

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library

Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Board members present: Mrs. Baker, Mr. Biroshik, Mr. Hoekstra, Mr. Hoffmeyer, Mr. Wargo (6:25 p.m.) and Dr. Woeltje
Board Member Absent: Mr. Tutoky

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

Board Salutes

Mrs. Baker thanked the staff and teachers for their extra efforts and late hours during the Parent/Teacher Conferences held Monday, November 6, 2023.

Mr. Hoekstra thanked the teachers for providing the opportunity to visit with the parents during parent/teacher conferences and for going above and beyond, making it a successful event.

Mr. Cameron congratulated the SHS volleyball coach and team for their successful season, including tying the SHS record for the most season wins.

Mr. Cameron noted it is currently “Board Member Appreciation” week, and recognized and thanked the SHS Board of Education for volunteering their time to service the District and students.

Mr. Biroshik commended the FFA Department for their many recent successes.

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.

Antomage Table Presentation

The District recently purchased two Antomage Tables using grant monies. An Antomage Table is a technologically advanced 3D anatomy visualization and virtual dissection tool used for anatomy and physiology education as well as many other uses. Mr. Beck, Director of Technology, presented and demonstrated basics of the equipment to the Board and answered questions.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the following items listed under “Approval of Minutes” on the Tuesday, November 14, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Administrative Cost Cap Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of Monday, October 16, 2023
- B. Approve the Destruction of All Closed Session Recordings Prior to November, 2021

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the following items listed under Financial Reports on the Tuesday, November 14, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the October, 2023, Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the November, 2023, Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent:

- 2023 Preliminary Property Tax Levy (for 2024) – Mr. Cameron presented the preliminary property tax statistics, which indicate the aggregate levy increase is approximately 15.84%. The tax levy as presented to the Board would result in a decrease in tax rate for the upcoming year. The decrease is \$.02 (2 cent) which means an approximate savings of \$20.00 for the owner of a \$100,000.00 home. The final levy will be submitted for approval at the December 12, 2023, STHS Board of Education meeting. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the Preliminary Property Tax Levy as presented.
- 2024-27 Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Transportation – Mr. Cameron and the Board reviewed and discussed the 2024-27 Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Transportation with Woodland, Streator Elementary, Grand Ridge and newly added, Odell school districts. Mr. Cameron informed the Board that the District has saved a significant amount of money participating in the Co-op as opposed to using Illinois Central Bus Company as in the past. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the 3-year Transportation Agreement.
- School Maintenance Grant FY 2024 – The school maintenance grant is a 50/50 matching grant from the State of Illinois for the amount of \$50,000. The School Maintenance Grant funds this year will be allocated towards the 2024 Hot Water Heater Replacement project as previously discussed at last month's Board of Education meeting. Mr. Cameron recommends the Board approve the Grant requiring the \$50,000 District fund match to complete the project.
- 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.
- Student Cell Phone Policy – The Board and Administration discussed the current student policy regarding cell phone use as reflected in the student handbook. Board members requested tightening up the policy in an attempt to eliminate student bullying, classroom disruptions, etc. throughout the school day. The Board will hear recommendations on changes to the policy in the near future.
- PRESS Board Policy Updates #113 – First Reading – The Board conducted a first reading of the School Board Policies being revised. A second reading will be conducted at the December 12, 2023, Board meeting.
- FOIA Request – 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 from SmartProcure and UnionBids on October 17, 2023 and October 25, 2023, respectively. Proper responses to the requests were timely submitted.

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)
- STHS Summative Designation – Mrs. Mascal, Principal, presented the School Report Card to the Board and answered questions.
- 2023-2024 Early Graduates – The Guidance Department submitted the list of seniors requesting to graduate after the first semester of the 2023-24 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, 2024.
- 2024-25 Graduation Credit Requirement – Mrs. Mascal noted that as a result of reverting back to the Seven Period Daily Schedule for the 2024-25 school year, it will be necessary to adjust the graduation credit requirement.
- New Course Proposal – Intro to Athletic Performance – Mrs. Mascal, Principal, submitted the New Course Proposal for the Board's review and recommended Board approval.
- New Course Proposal – PE Mindful Movements – Mrs. Mascal, Principal, submitted the New Course Proposal for the Board's review and recommended Board approval.

Assistant Principal(s)/A.D.:

- Discipline Report Review - Mr. Doty shared and reviewed the updated 2023-24 discipline report with the Board. The report reflects the current and prior year comparisons through November 7, 2023.
- 2023-24 Fall Sports Season End Results – The Board reviewed the 2023, Fall sports season end results submitted by Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., and Coaches.
- Facility Use Fee Waiver Request – Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., submitted the Facility Use Fee Waiver Request for Streator Youth Wrestling and recommended Board approval.

Old Business

None

New Business

MOTION by Wargo, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the following items listed under “New Business”, on the Tuesday, November 14, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the 2023 Preliminary Property Tax Levy (for 2024)
- B. Approve the 2024-27 Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Transportation
- C. Approve the Submission of the FY 2024 School Maintenance Grant Application
- D. Authorize the Superintendent to Forward Delinquent Accounts to Collections
- E. Approve the Adjustment of the 2024-25 Graduation Credit Requirement
- F. Approve the New Course Proposal – Intro to Athletic Performance
- G. Approve the New Course Proposal – PE Mindful Movements
- H. Approve the Facility Use Fee Waiver Request for Streator Youth Wrestling

MOTION by Wargo, 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)(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: 8:08 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Wargo, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 9:40 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

MOTION by Hoffmeyer seconded by Wargo, to approve the following items Listed Under “Personnel,” on the Tuesday, November 14, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will also be contingent upon Background Check results. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

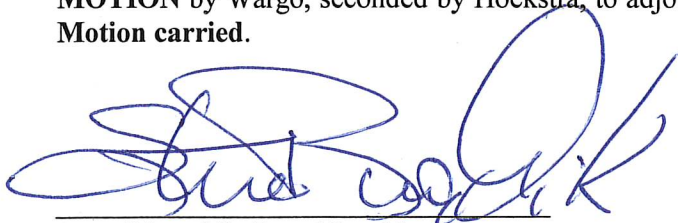
- Resignation: - Mr. Kyle Tutt – Head Football Coach
- Hires: - Ms. Hanna Gotch – 2023-24 Full-Time Custodian
- Ms. Whitney Verdiramo – 2023-24 Full-Time Paraprofessional

President’s Prerogative

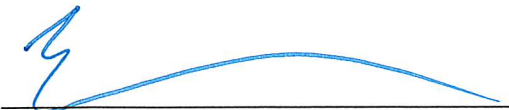
President Biroschik wished everyone a nice Thanksgiving and a great weekend at the IASB Board Conference in Chicago.

Adjourn

MOTION by Wargo, seconded by Hoekstra, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting. TIME: 9:41 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Steve Biroschik, Board President



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary