

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Work Session
February 12, 2007**

OPENING / ATTENDANCE

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Work Session to order on Monday, February 13, 2007 at 7 P.M. The Meeting was held at the Clarion County Career Center, 447 Career Road, Shippenville, 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. Randy Boggess, Mrs. Shawn Corcetti, Dr. Jean Atkin Gool, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mr. Jonathan Maddy, Mr. William Powell, Mrs. Vicky Walters and Mrs. Cassie Young.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ Mr. Slagle made an introduction of guests.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle stated that an Executive Session was held on January 15, 2007 to discuss Collective Bargaining.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle stated that an Executive Session would be held tonight to discuss Attorney Communications and Collective Bargaining.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said that a letter is being distributed for Board signatures.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❑ Dr. Boggess addressed the Board regarding the wording in the Elementary Student Handbook for Page 8 and Page 9, which he refers to as being a Breach of Contract by the Keystone School District as the Principal Referral is not being followed. He stated that the crux of the problem is not being adhered to, as it is not followed on a case-by-case basis.
- ❑ Mr. Powell reviewed programs and activities underway and planned for the future. He also distributed a handout with the 2007-08 Program Guide.

REPORTS

- ❑ **Superintendent--Dr. Gool:**
 - Dr. Gool reviewed the approval to Keystone School District for the EETC Grant.
 - Dr. Gool requested Board direction as to whether the Board would desire to be included in a 2-Hour Delay/Cancellation Notice via a phone chain. The consensus of the Board was not to be contacted.

REPORTS (Continued)

□ **Superintendent--Dr. Gool: (Continued)**

- Dr. Gool invited the Board to participate in a luncheon for the Faculty on February 19.
- She said that the Cafeteria was audited and successfully completed with few comments for improvement. She congratulated Carol Meier and her staff for their operations.
- She requested an Act 93 and Policy Committee Meeting.
- She also requested the Board to approve Gift Certificates for seven employees for their contributions toward the Senior Project.

□ **Elementary--Mrs. Corcetti:**

Mrs. Corcetti reported on the following:

- Winter Carnival.
- Lighthouse Award Projects as presented by the Civic Club.
- Dr. Seuss Day activities.

□ **High School--Mrs. Walters and Mr. Maddy:**

Mrs. Walters and Mr. Maddy reviewed the following:

- Student Achievement received 2005-06.
- Modification in Office Area as a Team Building Room.
- Congratulations to attendees to District Band: Tyler Kapp, Kelly Knorr, Brian Long, Steve McCoy, Michelle Curran, Rachel Seth, Tuesday Wise, Ashlee Black and John Schettler.
- Past weekend's activities.
- Congratulations to two Eagle Scouts: Shane Zerbe and Chris Cobler.
- Congratulations to the DAR Award winner--Katrina Kahle.
- Congratulations to the 2006-07 All-Academic Teams:
Gold Team: Blake Cataldo, Luca Montana, Alex Rowan, Matt Bashline, Drew Myers, Kyle Rhoades and Matt Hunsberger.
Silver Team: Chris Orvis, Rob Knight, Derek Swartfager and Ben Black.
Bronze Team: Adam Dechant, Ryan Wedekind, Corey Lee, Scott Lutz and Chris Starcher.
- Congratulations to the All-PFN Team:
Honorable Mention: Adam Dechant and Matt Bashline.
- Cheerleaders to change venue for trip from Wilmington, North Carolina to Virginia Beach, Virginia. Dates will remain the same.
- Requested a review of Policy #217, Graduation Requirements.
- Repair of Stage Curtains.

REPORTS (Continued)

□ **Business Manager--Mr. Lauffer:**

- Act 1 Installment Tax Payment Procedure is currently laid out for Keystone School District with a unified approach by the County schools:
 1. The eligible tax bills will be the homeowners and farm owners who are approved for the exemption. Only the tax bill approved for the exemption is eligible for installment payments.
 2. The three payment periods are August 31; September 30; October 31--with all three payments due at face. If any one payment is missed, all are due, and amount owed is delinquent.
 3. Right now, the revised tax bill with coupons are being considered and costed out.
 4. Mr. Lauffer will meet with Tax Collectors shortly to talk about the process.
- Tax Exoneration Request:
 1. Mr. Lauffer reviewed a Tax Exoneration Request for \$90 for 2006. The taxpayer is claiming exemption due to being incorrectly assessed as a laborer and should have been housewife.
- Mr. Lauffer distributed a handout detailing the increase to Keystone School District as prepared by Governor Rendell in regards to 2007-08 Budget Subsidies:
 1. Basic Education--\$149,453
 2. Special Education--\$23,388
 3. ABG--\$18,889
 4. Cyber School--\$28,319

□ **Athletics--Mr. Slagle:**

- Mr. Slagle reported on the items listed on the Work Session Addendum sheet. Mr. Slagle requested these Items be added to next week's Agenda.
- Donation of a piece of equipment for the Fitness Center as a memorial for Ross McGinnis was given by various donors.
- Possibility of re-surfacing of the football field was discussed.

□ **B&G--Mr. Lauffer:**

- Mr. Lauffer presented a handout with various options for the purchase of a tractor for the Maintenance Department. Mr. Barrett addressed questions regarding the options presented. After Board discussion, Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to next week's Agenda.

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- Mr. Slagle requested the following Items be added to next week's Agenda:
 - Consideration of Posting for a Mentor for Dustin Kifer, Math.
 - Additions to the Substitute List:
 1. Nancy Banner, Special Education, Knox
 2. Amanda Barr, Early Childhood/Elem, Emlenton
 3. Sara Besecker, Elementary, Clarion
 4. Lisa Bigley, Chemistry, Shippenville
 5. Amanda Heeter, Social Studies, Knox
 6. Liza Hovis, Health & Physical Education, Polk
 7. Lauren Kalata, Social Studies, Knox
 8. Angela Pritchard-Griffin, Elementary, Oil City
 9. Amber Youkers, Elem/Spec Ed, Oil City
 10. Tammy Elder, LPN, Parker
 11. Deb Scheckler, Aide, Shippenville
 - Advertise March 12, 2007 as a Work Session/Business Meeting and Public Hearing for ACT 1.

- Dr. Gool requested the Board consider a revised WAN Contract with a 5-Year term instead of the 4-year term as originally presented. Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Agenda.

- Dr. Gool presented the 2007-08 School Calendar and requested the Board approve the Calendar as amended for the dates as referred to in the narrative portion. Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items, the Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer
Business Manager