

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library

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. Hoekstra, Mr. Hoffmeyer, Mr. Tutoky and Dr. Woeltje

Board Member Absent: Mr. Wargo

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

Board Salutes

Mr. Tutoky congratulated Coach Tallier, Assistant Coach Sandoval, Volunteer Coach Ainsley, and the Girls Tennis Team for their season success this year.

Mr. Hoekstra commended the STHS FFA advisors and students for their success and attendance at the recent National Convention event. Mr. Cameron, Superintendent and Mr. Biroschik added that they attended the event; the event was a great success and the approximate 85,000 students in attendance were very well presented and behaved.

Mrs. Baker congratulated Kody Danko, STHS Cross Country athlete, as he recently qualified and competed in the State Cross Country Meet.

Mrs. Baker thanked the staff and teachers for their extra efforts and late hours during the Parent/Teacher Conferences held Monday, November 7th. The offering of later hours than the normal work day was very appreciated by parents.

Mr. Cameron commended the Boys Soccer Coaches and team as they recently participated in the Boys Soccer Regional Championship Match.

Mr. Cameron commended the Theater/Drama Club Advisors and student participants for their recent successful performances of "The Play That Went Wrong".

Mr. Biroschik recognized Dr. Woeltje as a recipient of the IASB School Board Leader Recognition award.

Mr. Biroschik recognized STHS staff members/employees that have previously served in the military and provided the recipients with a plaque. The plaques were presented/originated from Navy Staff Sgt. Michael Hacker of the military branch in LaSalle/Peru, IL. Military service and plaque recipients included, Mr. Rich Poldek, Mr. Jim Dennis, Ms. Melissa Zavada and Mr. J.T. Huey.

Introduce Students of the Month

Mrs. Mascal, Principal, recognized the "Students of the Month" as chosen by Faculty members and presented each with a certificate.

Theater/Drama Club Introduction/Presentation

Mr. Tyne, Drama Club Advisor, and Theater/Drama Club students, Alex Mahan & Nick Adams, provided/presented the Board with a review of their recently performed play. The Drama Club students recently performed, "*The Play That Went Wrong*." The students outlined their individual parts and expressed the rewards of their hard work. Mr. Tyne reported approximately 350 audience members attended the event and thanked everyone for their support. Up next, in April, 2023, the club will perform "*Chicago*".

Public Comment

Zami Mogill Hay, 1984 STHS graduate and 1983 STHS State Champion Softball team member, addressed the Board regarding her request to name the STHS softball field after her father, Tim Mogill, 1983 STHS State Champion Softball coach. Also addressing the Board regarding the same, Peggy (Killian) Heinz, Maryann Pedelty, and Amy (Pedelty) Ferko.

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under “Approval of Minutes” on the Tuesday, November 15, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 18, 2022
- B. Approve the Destruction of All Closed Session Recordings Prior to November, 2020

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the following items listed under Financial Reports on the Tuesday, November 15, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve October, 2022, Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve November, 2022, Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent:

- District/School Website App Presentation – Mr. Beck, Director of Technology, presented and demonstrated the new Streator High School mobile app to the Board and answered questions. The app will allow community members, parents, students and staff convenient access to Streator High School news, calendars, parent/teacher communications, etc.
- 2022 Preliminary Property Tax Levy (for 2023) – Mr. Cameron presented the preliminary property tax statistics which indicate the property growth (EAV) is expected to increase by approximately 5.18%. The tax levy as presented to the Board would result in a decrease in tax rate for the upcoming year. The decrease is \$.01 (1 cent) which means an approximate savings of \$10.00 for the owner of a \$100,000.00 home. The final levy will be submitted for approval at the December 20, 2022, STHS Board of Education meeting. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the Preliminary Property Tax Levy as presented.
- CSFT 1% County Sales Tax – Mr. Cameron explained the benefits of the CSFT 1% County Sales Tax, which imposes a retailers’/service occupation tax at a rate of 1%. The monies collected would provide revenue to be used exclusively for school facility purposes. In 2012, STHS staff and community members, campaigned for the CSFT 1% to be placed on the November election ballot. Taxpayers voted down the tax. Mr. Cameron informed the Board that he has recently been addressed by other area Starved Rock Superintendents regarding the District’s possible interest in again placing the CSFT 1% on the next election ballot. Mr. Cameron and the Board discussed moving forward with the opportunity.
- Employee Benefits Corp – Retirement HRA – Per contract, the Board will pay qualifying non-certified retired staff 50% of the cost of single health insurance on a monthly basis (not to exceed \$300 per month). The EBC (Employee Benefits Corp), HRA (Health Reimbursement Account) plan as submitted to the Board for review would allow the member to request/receive reimbursement of the \$300.00 through the plan rather than receive the funds directly, avoiding tax implications. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the Retirement HRA plan as presented.
- Delinquent Accounts to Collections – Mr. Cameron and the Board reviewed the list of delinquent student accounts as prepared by the STHS Bookkeeping Department. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board authorize the forwarding of the accounts to collections.

