

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40
Board of Education – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library
Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Superintendent 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. Parr, Mr. Tutoky and Dr. Woeltje
Board member absent: Mr. McFadden

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

Board Salutes

Dr. Seaton commended the various SHS sports teams which have recently begun their season and are off to a great start.

Dr. Seaton commended welding teacher, Mr. Taylor, and the welding classes for their hard work and contribution to the *Light Up Streator* event.

Dr. Seaton commended Technology Director, Rob Beck, for his extra efforts and expertise in implementing the eLearning Program and Data Management.

Dr. Seaton announced that he and Mr. McGurk have applied for multiple Grants for classroom furniture and kitchen equipment.

Dr. Woeltje congratulated the FFA/AgEd students who recently attended the Nationals event in Indiana.

Mr. Biroshchik acknowledged the FFA/AgEd support group that generously continues to support the club.

Introduce Students of the Month

Mrs. Mascal introduced the November “Students of the Month” and presented each with a certificate.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION by Biroshchik, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Parr, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the following items listed under Financial Reports on the Tuesday, November 19, 2019, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve October, 2019, Treasurer’s Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve November, 2019, Bills

Dr. Seaton reviewed the FY2019 & FY2020 Bond Issues & Capital Project Finance Tracker spreadsheet which reflects the status of the revenue and expenditures of the bonds to date. The spreadsheet reflects approximately \$2,249,000 available for Phase 2 of the Health Life Safety projects.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent:

- **Preliminary Property Tax Resolution** – Dr. Seaton presented the preliminary property tax statistics which indicated the property growth (EAV) is expected to slightly increase, approximately 4.18% (.0418). The tax levy, as presented by Dr. Seaton, would result in a slight decrease in the tax rate for the upcoming year. SHS is estimated to receive approximately \$200,000 more in 2020-21 than in 2019-20 from property tax dollars. The final Levy will be presented for approval at the December 17, 2019, SHS Board of Education meeting. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the Preliminary Property Tax Levy at a 6% increase in EAV to assure all funds possible are available to the District.

- ISBE Property Tax Relief Grant – The Property Tax Relief Grant is part of the recent school funding reform. Grant recipients are ranked by a formula set by the ISBE. Should the District apply for and receive the grant, the District could abate up to \$471,791 off the property taxes for next year. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the grant application.
- Bid Letting for Summer 2020 Projects – Dr. Seaton reviewed with the Board, the list of the upcoming Summer, 2020 Health Life Safety projects including, but not limited to, 5 roofs areas, HVAC (with A/C) in the Pops Dale Gym, replacement of 43 interior doors, removal of the balcony bleachers and construct a wall, replace lintels in rooms 114/115, and replace the A/C units over the Superintendent’s office areas. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board authorize the bid letting for the projects.
- Transportation Contract Renewal – The current transportation contract with Illinois Central is set to expire June 30, 2019. Illinois Central has proposed to extend the contract one additional year at a 2.95% increase in fees. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the proposed 1-year extension to the contract.
- e-Learning 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. In addition to the Resolution, Dr. Seaton and the Board reviewed the Verification Form and FAQ document which was previously submitted to the Regional Office of Education. Dr. Seaton recommended the Board adopt the Resolution.
- Activity Account – Diversity Club – Diversity Club Advisor, Mr. Nugent, submitted a request for an Activity Account to manage funds generated by the Diversity Club Program.
- PRESS Board Policy Updates #102 – First Reading – The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed updates to the STHS School Board Policies.

Principal:

- 2019-2020 Early Graduates – The Guidance Department submitted the proposed list of December, 2019, early graduates for an initial review. It is expected that all of the proposed graduates will have completed all of the graduation requirements by the end of the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year.
- 2019-20 Fall Sports Season End Results – The Board reviewed the 2019, Fall sports results submitted by Mr. Bedeker, Athletic Director and Coaches.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – SHS AgEd to 212 Leadership Conference in Decatur, IL – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip and recommended Board approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – SHS Snowball Club to Mental Health Workshop in Flossmoor, IL – Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Student Trip and recommended Board approval.

Old Business

None

New Business

MOTION by Parr, seconded by Tutoky, to approve the following items listed under “New Business”, on the Tuesday, November 19, 2019, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- Approve the 2019 Preliminary Property Tax Levy
- Approve the ISBE Property Tax Relief Grant Application
- Authorize the Bid Letting for the Summer, 2020, Health Life Safety Projects
- Approve the Illinois Central School Bus Contract One-Year Extension
- Approve the e-Learning Program Resolution
- Approve the Creation of the Diversity Club Activity Account
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for SHS AgEd to 212 Leadership Conference in Decatur, IL
- Approve the Overnight Extended Student Trip for Snowball Club to Mental Health Workshop in Flossmoor, IL

MOTION by Parr, seconded by Tutoky, 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)(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)(9) for the discussion of Student Disciplinary Cases; 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: 6:41 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Parr, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to return to regular session. TIME: 8:39 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Tutoky, to place student ID #22078 into Regional Safe School for the remainder of the Fall Semester, 2019, with placement for the Spring Semester, 2020 school year to be determined by Administration. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Biroshchik, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the release of Mr. Paul Coffey, Maintenance, from employment effective Wednesday, October 23, 2019. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Parr, seconded by Hoffmeyer, to approve the hiring of Mr. Erik Skromme, Maintenance, for the 2019-20 school year, contingent on Background Check results. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

President's Prerogative

None

Adjourn

MOTION by Tutoky, seconded by Parr, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting. TIME: 8:42 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board President



James Parr, Board Secretary