

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Work Session
December 4, 2006**

OPENING / ATTENDANCE

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Work Session to order on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 7:15 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. William L. Shaner, Mr. John R. Slagle, Mrs. Marilyn L. Stempeck, and Mr. Kenneth L Swartfager. Mr. R. Jeffrey Kline was absent. Also present were Dr. Jean Atkin Gool, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mrs. Vicky Walters, and Mr. Jonathan Maddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ Mr. Slagle made an introduction of guests.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle stated that an Executive Session was held on November 20, 2006 to discuss Personnel and Collective Bargaining.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle stated that an Executive Session will be held tonight to discuss Collective Bargaining and Personnel.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle stated that the Teacher Contract will be signed tonight by the Board and Association. He commended the Committee, Administration, and Teachers for the 6-week turnaround time for the contract signing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Best requested the Board reconsider their vote to authorize the Cheerleaders to attend the National Cheerleading Competition in Wilmington, North Carolina. He outlined information regarding their training during the year and the actual competition they would be attending. He said that if the trip concern by the Board is the number of days out of school, then they would be agreeable to only one day out of school. He commended Mr. Baker for operating an outstanding gymnastics program in the Elementary School which dovetails into competitive cheerleading in the High School.

Meagan Whitmore, a co-captain, of the Cheerleading squad, also addressed the Board concerning the trip detailing the benefits to the school and the students.

Ms. Kahle asked a few questions which were answered by Mr. Best and/or various Cheerleaders and parents.

REPORTS

- **Superintendent--Dr. Gool:**
 - Dr. Gool reported to the Board that the first Strategic Planning meeting met last week with 14 people in attendance.

 - They have developed a mission and vision statement. In addition to this project, Dr Gool is requesting the Board to consider accreditation from Middle States.

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

Mrs. Walters reviewed the following:

 - Mrs. Walters reported that PDE has approved KSD as achieving AYP for 2 years in a row.
 - Mrs. Walters reported on a handout that lists the overnight field trips that have been approved for this year. This led to significant discussion on the Cheerleader Trip. Mr. Slagle then requested this item be added to next week's agenda.
 - The Tip-Off Tournament was held this weekend with KSD defeating Philipsburg-Osceola, Clearfield, and DuBois.
 - Officer Bilunka will be available for a report in January, if requested.
 - Mr. Maddy said that a Cyber Services meeting has been held.
 - Blake Cataldo has received a nomination to the Air Force Academy from Senator Santorum with an expected nomination from Congressman Peterson.

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- Bells and Clocks - Mr. Lauffer received 3 quotes on the potential purchasing of bells and clocks for the Elementary School. The low quote was from ASCC on State Contract for \$10,461.62 installed. Mr. Slagle requested this item be added to next weeks business meeting agenda.

- Dogs - Mr. Maddy reviewed a possible shared service in utilizing dogs for drug searches. After Board discussion, Mr. Maddy is to continue to explore this possibility.

- Resignation & Substitute List - Mr. Slagle reviewed the resignation of Lisa McQuiston and the addition to the substitute list. He requested these items be added to next weeks agenda.

- WAN - Dr. Gool distributed a copy of the WAN contract requested by IU6 to be approved by the Board. She stated that the benefits are:

REPORTS (CONTINUED)

1. Increased Band Width and speed
2. Potential community access to Broadband
3. Internet 2

She requested the agreement utilize the four year option. After Board discussion, it was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

A Recess was held from 8:25 P.M. until 8:31 P.M.

An Executive Session was held from 8:31 P.M. until 9:03 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer
Board Secretary