

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Auditorium

Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Administrative 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 (6:47 p.m.), Mr. Wargo and Dr. Woeltje

Administration present: Mr. Cameron, Superintendent, Mrs. Mascal, Principal, Mr. Doty, Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Admin. Asst.

Board Salutes

Mr. Wargo commended the six high school students that ‘*stuck around*’ in Ottawa after the Ottawa/Streator football game to help clean up the Streator section of the bleachers.

Mr. Hoekstra commended Mr. Yanek, Dean of Students, for his Student Handbook presentation. The presentation was well put together and kept viewers’ attention while meaningfully delivering the information.

Mr. Biroschik congratulated Ms. Heimerdinger, SHS Ag Teacher, as a recent recipient of the IAA Award, a teacher grant from Illinois Agricultural Education Foundation for new Agriculture teachers. Ms. Heimerdinger is one of four Illinois recipients to receive the award.

Mr. Biroschik commended various coaches and sports teams for their success during their current athletic seasons.

On behalf of Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., Mrs. Mascal congratulated the coaches and SHS golf team as recent conference champions and SHS golfer, Cole Park, as the season champion in points. Mr. Doty also commended the team, including SHS golfers, Jaydon Nambo and Logan Aukland for receiving 1st and 2nd place at the conference tournament.

Public Comment

Various SHS students, staff and community members spoke regarding the current and future school day structure. The following students, staff and community members spoke in support of keeping the current daily 8-Block Schedule as oppose to reverting back to the Traditional Seven-Period Daily schedule in the future. Mr. David Taylor, teacher, Ms. Tiffany Park, teacher, Ms. Madelyn Wahl, student, Mr. Palmer Phillis, student, Mr. Michael Fechter, student, Mr. Doug Harris, teacher, Mr. Ransom Akin, student, Mr. Tony Ross, community member/student parent, Mr. Robb Watson, teacher, Mr. Riley Hintzsche, teacher, Ms. Sydney Long, student, Mr. Jason Robart, teacher, Ms. Lillyan Basina, student, and Ms. Kirsten Gribbin, community member/student parent.

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under “Approval of Minutes” on the Tuesday, September 19, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, August 15, 2023 and the Special Meeting of Tuesday, September 5, 2023
- B. Approve the Destruction of All Closed Session Recordings Prior to September, 2021

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the following items listed under “Financial Reports” on the Tuesday, September 19, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

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

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent –

- 2023-24 School Year Budget – The 2023-24 Budget Public Hearing was held at approximately 5:45 P.M. this date. During the hearing, Mr. Cameron discussed the highlights of the budget. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the 2023-24 Budget as submitted and reviewed during the Budget Hearing held this date.
- Building & Grounds Updates – Mr. Cameron updated the Board on various Building & Grounds upcoming projects. Mr. Cameron reported he is in the process of completing the School Maintenance Grant. The School Maintenance Grant is a 50/50 grant, which means the District will need to match up to \$50,000 of funds. These funds will be used to help cover the cost of replacing the water heater system. The Building and Grounds committee will meet in October, 2023, to discuss the upcoming summer, 2024 projects.
- 2022-23 Administrator and Teacher Salary & Benefits Web Posting Report – Per 105 ILCS 5/10-20.47 and 105 ILCS 5/34-18.38 the District must list on its website the salary, compensation and benefit report for Administrators and Teachers. The Board reviewed the report reflecting the salary and benefits information. The report will be posted online and available by the end of September.
- FOIA Request – Per School Board Policy 2:250, the Board is to be notified when a FOIA request to STHS has been made. On September 12, 2023, a FOIA request was received from the Janine Asmus, related to School Library/Media Employee Information, etc. Proper response to the request was timely submitted.

Principal –

- Tenure Teacher Law Update - Mrs. Mascall, Principal, updated the Board regarding new laws per Senate Bill 1872, Qualifications for obtaining Tenure status.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Drama to Theatre Fest, Bloomington, IL - Mrs. Mascall, Principal, submitted the Overnight Extended Student Trip Application for the Board's review and recommended Board approval.

Assistant Principal(s)/A.D. –

- James Street Facility Update – On behalf of Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., Mr. Cameron updated the Board with the progress and status of the James Street facility, including but not limited to, irrigation system, turf maintenance, scoreboard, installation of a gate near the North field and lighting.
- Homecoming Update – On behalf of Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., Mr. Cameron updated the Board with the schedule of upcoming Homecoming festivities.
- College Seminar – On behalf of Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., Mr. Cameron informed the Board that Mr. McGurk and Mr. Brittin will be hosting the 2nd annual College Athlete Night event which will be held Tuesday, October 31st. The purpose of the event is to educate students and their parents of steps they can take if they wish to participate in college athletics.

Old Business

MOTION by Biroshchik, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the 2023-24 School Year Budget. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

New Business

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoekstra, to approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip to Theatre Fest in Bloomington, IL. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Closed Session

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, 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)(2)** for the 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; 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: 7:07 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 8:09 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Wargo, to approve Reverting Back to the Traditional Seven-Period Daily Schedule Beginning with the 2024-25 School Year. Ayes (5) Nays (2 – Baker, Hoekstra) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under “Personnel,” on the September 19, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will be contingent on Background Check results. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

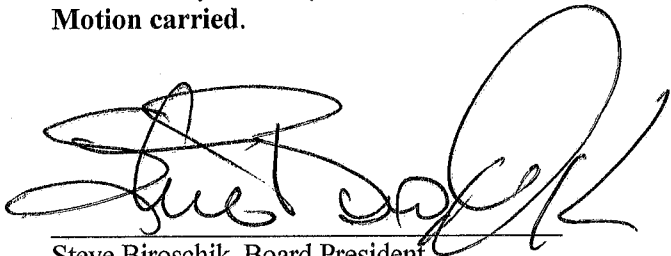
- Retirement: - Mr. Brian Hassett – Physical Education/Driver’s Education Teacher
- Hires: - Ms. Sarah Pacelt – 2023-24 Esports Sponsor

President’s Prerogative

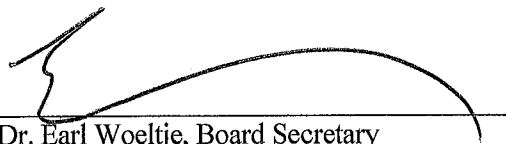
None

Adjournment

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Tutoky, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 8:16 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Steve Biroschik, Board President



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary