

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 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. Biroshik, Mr. Darrow, Mr. McFadden, Mr. Parr, Mr. Tutoky, Dr. Woeltje and Mr. Williamson (Mr. Williams exited the meeting at 8:13 p.m.)

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

Board Salutes

Dr. Seaton congratulated both the Girls and Boys Basketball Teams for their successful seasons this year and also student athlete, Alex Granados, Wrestling Sectional qualifier.

Dr. Seaton commended the SHS Band for their great performance held Sunday, February 17, 2019.

Dr. Seaton thanked and recognized Mr. Dennis, Chief Maintenance Supervisor, for his many added hours tending to various additional buildings and grounds projects, including keeping up with the extra snow removal.

Amended Agenda

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by McFadden, to Amend the February 19, 2019, Board Meeting Agenda to add “Motion to go into Closed Session as Per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9) for Student Disciplinary Cases,” prior to Item #5, Public Comment. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

Introduce Students of the Month

Mrs. Mascal introduced and recognized the Students of the Month and presented each with a certificate.

Closed Session

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by McFadden, to go into Closed Session as per 5ILCS 120/(c)(9) for Student Disciplinary Cases. TIME: 6:16 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Parr, seconded by Darrow, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 7:51 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Public Comment

Ms. Sharon Powell, community member, addressed the Board regarding student discipline incidents and procedures involving her daughter.

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Parr, seconded by Darrow, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by McFadden, seconded by Parr, to approve the following items as listed under “Financial Reports” on the Tuesday, February 19, 2019, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve the January, 2019, Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- Approve the February, 2019, Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- 2019-2020 School Calendar – The 2019-20 School Calendar recommendation was submitted to the Board for review. The proposed calendar dates have been shared and discussed with Streator Elementary, Grand Ridge, Ransom and St. Michael’s in order to have common dates for Spring Break.

- Building and Grounds Update – Dr. Seaton updated the Board on the status of the various buildings and grounds projects.
- Contract With Foreign Service Group – China for Chinese Enrollment for FY2020 – Dr. Seaton and the Board reviewed the contract renewal for the 2019-20 school year. Dr. Seaton informed the Board that the company has students that have applied to study at SHS for the 2019-20 school year.
- Invenergy Agreement Termination – The General Assembly has recently passed new laws which significantly reduce the assessed value of solar farms, which concurrently, significantly reduces the amount reimbursed to the District through the formula. As a result, Invenergy and SHS District 40 have mutually agreed to terminate the Agreement for the Abatement of Certain Real Estate Taxes. Dr. Seaton and the Board reviewed the Invenergy Agreement Termination document for possible approval.
- Surplus Items – Dr. Seaton submitted the list of Library items to be considered for surplus. The items will be offered for sale to the public for fundraising for the program.
- FOIA Request - Per School Board Policy 2:250, the SHS Board is to be notified when a FOIA request to SHS has been made. FOIA requests were received January 15, 2019 and February 13, 2019, from Nathan Mihelich, IRTA and Bethany Simpson, SmartProcure, respectively. Responses to the requests were timely submitted.

Principal –

- New Course Proposal – Baking 101 – Mrs. Mascall submitted the New Course Proposal for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- New Course Proposal – Child Care – Mrs. Mascall submitted the New Course Proposal for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- TAOEP Student/Parent Handbook – Second Reading – The TAOEP (Truants Alternative Optional Education Program) is a new program at SHS, beginning the 2nd Semester of the current 2018-19 school year. The Board conducted a second reading of the TAOEP Student/Parent Handbook for possible approval.
- Facility Use Fee Waiver Request – Northlawn Jr. High Track – Mr. Bedeker submitted the Facility Use Fee Waiver Request for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – SHS Wrestling to Sectionals in Geneseo, IL (ATF) – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – SHS Welding to US Steel Gary Works, Gary, IN – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – AgEd to Illinois State Capitol, Springfield, IL – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – FFA to State FFA Convention, Springfield, IL – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – Key Club to District Convention, Schaumburg, IL – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – AgEd to Cascade Mountain, Portage, WI – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.

Old Business

MOTION by McFadden, seconded by Darrow, to approve the TAOEP Student/Parent Handbook. Ayes (7) Nays (0)
Motion carried.

New Business

MOTION by McFadden, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items listed under “New Business” on the Tuesday, February 19, 2019, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve the 2019-20 School Calendar
- Approve the Contract with Foreign Service Group – China for Chinese Enrollment for FY2020
- Approve the Mutual Termination Agreement For Property Tax Abatement With Invenergy
- Approve the List of Library Materials as Surplus
- Approve the New Course Proposal – Baking 101
- Approve the New Course Proposal – Child Care
- Approve the Facility Use Fee Waiver Request for Northlawn Jr. High Track
- Approve the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for Wrestling to Sectionals, Geneseo, IL (ATF)
- Approve the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for SHS Welding to US Steel Gary Works, Gary, IN
- Approve the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for AgEd to Illinois State Capitol, Springfield, IL
- Approve the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for FFA to State FFA Convention, Springfield, IL
- Approve the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for Key Club to District Convention, Schaumburg, IL
- Approve the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for AgEd to Cascade Mountain, Portage, WI

MOTION by McFadden, seconded by Parr, to approve the Contract with Foreign Service Group – China for Chinese Enrollment for FY2020. Ayes (5) Nays (2-Biroschik, Williamson) **Motion carried.**

Closed Session

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by McFadden, 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)(9)** for Student Disciplinary Cases; 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: 8:12 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by McFadden, seconded by Tutoky, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 9:16 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

MOTION by Parr, seconded by McFadden, to place student, ID #21113, into Regional Safe School for the remainder of the 2018-19 School Year with placement for the 2019-20 school year to be determined. Ayes (5) Nays (1-Biroschik) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroschik, seconded by McFadden, to approve the Streator Educational Support Personnel Contract MOU. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroschik seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items listed under “Personnel”, on the February 19, 2019, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will be contingent on Background Check results. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**


- Retirement: Mr. Dale Melrose - Custodian
- Resignation: Ms. Antonella Feyerer – Guidance Counselor
- Assignment: Ms. Jodie Baker – Full-Time Assignment as Paraprofessional/Secretary

President’s Prerogative

None

Motion for Adjournment

MOTION by Parr, seconded by McFadden, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 9:18 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board President



James Parr, Board Secretary