

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Work Session
July 16, 2007**

OPENING/ATTENDANCE

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Work Session to order on Monday, July 16, 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, Mr. Thomas L. McCoy, Mr. William L. Shaner, Mr. R. John Slagle and Mrs. Marilyn Stempeck. Ms. Terri K. Kahle, Mr. R. Jeffrey Kline and Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager were absent. Also present were Mrs. Sue Chomas, