

Steelton, Pennsylvania
May 11, 2015

The Steelton-Highspire School Board met on the above date for the purpose of planning and developing the agenda for the regular meeting of May 21, 2015 with the following members present: President, Ms. Mary Carricato; Vice President, Ms. Rachel Slade; Mr. Derek E. Lewis; Ms. Sarah F. Metallo; Mr. Samuel Petrovich; Mr. John Salov; Mr. Robert Spizzirri; and Mrs. Rosemary Tonkin. Mr. Barry L. Baumgardner was absent. Also present were Dr. Ellen Castagneto, Superintendent; Mr. Mick Iskrac, High School Principal; Mr. Willie Slade, Director of Student Services and Ms. Debora Kagarise, Board Secretary. 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 7:05 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 personnel and potential litigation. She apologized for the delay in starting tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Action Items)

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Willie Slade gave a presentation on the Roller Academy; district's 7-12 cyber school. He reported in 2014, 91 students were in some type of cyber school and the goal was to get students back into the district. As of this year, 57 students are in the 7-12 and nine students are in the K-6 program. Plans are to change the programs to monitor students that will not allow students to begin if they are not self-reliant. Ms. Malari Kane heads the cyber school program and monitors attendance. Mr. Petrovich questioned the cost of cyber, allowing students with IEP's, and the time frame for students to complete their assignments each week. Mr. Slade explained the reason for beginning the cyber school was to reduce costs for students attending other cyber schools outside the district. Mr. Slade also explained students have to be on-line 20-25 hours a week, if not, it's counted as an unexcused absence; probation letters go to parents for students that aren't performing well in the program. A question from the audience was asked if students are monitored for different on-line sites, if using a district computer, Mr. Slade confirmed district computers are filtered, to prohibit visiting other sites.

FOLLOW UP

Dr. Castagneto reported to the Board the Highspire Coalition petition costs to date remains at \$28,644.54. Plans are underway for a security fence for elementary playground. Fundraising, as of last Wednesday are \$1550, but the cost are over \$12,000. Dr. Castagneto encouraged the public to donate and letters have gone out to the community as well.

ACTION ITEMS**ELECTION OF TREASURER**

Ms. Slade made a motion to approve Mr. Salov as Board Treasurer. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

2015-2016 PROPOSED STEELTON-HIGHSPIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Ms. Slade made a motion to adopt the 2015-2016 Proposed Steelton-Highspire School District General Fund Budget with final adoption on June 18, 2015. The budget resolution is attached. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. Mr. Lewis questioned if all positions were in this budget and it was confirmed. Ms. Carricato questioned the fence expenses, Ms. Craig stated this budget is for next year; fundraising is to cover the fence. Mr. Petrovich said if the numbers work, the fence is needed. Dr. Castagneto explained the expenses for the fence are under the current budget. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

SCHOOL LEVEL PLAN

Ms. Slade made a motion to authorize the required 30 day posting for the annual renewal of the attached school improvement plans for the SHES and SHHS. Final approval will be on June 18, 2015. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on voice vote.

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Ms. Slade made a motion to approve Ms. Tara Russo and Ms. Megan Byrnes split the pro-rated amount of \$242.00 for the Math Fair Advisor(s), a supplemental contract for the 2014-2015 school year. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Slade made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Cleotta Mitchell as a Part-time Facilities I Worker, effective April 29, 2015 at a rate of \$8.00 an hour. Ms. Mitchell

will be on a 90 day probationary period. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. Mr. Petrovich questioned the revolving door of vacancies of facilities workers. Ms. Craig stated the vacancy was due to someone leaving the district. Ms. Craig is planning to meet with facilities workers, to review work schedules with cleaning for the summer and evaluate the buildings employees prefer to work. She stated salaries are a big part of the problem. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

Ms. Slade made a motion to approve Emilee Truitt, as a 2014-2015 elementary substitute teacher, effective May 12, 2015. Ms. Truitt was a student teacher in the elementary school for this semester. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

RESIGNATION

Ms. Slade made a motion to approve the resignation of Mr. Daijon Smith, Full-time Facilities I Worker effective May 15, 2015. Second by Mr. Petrovich. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

FUNDRAISERS

Ms. Slade made a motion to approve the 2015 Senor Class fundraisers Second by Mr. Spizzirri. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

Veterans Day parade concession sale	May 9, 2015
Cookie sale	May 10-21, 2015
Spirit Week (\$5.00 donation from teachers)	May 28-22, 2015

PERMISSION TO BID

Ms. Slade made a motion to give permission to the Administration to seek bids on three construction projects. Second by Mr. Lewis. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

