

Steelton, Pennsylvania
February 8, 2016

The Steelton-Highspire School Board met on the above date for the purpose of planning and developing the agenda for the regular meeting of February 18, 2016 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. Ms. Rachel M. Slade was absent. Also present were Mr. Travis Waters, Interim Active Superintendent; Mr. Vincent Champion, School Solicitor; Ms. Cynthia Craig, Business Manager; 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 6:30 P.M.

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

Ms. Carricato requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Ms. Jean Fall who passed away Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Carricato announced an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss legal matters.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Waters reported Mr. Bob Welsh, JumpStreet is present to talk about the need for additional space for the WheelHouse aquaponics greenhouse project. The greenhouse is not a good environment for a classroom due to possibilities of contamination. Mr. Waters explained the proposal to convert the old shop location in the administration building into classroom space, requiring minor alterations at a minimal cost to the district. Mr. Welsh further explained moving the smaller nursery system out of the greenhouse into a classroom would give additional educational capacity for larger groups of students to learn the science of the aquaponics program. No loss of productivity would occur in moving this system, it can be replaced with a larger system and NFT trays to grow micro greens, which are higher dollar items at restaurants, generating little more revenue out of the greenhouse. A meeting is scheduled for February 17 with Dr. Volkman, PDE Executive Deputy Secretary to discuss adding a full time consultant, Leann Cox, to be 100 percent district dedicated as liaison for teachers' professional development. At this time seven teachers have successfully generated aquaponics system curriculum. Mr. Welsh announced they had a surprise visit by a representative, from the World Bank Foundation, who is doing a project in Niageria and heard about the aquaponics project at our district asked for a tour. Tiaz did an exemplary job in giving this person a tour. Ms. Carricato questioned if this classroom environment will need sterilization, Mr. Welsh

explained this isn't the first of their projects to be in a classroom, the crops grown inside could be food-grade with tracking pests and washing plants if needed. Flowers, tomato and tree starts could also be grown in place of the edible plants. Ms. Carricato mentioned any smell with the fish, Ms. Craig stated there is a fully functional ventilation system in place, as well as water and electric for the program. Mr. Spizzirri questioned what set up will be needed, Ms. Craig assured the board there's very little set up needed. Mr. Waters added other areas were looked at assuring the floor could adequately handle the weight of the nursery system. Mr. Welsh ended by stating WheelHouse already approached PDE in place of the district and PDE has already approved budget for the district to add professional development and computers for this program.

ACTION ITEMS

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Mr. Spizzirri made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Brandon Arvey as a Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Arvey has a PA Certification Instructional I, K-12 Health/Physical Ed. Second by Ms. Woods. Ms. Carricato, Mr. Spizzirri, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 1 absent)

Mr. Spizzirri made a motion to The Administration respectfully recommends that the Board approve the appointment of Trisha Grob as an Emergency Permit K-12 Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. Second by Mr. Petrovich. Ms. Carricato, Mr. Spizzirri, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 1 absent)

INTERMITTENT FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE F.M.L.A.

Mr. Spizzirri made a motion to approve a request from Ms. Tiffany Dawson to take intermittent FMLA starting February 2016 through the rest of the 2015-16 school year. Second by Ms. Elliott. Ms. Carricato, Mr. Spizzirri, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 1 absent)

APPOINTMENT

Mr. Spizzirri made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Ruth Boyer as Part-Time Facilities I Worker, effective February 8, 2016 at a rate of \$8.00 per hour, not to exceed 19.5 hours a week. Second by Mr. Salov. Mr. Waters assured Ms. Woods this would be evening hours as Ms. Boyer is employed with district as a Para. Ms. Carricato, Mr. Spizzirri, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 1 absent)

ATHLETIC APPOINTMENT

Mr. Spizzirri made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Antonio Librandi, as Timer for five (5) games during the 2015-2016 Varsity Football season, at a rate of \$25.00 per game. Second by Ms. Elliott. After some discussion to determine who actually worked this position, Ms. Bowman made the motion for this motion to be tabled. Second by Mr. Spizzirri. Ms. Carricato, Mr. Spizzirri, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 1 absent)

FIELD TRIPS

Mr. Spizzirri made a motion to approve a request from the baseball team to travel to Harleysville, PA on February 11, 2016 to pick up free equipment received through a grant; there will be eleven (11) students and three (3) adults. Second by Mr. Salov. Ms. Carricato questioned if this will be during school hours and will they take school vans, Mr. Waters answered yes. Ms. Carricato, Mr. Spizzirri, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Salov and Ms. Woods voted aye on roll call. (8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 1 absent)

Financial Report

Financial reports for the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Student Activities Fund, Athletic Fund for January 2016 will be brought forward for approval at the February 18, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

Personnel Report

Various personnel items will be brought forward for approval at the February 18, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

Property and Supplies Report

Facilities usage report February 2016 will be brought forward at the February 18, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

Transportation

Field trip requests will be brought forward at the February 18, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

Student Activities Report

Various fundraisers will be brought forward for approval at the February 18, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Conference requests will be brought forward at the February 18, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

Mr. Waters congratulated students who signed national letters of intent to continue education and athletic careers at the collegiate level; Jr. High Roller 200 members Na'Jylah Benjamin, Yenisha Lopez, Idaysia Frye, James Krehling, Zoie Kigler, Essence Serrano, Timothy Jackson, Najaiya Woolridge, Amiya McHugh and Lynnet Henderson; and sophomore and junior students who were selected to Junior Achievement Symposium in April, Paulina Estrada, Mary Gary, Mackenzie Mehalich, Keishlanny Narvaez, Elissa Ingrassia, Lillian Maldonado, La-Kyla Eden, Akiya Smith and Shaquanna Moody. Thanks was given to Mr. Iskric and Mr. Slade for organizing the event last Wednesday. Mr. Waters announced both boys and girls varsity basketball teams will participate in District 3 Playoffs on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 7:00, boys at Elco HS and girls at home against Upper Dauphin. Mr. Waters publically acknowledged West Shore School District, their players and coaches for allowing one of our special needs children to score the first basket of the junior high girls' basketball game last week. Mr. Waters read an email from a parent, Ms. Love, from Red Land praising our varsity girls' basketball team for showing true sportsmanship off court with members of the opposing team.

SPECIAL REPORTS

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

There was nothing to be reported.

PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

There was nothing to be reported.

HACC REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Spizzirri reported a delegate board meeting has been scheduled for March 16.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

There was nothing to be reported.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Mr. Lewis reported it was just conveyed the facilities staff are currently taking care of a sewer problem at the high school gym lower locker rooms area. Ms. Craig will keep everyone apprised of this problem. Mr. Salov questioned if there is a chance for the district to get any reimbursement for snow removal from the state, Ms. Craig stated she's preparing the forms. The amount for snow removal by the outside source was approximately \$6000.00. Ms. Craig stated the storm could have made it worse had the roof needed clearing as well, fortunately, the wind blew the snow from the roof. Ms. Craig will be contacting the insurance carrier after she gathers all information regarding this sewer problem. Mr. Petrovich stated insurance is responsible for anything from outgoing pipes. Ms. Carricato questioned when this problem occurred, Ms. Craig answered she got the call at 5:00 and was concerned about the gym. Ms. Carricato

suggested the insurance carrier should be contacted as soon as possible in order for them to be aware of this problem.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

There was nothing to be reported.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Salov reported the district does not have a definitive Basic Subsidy Formula to calculate the 2015-2016 funding. As a result, austerity measure to avoid over expenditure during the impasse remain in effect; a meeting has been scheduled with PDE during February to address outstanding debt and cash flow; concerns for current working capital to fund payroll, debt and utilities have adversely affected the ability to purchase academic resources for the 2015-16 school year; and the district has ordered and received \$220,000 of wireless technical equipment to upgrade our current infrastructure, the district will receive \$187,000 E-RATE Funding to support the project.

Ms. Carricato brought to the attention of the board members that a memorandum from the CAIU regarding convention and elections is at their seats.

PUBLIC COMMENT (ANY TOPIC)

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Petrovich. Second by Ms. Elliott. All members present voted aye.

Debora Kagarise

Debora Kagarise, Board Secretary