

**Keystone School District  
Knox, Pennsylvania  
Work Session  
November 19, 2007**

**OPENING/ATTENDANCE**

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Work Session to order on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 7 P.M. The Meeting was held in the Keystone Elementary School Library, 451 Huston Avenue, Knox, Pennsylvania. The following Board Members were in attendance: Mr. Gregory A. Barrett, Mr. James A. Beary, Ms. Terri K. Kahle, Mr. Thomas L. McCoy, Mr. John R. Slagle, and Mrs. Marilyn L. Stempeck. Mr. R. Jeffrey Kline, Mr. William L. Shaner and Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager were absent. Also present were: Mrs. Sue Chomas, Mrs. Shawn Corcetti, Dr. Jean Gool, Mr. William Jordan, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Ms. Heather Leskanic, Mrs. Vicky Walters, Mr. Eric Zerbe and Boy Scout Troop #55.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Slagle made an Introduction of Guests. Mr. Eric Zerbe introduced himself and the members of Boy Scout Troop #55.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**REPORTS**

- **Superintendent--Dr. Gool reviewed:**
  - 17 applicants for the Maintenance Apprentice position.
  - 17 applicants will be administered a written exam on December 5 at the Career Center from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.
  - Said the replacement of the Garbage Disposal has been completed at the Elementary School Cafeteria at a cost of \$1,661.
  - Dr. Gool said that Ms. Meier has requested additional help for a short period of time in the Cafeteria to help with Commodities. After a brief discussion, ***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.***
  - Welcome to the Boy Scouts.
  - Sheriff Peck is sending an officer to the DARE Program.
  - Thank You to all participants in the Veterans' Day Program at the High School.

**Mr. Shaner arrived at the Meeting at 7:05 P.M.**

- **Elementary--Mrs. Corcetti reviewed:**
  - On December 7, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will attend a Bullying Program at Clarion University.
  - On December 14, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will attend a Program at Heinz Hall.
  - 200 Parent Conferences were held on the November 9 Act 80 Day.

**REPORTS (Continued)**

□ **Elementary (Continued)**

- 4-Sight Testing has provided results for evaluation of data.
- Elementary School achieved the Keystone Achievement Award for the fourth consecutive year.

□ **High School--Mrs. Walters reviewed:**

- Keystone Achievement Award was received at the High School.
- Surveillance Camera quotes are in packet.
- An accident occurred in the Shop Class, and Mr. Simmons has investigated alternative saws.
- The installer is looking at problems with Projection Screens in the High School tomorrow.
- Elective Classes offered.
- Senior Trip was very successful.
- Honorees at the Career Center were Katie Penny--Allied Health Science; Tamara Rader--Industrial Technology; Brittany Walter--Cosmetology; Megan Bailey--Tourism & Marketing; Ben Aaron--Police Science and Markus McHenry--Construction Technology.
- KSAC Sports Honorees were Alyssa Marchand--2<sup>nd</sup> Team Volleyball; Mitch McCleary--2<sup>nd</sup> Team Golf; Matt Bashline--1<sup>st</sup> Team Football; Mark Lewis--2<sup>nd</sup> Team Football; Derek Swartfager--2<sup>nd</sup> Team Football; Drew Myers--1<sup>st</sup> Team Football; Mike Switzer--1<sup>st</sup> Team Football and Kyle Rhoades--1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team.
- Selections for IU Honors Band were Sean Leahy, Tuesdae Johns, Ryan Leahy, Chris Cobler, Ally Hall and Rebecca Cochran.
- Selections for IU Honors Choir were Ashleigh Bennett, Anna DeHart, Kristen Nesta, Dan Reichard, JoBeth Ryman, Chris Starcher and Shane Zerbe. Courtney Heath will be auditioning for the accompanist in December.
- Dr. Gool introduced Mr. William Jordan who spoke on the 4-Sight Program. He distributed a handout detailing 4-Sight results in Grades 7, 8 and 11 showing a very positive increase in test results.

**Mr. Kline arrived at the Meeting at 7:15 P.M.**

□ **Special Education--Mrs. Chomas reviewed:**

- Attended over 172 Parent/Student Meetings thus far this year.
- Worked with schools from Erie to Pittsburgh.
- Audit was completed by Carol Seward from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. She delivered an excellent review on school operations in Special Education.

**REPORTS (Continued)**

- **SMILES--Ms. Kahle reviewed:**
  - Chart on monthly statistics.
  - Pre-K Counts Program--100% enrollment by September 20--one of a minority to achieve this.
  - Sharpsville Gardens received a Grant.
  - Farmers' Bank has donated \$20,000 to SMILES from the PA EITC Program.
  - The first Ross McGinnis Scholarship will be awarded on December 4, 2007.
  - The 2008-09 Americorps Grant was submitted today.
  - SMILES Board of Directors will continue Holiday Baskets Program this year.
  - November 9 and 10 was a work weekend to repair roof, grant writing and curriculum development.
  
- **Athletic Committee--Mr. Slagle reviewed the following from November 9 Meeting:**
  - Volunteer Coaching positions.
  - Mr. Whisner is finalizing referees and schedules for next year.
  - Budgeted Playoffs cost.

**DIALOGUE ITEMS**

- Dr. Gool outlined the Common Cents Initiative. After Board discussion, ***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.***
  
- Mr. Lauffer reviewed the Window Replacement in the High School due to the defective manufacturing that occurred from the remodel in 1992. The original manufacturer has shipped 50 replacement windows, which replaced all of the defective ones.
  
- Mrs. Walters presented the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Department Trip to Toronto, Ontario, April 25 and April 26, 2008 (Friday and Saturday) and the Senior High Music Department Trip To Chicago, Illinois on March 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2008. As Mrs. Walters did not have a projected cost, Mr. Slagle said that these trips could be considered at the December 10, 2007 Meeting by Tabling these items on the November 19, 2007 Agenda. ***Mr. Slagle requested the cost of the Trips for the Board to consider at the December 10, 2007 Meeting.***
  
- Dr. Gool outlined the plan for transferring a Kindergarten Teacher to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Teacher position and the transition of the new Kindergarten students. After questions and comments, ***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.***

**DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)**

- ❑ Chad Bell, Volunteer Baseball Coach. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Cody Colwell, Volunteer Wrestling Coach. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Robert Buzard, Girls' Volunteer Soccer Coach, to be hired retroactively to August 13, 2007. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Lauren Kalata, Social Studies, to be added to our Substitute List. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Dr. Gool requested a 2-Hour Early Dismissal on Wednesday, November 21, 2007 and Friday, December 21, 2007. After Board discussion, *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer reviewed the Budget Transfers needed for 2006-07 as per the document in the Board Packets. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer reviewed a handout on AFR results for 2006-07 producing a \$24,465 deficit for the year. He highlighted various items in the handout showing large variances in the Revenue and Expense Line Items.
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer stated the Revenue Information Sharing between the State of Pennsylvania and Central Tax Bureau (EIT Collector for Keystone School District) is being requested for 2005. After Board questions, *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Adjustment of October 15, 2007 Approval of Volunteer Wrestling Coach from Deven Laird to David Laird. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Mrs. Walters and Mr. Lauffer reviewed the recommended High School Security System as researched by Mr. Maddy. It was agreed to check with Carl Beard to verify bidding and advertising procedures for this purchase. Mr. Slagle then requested that we advertise the December 3, 2007 as a Business Meeting for Security System Consideration.

**Mr. Swartfager arrived at the Meeting at 8:10 P.M.**

**A Recess was held from 8:10 to 8:15 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer  
Board Secretary