Elementary gym repair	High School Roof	Macadam
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CONFERENCE REQUESTS

Ms. Slade made a motion to approve the following conference request. Second by Mr. Petrovich. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Mandi Abernathy Brooke Conjar	17 th Annual Student Achievement Awards, CAIU	5/14/15	Substitutes for two (2) periods each

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA) LEAVE

Ms. Slade made a motion to approve the request of Jacqueline Cross, Elementary Teacher, to continue intermittent leave, under FMLA, through to the end of the school year. Ms. Cross will be taking the leave without pay. Second by Mr. Petrovich. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

ELEMENTARY FENCE

Ms. Slade made a motion to approve Tyson Fence Co., Inc. to install fence at elementary school, per proposal and acceptance contract, not to exceed \$12,642.00. Ms. Tonkin questioned the location of the fence. Second by Mr. Petrovich. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

STUDENT EXPULSIONS

Ms. Slade made a motion to approve the Admission of Fact and Waiver of Expulsion Hearing dated May 6, 2015, for student #14150081. A copy is on file in the Administration Office. Second by Mr. Petrovich. All members present voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 1 absent)

REVIEW OF BOARD REPORTS**Curriculum Report**

2015-2016 Curriculum Planning Guide for Students and Parents will be brought forward for approval at the May 21, 2015 Legislative Meeting.

Financial Report

Financial reports for the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Student Activities Fund, Athletic Fund for the month of March 2015, transfer of \$2,551.68 from General Fund to Cheerleading Activities account and donations will be brought forward for approval at the May 21, 2015 Legislative Meeting.

Personnel Report

Resignations, adjustment to summer office hours, revised accountant job description and appointments will be brought forward at the Legislative Meeting on May 21, 2015.

Property and Supplies Report

Verizon Centrex Contract and Facilities usage items will be brought forward at the Legislative Meeting on May 21, 2015.

Transportation Report

Field trip requests will be brought forward at the Legislative Meeting on May 21, 2015.

Pupil Services Report

Special education service contract with CAIU and Devereux agreement will be brought forward at the Legislative Meeting on May 21, 2015.

Superintendent's Report

Conference requests and tentative list of members of the Steelton-Highspire High School Class of 2015 will be brought forward at the Legislative Meeting on May 21, 2015.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Athletic Association

Mr. Willie Slade presented the Athletic Budget. There is communication on fundraising ideas for the athletic funds. Mr. Spizzirri questioned the Mid-Penn Conference dues and the purpose. Mr. Slade will make available the Mid-Penn expense reports. This year, District III were not permitted to have pre-sale tickets. Ms. Tonkin questioned the "miscellaneous" category; Mr. Slade explained this is for small items, such as a baseball. Discussion was on the money for playoff vs actual expenses.

Mr. Slade announced the baseball team has been playing well and will begin playoffs on May 18. Track team was at Mid-Penn conference this past week, took 10 seconds off their best time this year. Athletic Directors meeting today at Boiling Springs resulted in approval for realignment for track and field division in next cycle, 2016-17 for Capital Division; approval for new girls volleyball division for better competition and discussion for a junior high girls volleyball and track and field programs beginning in fall. Mr. Slade will communicate with the Board for updates.

PSBA Representative

There was nothing to be reported.

HACC

Mr. Spizzirri reported the nominating committee selected Theresa Williams as the replacement member of the Board of Trustees and he will update the board with the process. Ms. Williams is the first to have an education background.

Strategic Planning

There was nothing to be reported.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Lewis reported there will be bids for the roof and timelines for summer cleaning for facilities.

Discipline Committee

There was nothing to be reported.

Budget Committee

There was nothing to be reported.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sonja Simmons-Settles and Ms. Diamond Simmons-Settles, 228 Lincoln Street, both brought before the board their complaints about the cheerleading coach, Ms. Henderson. They explained although there were fundraisers, no uniforms were bought for the squad. Many left the squad because of the coach, due to her derogatory statements to them and her lack of participation. Both expressed the need for improvements with the communication between the coach and the girls' parents. Ms. Carricato requested they meet with Mr. Slade, the Athletic Director, about this situation. Ms. Slade requested a brief Executive Session to take place after the meeting to discuss this situation.

Marcus Millberry, 349 Spruce Street, commented on how the cheerleading squad has decreased from past years. He asked whether the teacher's contract was going to be voted on tonight and how long it will take for the contract to be approved. Ms. Slade commented the contract was not on tonight's meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Slade. Second by Mr. Salov. All members voted aye.

Debora Kagarise
Debora Kagarise, Board Secretary