Principal:

- Smart Goals Presentation – Social Studies and Fine Arts – Mr. Tyne, Social Studies and Fine Arts Department Chair, provided an update and presented via Power Point, the Social Studies and Fine Arts’ SMART Goals and statistics to the Board. (SMART - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely)
- New Course Proposal – Ag Mechanics & Basic Living – Mrs. Mascall, Principal, submitted the New Course Proposal for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- New Course Proposal – Small & Large Animal Care – Mrs. Mascall, Principal, submitted the New Course Proposal for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- New Course Proposal – Floral & Landscape Design – Mrs. Mascall, Principal, submitted the New Course Proposal for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- 2022-2023 Early Graduates – The Guidance Department submitted the list of seniors requesting to graduate after the first semester of the 2022-23 school year. A final verification of the graduation requirements will be completed at the conclusion of the first semester. The verified list of graduates will be submitted to the Board of Education in January, 2023.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd to Leadership Conference, Bloomington, IL – Mrs. Mascall, Principal, presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.

- Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd to Cascade Mountain, Portage, WI – Mrs. Mascal, Principal, presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd to IL State FFA Convention, Springfield, IL – Mrs. Mascal, Principal, presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.

Assistant Principal(s)/A.D.:

- Facility Use Fee Waiver Request – Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., submitted Facility Use Fee Waiver Requests for multiple Travel Baseball Teams and Streator Youth Wrestling and recommended Board approval.
- 2022-23 Fall Sports Season End Results – The Board reviewed the 2022, Fall sports season end results submitted by Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., and Coaches.

Old Business

None

New Business

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items listed under “New Business”, on the Tuesday, November 15, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve the 2022 Preliminary Property Tax Levy (for 2023)
- Approve the Employee Benefits Corp Retirement HRA Plan as Presented
- Authorize the Superintendent to Forward Delinquent Accounts to Collections
- Approve the New Course Proposal for Ag Mechanics and Basic Living
- Approve the New Course Proposal for Small and Large Animal Care
- Approve the New Course Proposal for Floral and Landscape Design
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd to Leadership Conference, Bloomington, IL
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd to Cascade Mountain, Portage, WI
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd to IL State FFA Convention, Springfield, IL
- Approve the Facility Use Fee Waiver Requests for the Streator Dawgs 11u Travel Baseball Team, Streator Stingers Travel Baseball Team, Streator Bulldogs 14u Travel Baseball Team, and Streator Youth Wrestling

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Baker, 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)(5)** for the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; 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: 7:55 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Biroshchik, to return to Regular Session. **TIME: 9:07 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

MOTION by Tutoky seconded by Hoffmeyer, to Approve the following items Listed Under “Personnel,” on the November 15, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will also be contingent upon Background Check results. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

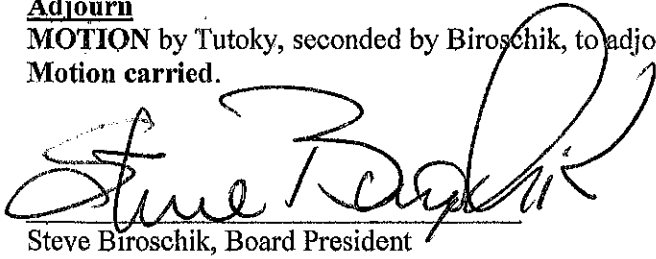
- Retirement: - Mr. Daniel Harcharik – Custodian (effective December 31, 2023)
- Resignation: - Mr. Kyle Tutt – Weight Room Supervisor
- Hires: - Mr. Justin Ainsley - 2022-23 Assistant Boys Tennis Coach

President's Prerogative

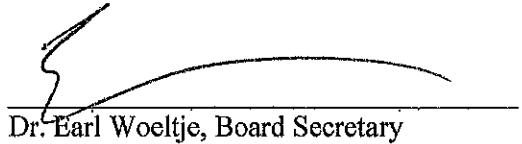
None

Adjourn

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Biroshik, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting. TIME: 9:14 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0)
Motion carried.

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

Steve Biroshik, Board President

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

Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary