

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 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. Hoffmeyer, Mr. Mast, Mr. Tutoky, Mr. Wargo and Dr. Woeltje

Administration present: Mr. Seaton, Superintendent, Mrs. Mascal, Principal, and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

Board Salutes

Dr. Woeltje commended the girls track team for the success of their 6-0 season to date, stating the girls are on track to be conference champions.

Mr. Mast commended Mr. Bedeker, STHS Athletic Director, for his extra efforts and success of organizing a full year of athletics into one semester.

Mr. Wargo thanked and commended Mr. Beck for his professionalism and efficiency while assisting with a recent technology issue.

Mr. Hoffmeyer commended the entire STHS staff for the success of keeping the students in school the entire year.

Dr. Seaton commended all those involved in the success of the Prom event.

Mrs. Baker commended Mr. Peterson and the Work Program students for the success of the program and the recent Work Program Banquet.

Mrs. Baker commended the success of the Senior Awards Assembly which was held Friday, May 14, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. and congratulated the recipients for their success.

Mr. Biroshchik thanked new Board members, Mr. Gary Wargo and Mrs. Heather Baker, for stepping up to serve the District for the next four years.

Mr. Biroshchik read aloud a letter from Sgt. Krasnican, School Resource Officer, expressing his gratitude for the District's support of having a School Resource Officer for the past three years.

On behalf of the Regional Office of Education, President Biroshchik recognized and presented a plaque to Dr. Woeltje for his 12 years of service as a Board member.

On behalf of the District, President Biroshchik thanked and presented a plaque to Dr. Seaton for his past seven years of service as Superintendent to the District.

Students of the Month

Mrs. Mascal, Principal, recognized the May, 2021, Students of the Month and presented each with a certificate.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under "Approval of Minutes" on the Tuesday, May 18, 2021, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 27, 2021 and the Special Meeting of Tuesday, May 11, 2021
- B. Approve the Destruction of All Closed Session Recordings Prior to May, 2019

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Baker, to approve the following items listed under “Financial Reports” on the Tuesday, May 18, 2021, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the April, 2021 Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the May, 2021 Bills

Committee Reports

- COVID-19 Transition Team – Dr. Seaton and the Board reviewed the COVID-19 Transition Team meeting report of May 11, 2021. Board members/Transition Team members, Hoffmeyer and Biroshik, discussed the topics and recommendations made during the committee meeting, including but not limited to, IDPH Bridge Phase and Phase 5, Summer Food Program, Summer School and Graduation events.
- State of the District – Dr. Seaton presented historical data reflecting “where we are to date”. Statistics presented and discussed included, but was not limited to, number of employees, enrollment, report card data, new student course offerings, spending per pupil, student attendance, graduation rate, budget, and the success of several large building projects including the football field grandstands, east gym ceiling, tennis courts, pops dale gym HVAC, welding shop renovation and the new auditorium.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- 2020-21 Tentative Amended Budget Display and Set Budget Hearing – Dr. Seaton informed the Board that it will be necessary to amend the 2020-2021 budget as a result of changes throughout the year on the expense and revenue sides. The Board reviewed the tentative amended 2020-2021 budget. Dr. Seaton recommended a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 5:45 PM. The final amended budget will be presented for approval at the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2021.
- Board Committee Assignments – Dr. Seaton and the Board discussed the newly seated Board’s committee assignments for the 2021-23 Board election cycle. Mrs. Baker and Dr. Woeltje will serve on the Finance committee, Mr. Hoffmeyer and Mr. Mast will serve on the Curriculum committee, and Mr. Tutoky and Mr. Wargo will serve on the Building/Grounds committee.
- Strategic Plan 2021-2025 – First Reading – Dr. Seaton informed the Board that the staff, including committees and departments, has gone through a goal-setting process in a collaborative effort since March, 2020, to present the goals to the Board of Education. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board review the goals and objectives this month, offer suggestions, and formally adopt the 2021-25 Strategic Plan at the June 22, 2021, Board of Education meeting.
- 2021-22 School Year Student Fees – The Board reviewed the list of proposed 2021-22 student/registration fees. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board not increase fees and approve all fees remain the same as the previous school year, including the waiver of all athletic fees. In addition to waiving the athletic fees, Dr. Seaton also recommended the Board waive all registration fees for the 2021-22 school year.
- OSF Nursing Contract Renewal – Dr. Seaton and the Board reviewed the OSF First Amendment to School Nurse Personnel Services Agreement for the 2021-22 school year. The cost for the 2021-22 school year is \$47,224.00. Dr. Seaton and the Board continued the discussion related to the variance in renewing the OSF Contract vs. the District employing the school nurse. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the renewal of the OSF Contract.
- Resolution Designating Interest Earnings – Dr. Seaton explained that in order to preserve the District’s option to transfer accrued interest from one fund to another, the Board of Education will have to act at least once a year by passing a resolution designating interest accruing during the current fiscal year and all interest from prior years to still be interest going forward.
- Surplus Items – Dr. Seaton and the Board reviewed the list of proposed surplus items including tables, textbooks, copier supplies, Chromebooks and welding shop tools and materials. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board declare the items as surplus and authorize the donation and/or sale of the items within state regulations.
- Job Description – SRO – Second Reading – The Board reviewed and conducted a second reading on the SRO Job Description. In order for the District to hire a retired officer, the job description for the position needed to be updated. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve job description as updated.
- PRESS Board Policy 6:190-Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities – Second Reading – The Board reviewed and conducted a second reading on the School Board Policy being revised. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the policy as updated.
- FOIA Request – Per School Board Policy 2:250, the STHS Board is to be notified when a FOIA request to STHS has been made. On May 10, 2021, a FOIA request was received from Rudy Perez, SEIU Local 72. Proper response to the request was timely submitted.

