

Steelton, Pennsylvania
March 6, 2017

The Steelton-Highspire School Board met on the above date for the purpose of planning and developing the agenda for the regular meeting of March 16, 2017 with the following members present: Ms. Mary J. Carricato, President; Mr. Robert Spizzirri, Vice President; Ms. Natalie Bowman; Ms. Janice Elliott; Mr. Derek Lewis; Mr. Samuel Petrovich; Mr. John Salov and Ms. Natasha Woods. Absent was Ms. Rachel M. Slade. Also present were Mr. Travis Waters, Superintendent; Mr. Vincent Champion, School Solicitor; Mr. Mick Iskric, Jr., Assistant to the Superintendent; Ms. Cynthia Craig, Business Manager; Ms. Sheri Woodall, High School Principal; Mr. Scott Smith, Elementary Principal; Mr. Willie Slade, Athletic Director; Mr. Joseph Zimmerman, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Attached is a copy of a list of names of the members of the public who were present.

Ms. Carricato called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag”.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Carricato announced an Executive Session was held prior to tonight’s meeting to discuss litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Action Items)

Mr. Rick Sayles brought his request for facilities usage to the board for RSVP of Capital Region, Inc. to use the high school cafeteria on April 4, 2017, to hold the National Service Volunteer Recognition ceremony. Mr. Sayles understands he is not permitted to use the kitchen area. Currently there are 150 volunteers in programs or projects. This request is for after school hours. Discussion was regarding insurance. Fliers will be distributed.

Ms. Paula Sviben, Band Booster President, spoke on the “Adopt a Block” community project. Ms. Sviben, Ms. Ryan House, cheerleaders’ head coach, Roller high school band and cheerleaders would like the board’s permission to participate in this community cleanup project, beginning Saturday, April 22. The borough will pick up trash bags; signage, vests and gloves will be provided for safety. Ms. Sviben stated other project opportunities, recycle and shredding events, for the band and cheerleaders to also be involved with community. Ms. Sviben reported the midjet baseball team is also focusing on a few streets as a separate project.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Craig Corbin, spoke on restarting the wrestling program at SHSD, hopefully in the 2017-18 school year. Mr. Corbin stated wrestling is the top sport in PA and spoke on Beat the Street program in Lancaster inner city; Camp Curtain and Jack Hammer’s Club. Mr. Corbin reported the program will need gym space at the district and outside funding must be obtained. Mr. Petrovich asked for a development program plan and number of students, Mr. Corbin stated a

girls' team is being developed as well. Mr. Slade reported he has a plan, students are ready for HS team to compete next year; he wants to start the program and it's an opportunity for more student participation.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Lewis made a motion to rescind the appointment of Ms. Cynthia Maradiaga, LTS Second Grade Teacher, effective February 28, 2017. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov, Mr. Spizzirri and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 1 absent)

Mr. Spizzirri made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Zachary Klaus, as Full Time Facilities I Worker, at a rate of \$10.00/hour, effective February 22, 2017. Mr. Klaus will be on a 90 day probationary period. Second by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov, Mr. Spizzirri and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 1 absent)

Mr. Spizzirri made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Chelsi Bauer, as LTS Second Grade Teacher, at a pro-rated salary of Step 1B, \$39,985, effective March 6, 2017. Ms. Bauer has been currently employed with the district as a Day to Day Substitute. Second by Ms. Woods. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov, Mr. Spizzirri and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 1 absent)

Mr. Lewis made a motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Theresa Vaupel, Certified School Nurse, effective upon the position being filled, or 60 days April 23. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Spizzirri and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. Mr. Salov abstained for family member. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention, 1 absent)

Ms. Woods made a motion to approve the attached resolution with regards to the Taxpayer Relief Act. This resolution certifies that the Board will not increase any school district tax for the 2017-18 school year at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Second by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov, Mr. Spizzirri and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 1 absent)

Ms. Elliott made a motion to approve the Band and Cheerleaders to participate in the Steelton Borough "Adopt a Block" Program, beginning Saturday, April 22, 2017. Second by Ms. Woods. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov, Mr. Spizzirri and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 1 absent)

Mr. Spizzirri made a motion to approve the request from Mr. Rick Sayles, RSVP of Capital Region, Inc. to use High School Cafeteria, without kitchen area, for National Service Volunteer Recognition ceremony on April 4, 2017 at 3:00 PM. Second by Ms. Woods. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov, Mr. Spizzirri and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 1 absent)

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the request from St. Lawrence Lodge/CFU for facilities usage of the HS gym, from March 13 to April 6, 2017, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, to practice for an upcoming basketball tournament, at no cost. Second by Ms. Bowman. Ms. Carricato, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Spizzirri and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. Mr. Salov abstained for family member. (7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention, 1 absent)

REVIEW OF BOARD REPORTS

Curriculum Report

Two hour delay for Keystone Exams will be brought forward for approval at the Legislative Meeting on March 16, 2017.

Financial Report

Financial reports for February 2017 General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Student Activities Fund and Athletic Fund will be brought forward for approval at the Legislative Meeting on March 16, 2017.

Personnel Report

FMLA requests to return to work requests, Athletic job descriptions and appointments will be brought forward for approval at the Legislative Meeting on March 16, 2017.

Property and Supplies Report

Facilities Usage Report and required requests will be brought forward for approval at the Legislative Meeting on March 16, 2017.

Transportation

Field trip requests will be brought forward for approval at the Legislative Meeting on March 16, 2017.

Student Activities Report

Fundraiser requests will be brought forward for approval at the Legislative Meeting on March 16, 2017.

Superintendent's Report

HACC Amended Sponsorship Agreement, conference requests and acceptance of donations will be brought forward for approval at the Legislative Meeting on March 16, 2017.

Mr. Waters announced the upcoming basketball game on March 20 at the Elementary school; Harlem Wizards will play against the facility, to support the Roller Foundation. Tickets are on

sale, students \$5.00 and adults \$10.00; tickets at the gate will be students \$6.00 and adults \$11.00.

Mr. Waters reported the Art Club has requested to paint murals on high school walls. The theme is culture of climate. The consensus of the board was Mr. Waters could make the decision.

Mr. Waters stated there are concerns with LERTA, open to all of Steelton to be improved.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Athletic Association

Mr. Slade reported Gary Houck, Houck & Co. believes the Press Box foundation is safe; high damage from water and suggested no one should be on the roof of the box. He reported spring sports started today.

Mr. Slade requested for CFU to use the high school gym for practice at no charge.

PSBA Representative

There was nothing to be reported.

Capital Area IU

There was nothing to be reported.

HACC

There was nothing to be reported.

Strategic Planning

There was nothing to be reported.

Buildings and Grounds

There was nothing to be reported.

Discipline Committee

There was nothing to be reported.

Budget Committee

There was nothing to be reported.

Policy Committee

There was nothing to be reported.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Lewis. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members voted aye.

Cynthia Craig
Cynthia Craig, Business Manager