman Class</b>         | - Megan O’Kraski/Devin Doty | <b>Science Club</b>          | - Matt Brandenburg                  |
| <b>Sophomore Class</b>        | - Brad Brittin              | <b>Art Club</b>              | - Janelle Garcia & Monica Hladovcak |
| <b>Junior Class</b>           | - Robb Watson               | <b>Scholastic Bowl</b>       | - Rob Tyne                          |
| <b>Senior Class</b>           | - Rob Tyne                  | <b>Asst. Scholastic Bowl</b> | - Rob Tyne                          |
| <b>Student Council</b>        | - Jason Robart              | <b>Drama Club</b>            | - Rob Tyne                          |
| <b>National Honor Society</b> | - Dan Pouk                  | <b>Yearbook</b>              | - Tina O’Brien                      |
| <b>FFA</b>                    | - Riley Hintzsche           | <b>WYSE</b>                  | - Doug Harris                       |
| <b>Key Club</b>               | - Brad Brittin              | <b>S Club</b>                | - Nate Nugent                       |
| <b>Spanish Club</b>           | - Alison Clausing           | <b>Tech Prep Club</b>        | - Chris Peterson                    |
| <b>German Club</b>            | - Debbie Horton             |                              |                                     |


**MOTION** by McFadden, seconded by Mast, to approve the 2020-21 list of various Substitutes. All new Substitutes will be contingent on Background Check results. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**President’s Prerogative**

President Woeltje thanked the Board for this evening’s discussions.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Hoffmeyer, seconded by McFadden, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 7:57 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

  
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Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board President

  
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James Parr, Board Secretary