

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

### **Board of Education – Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library Meeting Room

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. McFadden, Mr. Parr, Mr. Tutoky and Dr. Woeltje

Board member absent: Mr. Mast

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

#### **Board Salutes:**

Dr. Woeltje commended the Administration for the success of making it through “the plan” to Winter Break, keeping the students in the building during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Seaton commended Mrs. Johnston for her recent extra efforts in organizing the offices and back filing large quantities of files/boxes in deep storage.

#### **Students of the Month**

Dr. Seaton, Superintendent, played a video representing the December, 2020, “Students of the Month” as chosen by Faculty members.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

#### **Approval of Board Minutes:**

**MOTION** by Parr, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under “Approval of Minutes” on the Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, November 17, 2020
- B. Approve the Destruction of All Closed Session Recordings Prior to December, 2018

#### **Approval of Financial Reports:**

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items listed under Financial Reports on the Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the November, 2020 Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the December, 2020 Bills

#### **Administrative Reports:**

Superintendent –

- 2020 Tax Levy (for 2021-2022 School Year) – As required, a Truth-In-Taxation Public Hearing was held at 5:45 P.M. this date since the aggregate amount requested to be levied exceeded 105% of the previous year’s property tax extension. The property growth (EAV) is expected to increase by approximately 14.77%. Per Dr. Seaton, a large portion of the increase is the result of the new windmill farms. The District is estimated to receive approximately \$859,000.00 more in 2021-22 than in 2020-21 from property tax dollars. The Tax Levy, as presented during the Truth-In-Taxation Public Hearing, would also result in a slight decrease in the tax rate. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the Property Tax Levy at a 13.83% increase in EAV to assure all funds possible are available to the District.
- 2019-20 Gorenz & Associates, Ltd. District Audit Review – On behalf of Gorenz & Associates, Ltd., Dr. Seaton presented the findings/results from the FY2020 District Audit to the Board of Education. Dr. Seaton and the Board reviewed and discussed the results. For FY2020, the District remains in Financial Recognition with a 3.70 Financial Profile Score.

- Health/Life/Safety 2021 Projects – Dr. Seaton informed the Board that the 2021 Health Life Safety Implementation Project bid process was completed December 3, 2020. R.L. Sohol was the low bidder for the projects which included 2 separate bids. Bid Package #1 included, but was not limited to, multiple door replacements, balcony railings for the 1926 Gymnasium, and multiple areas of tuck pointing for a total bid of \$440,000.00. Bid Package #2 included, but was not limited to, HVAC upgrades in the 1926 Gymnasium for a total bid of \$146,000.00. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve both bid packages as submitted by R.L. Sohol for a total of \$586,000.00.
- Dynamic Controls – CX1 Communication Bus 2 – At last month’s Board of Education meeting, Dr. Seaton discussed with the Board, the potential mechanical issue with the building’s automation system. Dr. Seaton informed the Board that the Building and Grounds Committee recently met and recommended that the Board approve the expense of \$113,731.00 to replace the entire system. Per Dr. Seaton, financing for the project will come from the O&M Fund and will be broken into two payments over two fiscal years. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the purchase/installation of the CX1 Communication Bus 2 Automation System from Dynamic Controls, Inc. for the amount of \$113,701.00.
- Administrative and Technology Quarterly Reports - Administration and the Technology Director submitted quarterly reports for the Board’s review. The reports reflect activities completed throughout the second quarter of the 2020-21 school year.
- Board Committees – Dr. Seaton and the Board reviewed and discussed Board Policy 2:150, Board Committees. Dr. Seaton recommended that the Board of Education set up three standing committees, Curriculum Committee, Finance Committee, and Building and Grounds Committee. As an option to the Board members, Dr. Seaton suggested two members be assigned to each committee with President Woeltje naming the committee assignments at the January, 2021, Board of Education meeting.
- IASB/PRESS Board Policy Updates #106 – First Reading – The Board conducted a first reading of the School Board Policies being revised.

Principal – None

**Old Business**

**MOTION** by Parr, seconded by McFadden, to approve the 2020 Tax Levy for the 2021-22 School Year. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**New Business**

**MOTION** by McFadden, seconded by Parr, to approve the Health/Life/Safety 2021 Projects Bid from R.L. Sohol for the amount of \$586,000.00 for Bid Packet #1 and #2. Ayes (5) Nays (1 - Biroshik) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the Purchase/Installation of the CX1 Communication Bus 2 Automation System from Dynamic Controls, Inc. for the Amount of \$113,701.00. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Parr, 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)(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: 6:50 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Parr, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 7:15 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**Motions from Closed Session**

**Motion** by McFadden, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the **non-release** of the Closed Session minutes dated: Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

June 23, 2020

September 15, 2020

July 28, 2020

October 20, 2020

August 18, 2020

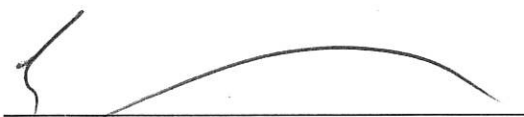
November 17, 2020

**President's Prerogative**


None

**Motion for Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Parr, seconded by Biroshchik, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 7:16 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board President



James Parr, Board Secretary