

Steelton, Pennsylvania
August 10, 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 August 20, 2015 with the following members present: Vice President, Ms. Rachel Slade; Mr. Derek E. Lewis; Ms. Sarah F. Metallo and Mr. John Salov. Mr. Barry L. Baumgardner, Ms. Mary Carricato, Mr. Samuel Petrovich, Mr. Robert Spizzirri, and Mrs. Rosemary Tonkin were absent. Also present were Dr. Ellen Castagneto, Superintendent; Mr. Travis Waters, Assistant to the Superintendent; Cynthia Craig, Business Manager; Rachel Montiel, Elementary Principal; Willie Slade, Athletic Director 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. Slade called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NON-QUORUM MEETING

Ms. Slade announced no voting will be held at tonight's meeting, a quorum of board members are not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Action Items)

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

PSSA Tests Update

Dr. Castagneto

Dr. Castagneto gave a brief presentation on the impact of PSSA test changes, but will give a more detailed presentation at the Legislative Meeting on August 20, 2015, in order for all board members to be able to hear the PDE information. Handouts were available.

REVIEW OF BOARD REPORTS

Financial Report

Contracts for the internal annual audit and Lobar sewer project; repository bids and financial reports for the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Student Activities Fund, Athletic Fund will be brought forward for approval at the August 20, 2015 Legislative Meeting.

Personnel Report

Various personnel items will be brought forward at the Legislative Meeting on August 20, 2015.

Property and Supplies Report

The facilities usage report for August, 2015 will be brought forward at the Legislative Meeting on August 20, 2015.

Transportation

2015-2016 bus stops will be brought forward at the Legislative Meeting on August 20, 2015.

Student Activities Report

Fundraisers will be brought forward at the Legislative Meeting on August 20, 2015.

Pupil Services Report

Agreements with Specialized Education of PA and CAIU will be brought forward at the Legislative Meeting on August 20, 2015.

School Board President Report

PSBA Voting Delegates will be brought forward at the Legislative Meeting on August 20, 2015.

Superintendent's Report

Donations and conference requests will be brought forward at the Legislative Meeting on August 20, 2015.

SPECIAL REPORTS

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Mr. Slade reported new program beginning this school year, mandated SAT study halls for athletes with a grade of 75 or below and all coaches are on board for this program. Another new item this year will be head coaches will evaluate their assistants. Procedures will be reviewed for all fundraisers. A uniform fund will be established in order for every team to have new uniforms every 5-6 years and football concession stands will be the same as last year. Ms. Slade questioned if there will be pre-game tickets for McDevitt game, Mr. Slade confirmed pre-game sales.

Mr. Salov reported a basketball tournament is scheduled for April 1 to 3 with approximately 40 teams. Mr. Salov was instructed to have information sent to Ms. Ritrovato.

PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

There was nothing to be reported.

HACC

There was nothing to be reported.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

There was nothing to be reported.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Mr. Lewis conveyed the work on the roofs. He questioned the matter of dirt for the baseball field. Mr. Zimmerman reported the dirt will not be delivered for fall ball. Ten-fifteen tons were ordered last year, but due to the backlog of deliveries from manufacturer, that order was cancelled. Mr. Zimmerman stated there was no place to store that amount through winter, he hadn't been told there was to be fall ball this year.

Mr. Zimmerman reported the fence may begin around August 24. He also reported on upcoming projects include parking lot line painting this week, sewer will be complete before school begins and the lights on field have been tested for the Ryan Mohn Walk.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

There was nothing to be reported.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Lewis questioned the situation with the finances due to PA Budget not being passed. Ms. Craig reported no federal funds will be received until the full Commonwealth budget is passed, the district is working with PDE for a TRAN bid loan process, to get us through June 30, 2016. Many other districts are doing the same.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Ms. Natasha Woods presented a letter to the board regarding a request by a group of volunteers to paint the school letters on the baseball field hillside; calls and donation letter will go out to the community to cover paint and supplies. Mr. Zimmerman would like to be included with the communication, he cautioned those who will be painting on the steep slope of it being slippery and strenuous; he offered his assistance as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Salov. Second by Mr. Lewis. All members voted aye.

Debra Kagarise
Debra Kagarise, Board Secretary