Principal

- STHS Athletic Policy – Second Reading - The Board reviewed and conducted a second reading of the proposed changes to the STHS Athletic Policy. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the policy as updated.
- Student Interscholastic Activities Random Drug Testing Policy – Second Reading - The Board reviewed and conducted a second reading of the proposed changes to the Student Interscholastic Activities Random Drug Testing Policy. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the policy as updated.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – STHS Cross Country to Baraboo, WI – Mrs. Mascal presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for the Boards review and approval.
- 2020-21 Fall Sports Season End Summaries - Athletic Director, Mr. Bedeker, submitted the 2020-2021 Fall Sports Season summaries and statistics for the Boards review.

Assistant Principal/Dean of Students –

- STHS Faculty Handbook – Second Reading - The Board reviewed and conducted a second reading of the proposed changes to the STHS Faculty Handbook. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the handbook as updated.
- STHS Student Handbook – Second Reading - The Board reviewed and conducted a second reading of the proposed changes to the STHS Student Handbook. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the handbook as updated.
- STHS JW Academy Handbook – Second Reading - The Board reviewed and conducted a second reading of the proposed changes to the STHS Jack Wilson Academy Handbook. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the handbook as updated.
- STHS TAOEP Handbook – Second Reading - The Board reviewed and conducted a second reading of the proposed changes to the STHS TAOEP Handbook. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the handbook as updated.

Old Business

MOTION by Mast, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under “Old Business” on the Tuesday, May 18, 2021, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the SRO Job Description
- B. Approve Board Policy 6:190 – Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
- C. Approve the STHS Athletic Policy
- D. Approve the Student Interscholastic Activities Random Drug Testing Policy
- E. Approve the STHS Faculty Handbook
- F. Approve the STHS Student Handbook
- G. Approve the STHS JWA Handbook
- H. Approve the STHS TAOEP Handbook

New Business

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Mast, to approve the following items listed under “New Business” on the Tuesday, May 18, 2021, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Display of the 2020-21 Tentative Amended Budget and Set the Amended Budget Hearing Meeting of June 22, 2021 @ 5:45 P.M.
- B. Approve the Board Committee Assignments for the 2021-23 Board Election Cycle
- C. Approve the 2021-22 School Year Student Fees
- D. Approve the OSF First Amendment to School Nurse Personnel Services Agreement
- E. Approve the Resolution Designating Interest Earnings
- F. Approve the List of Surplus Items and Authorize the Donation and/or Sale Within State Regulations
- G. Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for the STHS Cross Country to Baraboo, WI

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)(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: 7:12 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroshchik, seconded by Woeltje, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 7:57 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

MOTION by Mast, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the 2020-2025 Streator Township High School Educational Support Personnel Contract MOU. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Biroshchik, to approve the following items listed under "Personnel", on the May 18, 2021, Board Meeting Agenda. All coaching positions will be contingent upon the Sports Season occurring and/or the coach submitting a plan of activities if the season is cancelled entirely. All new hires will also be contingent upon Background Check results. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Retirement:**
- Ms. Kaye Tallier -- Health Teacher -- Conclusion of the 2024-25 School Year
 - Mr. Brad Brittin -- Coordinator of Student Services -- Effective June 30, 2025
 - Mr. Robert Fabris -- Math Teacher -- Conclusion of the 2024-25 School Year
- Resignation:**
- Mr. Omar Moreno -- Assistant Basketball Coach
- Hires:**
- Mrs. Megan Hays -- 2020-21 ESY Teacher
 - Mrs. Susan Grabowski -- 2020-21 ESY Paraprofessional
 - Mrs. Shelley Hyatt -- 2020-21 ESY Paraprofessional
 - Mrs. Eleanor Maynard - 2021 Summer School Teacher
 - Mr. Ray Yanek -- 2021 Summer School Teacher
 - Mr. Michael Martin -- 2021 Summer School Teacher
 - Mr. Rory Bedeker -- 2021 Summer Driver's Education Teacher (Classroom & Behind the Wheel)
 - Mr. Beau Albert -- 2021 Summer Driver's Education Teacher (Behind the Wheel)
 - Mr. Ethan Koncor -- 2021 Summer Driver's Education Teacher (Behind the Wheel)
 - Mr. Brian Hassett -- 2021 Summer Driver's Education Teacher (Behind the Wheel)

MOTION by Mast, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the "Re-Hiring" of the following for the 2021-22 school year contingent upon the Sports Season occurring and/or the coach submitting a plan of activities if the season is cancelled entirely. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Boys Basketball Head Coach -- Beau Doty
- Boys Basketball Volunteers -- Bryan Park, Harry Park
- Girls Basketball Head Coach -- Beau Albert
- Girls Basketball Asst. Coaches -- Melissa Zavada, Dave Marvin
- Bowling Head Coach-Boys & Girls -- Nancy Longnecker
- Bowling Volunteers -- Ron Ramza, Dan Pond, Molly Brockman
- Cheerleading Head Co-Coaches -- Hannah Phelps, Zena Leonard
- Streatorettes Head Coach -- Tiffany Condon

MOTION by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the "Re-Hiring" of the following for the 2021-22 school year contingent upon the Sports Season occurring and/or the coach submitting a plan of activities if the season is cancelled entirely. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

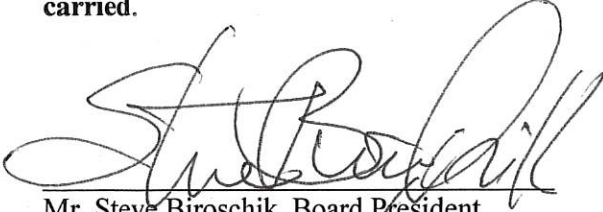
- Cross Country Head Coach -- Brad Brittin
- Cross Country Asst. Coach -- Doug Harris
- Football Head Coach -- Kyle Tutt
- Football Asst. Coaches -- Larry Kerestes, Todd Hoffman, Stanley Mroczek
Chuck Leonard, Ben Huff
- Football Volunteers -- Terrell Shepherd
- Football Asst. Coach/Equip. Managers-- Jim Wille, Stanley Mroczek
- Golf Head Coach -- Dustin Masley
- Golf Asst. Coach -- Kirk Melody
- Boys Soccer Volunteer -- Omar Moreno
- Girls Tennis Head Coach -- Kaye Tallier
- Girls Tennis Asst. Coach -- John Sandoval
- Girls Tennis Volunteer -- Justin Ainsley
- Volleyball Head Coach -- Julie Gabehart
- Volleyball Asst. Coaches -- Steven Lopez, Keri Donahue

President's Prerogative


President Biroschik thanked Dr. Seaton for his 7 years of service as Superintendent, leaving the District in a great financial position and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Adjourn

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Mast, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting. TIME: 8:05 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

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Mr. Steve Biroschik, Board President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Earl Woeltje", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary