

# STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2023 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. Tutoky (6:12 p.m.), Mr. Wargo and Dr. Woeltje

Board Member absent: Mr. Hoffmeyer

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

## Board Salutes

None

## Introduce Students of the Month

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

## Public Comment

None

## Approval of Board Minutes

**MOTION** by Wargo, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items listed under “Approval of Board Minutes” on the October 16, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the 2023-24 Budget Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, September 19, 2023
- B. Approve the Destruction of all Closed Session Recordings prior to October, 2021

## Approval of Financial Reports

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Biroschik, to approve the following items listed under “Financial Reports” on the Monday, October 16, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

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

## Administrative Reports

### Superintendent-

- 2023-24 Administrative Cost Cap - The 2023-2024 Administrative Cost Cap Hearing was held at 5:45 p.m. this date. With the added salary of the SHS Dean, the administrative costs increased by 28%. Mr. Cameron explained, without the recently added Dean’s salary, the increase was only 4.74%. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve to waive the Administrative Cost Cap limitation.
- 2022-23 District Audit Review – Gorenz & Associates, Ltd. – Gorenz & Associates, Ltd. provided details as related to the FY2023 District Audit. Mr. Cameron informed the Board that the report from the Audit came back with zero findings (minor or major) and the District’s financial recognition is 4.70. This puts the District in the highest financial category. The final report will be distributed as soon as it becomes available.
- Systecon System Replacement – Approximately a month ago, the facility’s chiller system went down. Mr. Cameron submitted the quote from Dynamic Controls, Inc. for the amount of \$62,365.00 to replace the existing Systecon Pumping Control System with Schneider Electric EcoStruxure. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve Dynamic Controls, Inc. to complete the project.
- 2024 Hot Water Heater Replacement – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that the bid process for the 2024 Hot Water Heater Replacement project was completed on October 10, 2023. The low qualified bidder for the project was John’s Sales and Service, Inc. for the amount of \$137,889.00. Health/Life/Safety funds and The School Maintenance Grant will be used to help with the repair cost. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve John’s Sales and Service, Inc. to complete the project.

- Health/Life/Safety Amendment – Mr. Cameron informed the Board that the proposed Health/Life/Safety Amendment would allow the District to use Health/Life/Safety funds to complete the Hot Water Heater System project. The project consists of the removal of the water heaters, storage tank and piping, to be replaced with three commercial high capacity, tank-type water heaters. The projected cost of the project was approximately \$166,550.00. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the respective Health/Life/Safety Amendment.
- Surplus Items – Mr. Cameron and the Board reviewed the list of proposed surplus items including various basketball inventory and two STHS Minibuses. The Board discussed the sale/donation of one of the Minibuses to the local Illinois Valley Brain Injury association. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board declare the items as surplus and authorize the donation and/or sale of the items within state regulations.
- FOIA Request – Per School Board Policy 2:250, the STHS Board is to be notified when a FOIA request to STHS has been made. A FOIA Request was received on October 5, 2023, from Allium Data, Michael Rost. Response to the request was timely submitted.

#### **Principal-**

- Course Catalog & 2024-25 Course Offerings – Mrs. Mascall submitted the updated Course Catalog and the 2024-25 Course Offerings list for the Board’s review and approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip for AgEd to Ground Zero Conference, Springfield, IL – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for approval.

#### **Assistant Principal(s)/A.D.-**

- Discipline Report Review – Mr. Doty shared and reviewed the first quarter, 2023-24 discipline report with the Board. The report reflects the current year’s first quarter comparison.
- Fall Sports and Activities Update – Mr. McGurk updated the Board regarding various upcoming events and activities, including but not limited to, volleyball program success and regional hosting, College Athlete Night to be held October 31<sup>st</sup> at STHS, Fall Sports Awards November 1<sup>st</sup>, James Street facility scoreboard & turf maintenance and YMCA memberships through the Partnership Grant.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the following items listed under “New Business,” on the October 16, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve the Resolution to Waive the Limitation of Administrative Costs
- Approve Dynamic Controls Inc. to Replace the Existing Systecon System with Schneider Electric EcoStruxure for the Amount of \$62,365.00
- Approve the 2024 Hot Water Heater Replacement Project Bid from John’s Sales and Service, Inc., for the Amount of \$137,889.00.
- Approve the Health Life Safety Amendment to Allocate Funds to the Domestic Hot Water Storage Tank and Heater System Project
- Approve the List of Basketball Inventory and 2 Minibuses as Surplus
- Approve the Course Catalog and the 2024-25 Course Offerings
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for AgEd to Ground Zero Conference, Springfield, IL

#### **Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Biroschik, 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)(9)** for the discussion of Student Disciplinary Cases; 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: 6:43 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Hoekstra, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 8:32 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**Motions from Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Wargo, to expel Student A and place into Regional Safe School for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year and the entire 2024-25 school year, with return/placement for the 2025-26 school year to be determined by Administration after the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by Baker, to approve the following items listed under “Personnel,” on the October 16, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will be contingent upon Background Check results. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

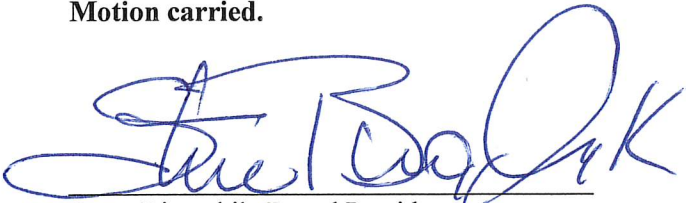
- Retirement: - Mrs. Kathy Harcharik - Paraprofessional
- Adjustment: - Mr. Ron Salisbury – Asst. Softball Coach to *Split Stipend* (per Coach Request)
- Hire: - Ms. Zoey Styczen – 2023-24 Asst. Softball Coach (Split Stipend)
- Volunteers: - Mr. Paul Stys – 2023-24 Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach
- Mr. Jeff Strabala – 2023-24 Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach

**President’s Prerogative**

On behalf of the Illinois Association of School Boards, President Biroshchik recognized Dr. Woeltje for his Board Leadership Recognition status and presented him with a certificate. Dr. Woeltje’s recognition by IASB derives from hours of professional development and leadership activities during his service as a School Board member. President Biroshchik congratulated Dr. Woeltje while adding; he is also the Director-at-Large for IASB’s Starved Rock Division and has gone above and beyond his role as a Board member.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Tutoky seconded by Hoekstra, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 8:34 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Steve Biroshchik, Board President



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary