

# **STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40**

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library Meeting Room**

Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Superintendent 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. Hoffmeyer, Mr. Tutoky, Mr. Wargo and Dr. Woeltje

Board member absent: Mr. Mast

Administration present: Dr. Bill Mattingly, Interim Superintendent, Mrs. Mascal, Principal, Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

## **Board Salutes**

Dr. Woeltje congratulated the Cross Country team for their successful season, including two all-conference runners.

Mrs. Baker commended Ms. Pacelt, Science Teacher, stating she has received statements complimenting Ms. Pacelt as a teacher.

Dr. Woeltje congratulated Mr. Hintzsche, for his recently received award, 2021 NAEF National Teach Ag Champion, one of three named in the country.

Mr. Biroschik also thanked Mr. Hintzsche, AgEd teacher, for his recent ‘bee-catching’ services.

Mrs. Mascal congratulated the Golf team for their successful season, including being Conference Champions.

Mr. Biroschik commended various STHS sports teams including soccer and football.

## **Introduce Students of the Month**

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

## **Public Comment**

Ms. Jennifer Lyle, addressed the Board regarding allowing TAOEP students to participate in extracurricular activities, and/or the lack there of.

## **2020-21 District Audit Review – Gorenz & Associates, Ltd. – Tim Custis, CPA**

Tim Custis, CPA, of Gorenz & Associates, presented the findings of the 2020-21 District Audit, including prior year comparison statistics. Per Mr. Custis, the District is expected to have a 3.70 Financial Recognition status, which is in the highest category of recognition.

## **Approval of Board Minutes**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Baker, to approve the following items listed under “Approval of Board Minutes” on the Tuesday, October 19, 2021, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (1 – Wargo) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the 2021-22 Budget Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, September 21, 2021
- B. Approve the Destruction of all Closed Session Recordings prior to October, 2019

## **Approval of Financial Reports**

**MOTION** by Wargo, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items listed under “Financial Reports” on the Tuesday, October 19, 2021, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the September, 2021 Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the October, 2021 Bills

## Administrative Reports

### Superintendent:

- COVID-19 Transition Committee Report – Dr. Mattingly and Mr. Biroschik, COVID-19 Transition Team member and Board member, informed the Board that the COVID-19 Transition Team has recently met to discuss possible options for returning to school full-time. Currently the school day ends for students at 12:50 p.m. and sack lunches are distributed for take-home. The return to school full-time would revert the student end of the day back to the original 3:00 p.m. student dismissal with lunches being served in-house. Mr. McGurk updated the Board with teacher/contact statistics obtained through surveying the teachers. The statistics included, but was not limited to, the number of contacts a teacher made between 12:50 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. (the pandemic shortened day) to parents, counselors, students, etc. on behalf of a student via phone, email, meeting, etc. The Board continued the discussion to establish a specific date for the full-time return to school. Dr. Mattingly recommended the Board add an additional 12:50 p.m. student dismissal per month (for a total of two per month) for the remainder of the 2021-22 school to continue staff development, data analysis and school improvement.
- Commercial Insurance Bids – Dr. Mattingly and the Board review the District's Commercial Insurance Premiums and Loss Ratios history reports. Dr. Mattingly recommended the District have Bushue HR bid the District's Commercial Insurance for the upcoming school year.
- PRESS Board Policy 2:240 Update – Board Policy Development – Second Reading – The policy is being updated by PRESS to make a correction only. Dr. Mattingly recommended the Board review the correction and approve the update.
- Facility Use Agreement – Second Reading – The Board conducted a second reading of Facility Use Agreement. Ms. Freeman, Auditorium Manager and Mr. Bedeker, A.D./Facility Use Overseer, have provided input for the reconstruction of the Agreement. Dr. Mattingly recommended the Agreement also be reviewed by the Building and Grounds Committee, with Mr. Dennis taking the lead on reconstructing the Agreement. The Facility Use Agreement may be submitted for a third reading at the November 16, 2021, Board of Education meeting.
- Job Description – Department Chair – First Reading – This is a newly drafted Job Description. Dr. Mattingly submitted two different drafts of the Job Description for the Boards review. The Board conducted a first reading of the Job Descriptions with a possible second reading to be held at an upcoming Board of Education meeting.
- Job Description – After Hours Door Monitor – First Reading – This is a newly drafted Job Description. The Board conducted a first reading of the Job Description with a possible second reading to be held at an upcoming Board of Education meeting.
- FOIA Requests – Per School Board Policy 2:250, the STHS Board is to be notified when a FOIA request to STHS has been made. FOIA Requests were received on September 16, 2021, September 28, 2021, and October 5, 2021, from Vince Espi-LocalLabs, Vince Espi-LocalLabs, and Katherine Smyser-NBC5 Chicago, respectively. Responses to the requests were timely submitted.

### Principal:

- New Course Proposal – Supervised Agricultural Experience – Mrs. Mascall, Principal, submitted the New Course Proposal for the Board's review and recommended Board approval.
- New Course Proposal – Agribusiness & Leadership – Mrs. Mascall, Principal, submitted the New Course Proposal for the Board's review and recommended Board approval.
- 2022-23 Course Offerings & Course Catalog - The Board reviewed the 2022-23 Course Offerings List and Course Catalog.

### Old Business

**MOTION** by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Tutoky, to approve PRESS Board Policy 2:240 as Updated – Board Policy Development. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

### New Business

**MOTION** by Biroschik, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the return to a full day schedule on November 8, 2021, and second semester, 2021-22, beginning on January 4, 2022. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Woeltje, seconded by Baker, to approve one additional 12:50 p.m. student dismissal per month, for a total of two 12:50 p.m. student dismissals per month for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. Ayes (5) Nays (1-Biroschik) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Wargo, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under “New Business,” on the October 19, 2021, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- B. Authorize the Superintendent to Have Bushue HR, Inc. Bid Commercial Insurance
- C. Approve the New Course Proposal – Supervised Agricultural Experience
- D. Approve the New Course Proposal – Agribusiness & Leadership

**Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Biroshchik, to go into Closed Session for a)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, b)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, c)discussion of Student Disciplinary Cases, d)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, e)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: 7:17 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

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

**Motions from Open or Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items listed under “Personnel,” on the October 19, 2021, Board Meeting Agenda. All coaching positions will be 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 also be contingent on Background Check results. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

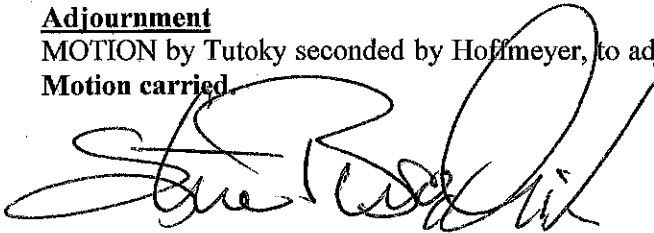
- Retirement: Mr. Kirk Melody – Business Education Teacher (effective December 31, 2025)
- Resignations: Mr. Larry Kerestes – Assistant Football Coach
- Hires: Mr. Damion Nambo – 2021-22 Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
- Volunteers: Mr. Micah Mattingly – 2021-22 Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball Coach  
Mr. Steve Doty – 2021-22 Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball Coach  
Mr. Jacob Knox – 2021-22 Volunteer Assistant Scholastic Bowl Coach  
Mr. Jacob Knox – 2021-22 Volunteer Assistant Boys Track Coach  
Mr. Jacob Knox – 2021-22 Volunteer Assistant Girls Track Coach

**President’s Prerogative**

President Biroshchik handed the floor to Dr. Woeltje. Dr. Woeltje has recently been voted to serve on the Executive Committee for the Starved Rock Division. Dr. Woeltje requested Board members review the 2021 Resolutions Committee Report and advise of any strong voting preferences within the next couple weeks. Dr. Woeltje briefed the Board regarding the recently attended Starved Rock Meeting discussion related to ESSER Funds and encouraged the Board to consider supporting more trades with the funds, including, but not limited to, the idea of constructing a building for trades such as plumbing, electrical, mechanics, painting, carpentry, etc.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Tutoky seconded by Hoffmeyer, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 7:55 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Steve Biroshchik, Board President



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary