

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library

Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Board members present: Mrs. Baker, Mr. Biroshchik, Mr. Hoekstra, Mr. Hoffmeyer, Mr. Tutoky, Mr. Wargo and Dr. Woeltje

Administration present: Mr. Cameron, Superintendent, Mrs. Mascal, Principal, Mr. Doty, Assistant Principal, Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal (6:17 p.m.), and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Admin. Asst.

Seat Appointed Board Member – Mr. Steve Hoekstra

Mr. Hoekstra took the oath of office prior to taking his seat on the Streator Township High School Board of Education.

Board Salutes

Dr. Woeltje commended various coaches and sports teams for their success during their current athletic seasons.

Mr. Tutoky congratulated the STHS band for their recent performance, receiving 2nd place at the Pontiac Shootout Event.

Mr. Biroshchik thanked and commended Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., for the abundance of social media PR.

Mr. Biroshchik commended Ms. Karie Hallowell, Main Office Secretary, for her work performance at the front desk.

Mr. Hoffmeyer commended the success of the Doug Dieken Stadium event, naming of the SHS football field.

Mr. Cameron, Superintendent, congratulated Mr. Hintzsche, AgEd Teacher, for receiving the *40 Under 40* award at the recent Streator Chamber of Commerce event. This award recognizes those who make a difference in the community through the work they do and/or leadership.

Mrs. Baker commended Mr. Taylor, Weld/Shop Teacher and students for the current progress of the construction on the Marilla Park pavilion.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Biroshchik, to approve the following items listed under “Approval of Minutes” on the Tuesday, September 20, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2022 Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, August 16, 2022
- B. Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Friday, August 19, 2022
- C. Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Tuesday, September 6, 2022
- D. Approve the Destruction of All Closed Session Recordings Prior to September, 2020

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under “Financial Reports” on the Tuesday, September 20, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the August, 2022, Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the September, 2022, Bills

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent –

- 2022-23 School Year Budget – The 2022-23 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 2022-23 Budget as submitted and reviewed during the Budget Hearing.

- ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2022 AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH – The General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2022, Public Hearing was previously held August 16, 2022. Adoption of the Resolution is the final step for the Series 2022 Bond process which will allow the District to sell bonds for an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000. Mr. John Vezzetti of Bernardi Securities was onsite to answer questions and review the Bond Resolution with the Board. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board adopt the Resolution.
- eLearning Program Resolution – The e-Learning Program Public Hearing was held at 5:45 p.m. this date. In order for the District to use e-Learning Days in lieu of emergency days, the Board must adopt the e-Learning Program Resolution. Mr. Cameron and the Board reviewed the Resolution and the detailed *Responses to E-Learning Program Verification Form*, including the various procedures performed during an eLearning Day. The Resolution is valid for three years. Mr. Cameron recommended that the Board approve the e-Learning Program Resolution.
- School Maintenance Grant – Mr. Cameron and the Board discussed submission of the School Maintenance Grant for an amount up to \$100,000.00. This is a matching grant in which the District would be liable for 50%. The funds will be utilized for various concrete sidewalk locations and building renovation projects at Doug Dieken Stadium. Mr. Cameron recommended the Board authorize submission of the grant.
- Substitute Teacher Pay – The Teacher Substitute daily rate is currently \$100.00 (\$50.00 for ½ day). In order to remain competitive, Mr. Cameron recommended the Board approve the Teacher Substitute daily rate increase to \$115.00 (\$57.50 for ½ day).
- 2021-22 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 August 31, 2022, a FOIA request was received from the Chicago Tribune, Jennifer Richards, related to Student/Parent Law Enforcement Referrals, etc. Proper response to the request was timely submitted.

Principal –

- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Drama to Theatre Fest, Champaign, IL - Mrs. Mascall, Principal, submitted the Overnight Extended Student Trip Application for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Welding Students to Lake Area Technical College, Watertown, SD - Mrs. Mascall, Principal, submitted the Overnight Extended Student Trip Application for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – AgEd to Scotland International Tour, Scotland, UK - Mrs. Mascall, Principal, submitted the Overnight Extended Student Trip Application for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.

Assistant Principal(s)/A.D. –

- Auditorium Facility Use Agreement – Streator Elementary – Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., submitted the Auditorium Facility Use Agreement for the Board’s review and recommended Board approval.
- Facility Use Fee Waiver Request – Streator Elementary – Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal/A.D., submitted the Facility Use Fee Waiver Request for the Board’s review and recommended approval.

Old Business

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Wargo, to approve the 2022-23 School Year Budget. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

New Business

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoekstra, to Approve the ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2022 AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Baker, to approve the following items listed under “New Business” on the Tuesday, September 20, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve the eLearning Program Resolution
- Authorize the Superintendent to Prepare and Submit the School Maintenance Grant
- Approve the Raise of the STHS Substitute Teacher Pay to \$115.00 Per Day
- Approve the Auditorium Facility Use Agreement with Streator Elementary Dist. 44
- Approve the Facility Use Fee Waiver Request for Streator Elementary Dist. 44

MOTION by Wargo, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following Overnight Extended Student Trips. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

F. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip to Lake Area Technical College, Watertown, SD

G. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip to Scotland International Tour, Scotland, UK

MOTION by Wargo, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip to Theater Fest, Champaign, IL. Ayes (6) Nays (1 - Biroshchik) **Motion carried.**

Closed Session

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoekstra, 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: 6:42 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Biroshchik, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 7:42 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items listed under "Personnel," on the September 20, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda. All new hires will be contingent on Background Check results. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Resignations: - Ms. Kelly Coons – Special Education Department Chair

- Mr. Harry Park – Volunteer/Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

Hires: - Ms. Lisa Smith – 2022-23 Full-Time Paraprofessional

- Ms. Elizabeth Swiskoski – 2022-23 Special Education Department Chair

- Ms. Kellsie Chalkey – 2022-23 Asst. Cheerleading Coach (Split Stipend)

- Ms. Sarah Schimek – 2022-23 Asst. Cheerleading Coach (Split Stipend)

- Mr. Erik Skromme – 2022-23 Auditorium Lights & Sound Technician

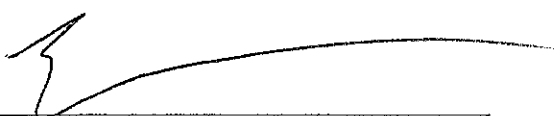
President's Prerogative

None

Adjournment

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 7:45 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**


Steve Biroshchik, Board President


Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary