

## **STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40**

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library Meeting Room

Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

### **Call to Order/Roll Call**

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

Board members present: Mr. Biroshchik, Mr. Hoffmeyer, Mr. Mast, Mr. McFadden, Mr. Parr, Mr. Tutoky and Dr. Woeltje

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

### **Board Salutes**

Mr. Mast commended Mrs. Seaton, Alumni Coordinator, and Mrs. Park, English teacher, for their creation of the annual 'SHS Preview Night' video presentation which is created for the current 8th grade class, incoming 2021-22 SHS freshman. The 'SHS Preview Night' video introduces SHS faculty and the many SHS offerings such as classes, athletics and clubs.

Dr. Seaton also commended the many staff who participated on January 13, 2021, in delivering door-to-door care packages to the current 8th graders including SHS t-shirts, snacks, etc., as well as information related to the 'SHS Preview Night' video which would be available for viewing that evening on the SHS website.

Dr. Seaton commended and thanked OSF for their organization and scheduling of administering the COVID-19 vaccine for the SHS staff as well as many others.

### **Students of the Month Recognition**

A video presentation was displayed representing the January, 2021, "Students of the Month" as chosen by Faculty members.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Approval of Board Minutes**

**MOTION** by Tutoky, seconded by McFadden, to approve the following items listed under "Approval of Minutes" on the Tuesday, January 19, 2021, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the Truth-In-Taxation Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, December 15, 2020
- B. Approve the Destruction of All Closed Session Recordings Prior to January, 2019

### **Approval of Financial Reports**

**MOTION** by Parr seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items listed under "Financial Reports" on the Tuesday, January 19, 2021, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the December, 2020, Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the January, 2021, Bills

### **Committee Reports**

- **COVID-19 Transition Team** – Dr. Seaton and the Board reviewed the COVID-19 Transition Team meeting report. Board members and Transition Team members, Hoffmeyer and Biroshchik, discussed the topics and recommendations made during the committee meeting, including but not limited to, shortening Spring Break, quarantine mandates for out-of-state travelers and Return to In-Person Wednesdays.

## Administrative Reports

### **Superintendent –**

- 6-Month Financial Presentation and Future Projections – Dr. Seaton updated the Board regarding the 6-month financial picture for the 2020-21 school year, as well as a 5-year future projection of revenues/expenditures reflecting the best, current available data. Per Dr. Seaton, the District is projected to experience surpluses for the next 5 years.
- 2020-21 Audit Contract – Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. – Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. submitted an Engagement Letter to complete the 2020-21 school year audit for the amount of \$14,900.00. Last year's Audit fee was \$14,150.00. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the Engagement with Gorenz and Associates, Ltd., for the amount of \$14,900.00 to complete the 2020-21 Audit.
- School Calendar 2021-22 - The 2021-22 School Calendar recommendation was submitted to the Board for review. Per Dr. Seaton, the proposed calendar dates have been discussed with Streater Elementary, Grand Ridge, Ransom and St. Michael's in order to have common dates for breaks as much as possible.
- Summer Workers 2021 – Dr. Seaton submitted recommendations from Mr. Dennis, Chief Maintenance Supervisor, to hire 1 temporary full-time maintenance worker and 2 temporary full-time custodial/grounds workers. The total estimated cost for the summer help is approximately \$7,344.00 - \$9,504.00.
- COVID-19 – Transition Team Recommendations – As discussed previously this meeting, the Transition Team met to discuss possible changes to the 2020-21 school calendar. Among other items, the Transition Team recommends the Board approve to change Spring Break to a 4-day weekend by taking only Good Friday and the Monday after Easter off. This will also change the end of the School year to May 24, 2021. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the committee's recommendations.
- Committee Assignments – Dr. Seaton presented the list of Board member committee assignments as assigned by Dr. Woeltje, Board President. The assignments will be in effect until the next Board is seated in May, 2021.
- IASB/PRESS Board Policy Updates #106 – Second Reading – The Board conducted a second reading of the proposed Board Policy updates for consideration of approval.
- FOIA Request - Per School Board Policy 2:250, the Board is to be notified when a FOIA request to STHS has been made. A FOIA request was received December 14, 2020, from Locallabs, Kaza Rhan. A response to the request was timely submitted.

### **Principal –**

- 2020-21 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester School Improvement Schedule – Mrs. Mascall submitted and reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester School Improvement Schedule with the Board.

### Old Business

**MOTION** by Biroshchik, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the IASB/PRESS Board Policy Updates #106. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

### New Business

**MOTION** by McFadden, seconded by Biroshchik, to approve the following items listed under “New Business”, on the Tuesday, January 19, 2021, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the 2020-21 Audit Services Contract of Gorenz and Associates, Ltd., for the Amount of \$14,900.00
- B. Approve the 2021-22 School Year Calendar
- C. Approve the Summer, 2021, Maintenance and Custodial Help
- D. Approve the COVID-19 Transition Team Recommendations

**Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Mast, 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)(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: 6:53 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Hoffmeyer, seconded by Mast, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 7:14 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**Motions From Closed Session**

None

**President's Prerogative**

None

**Motion for Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Mast, seconded by Biroschik, to adjourn from the regular meeting. TIME: 7:15 P.M. Ayes (7) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



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Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board President



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James Farr, Board Secretary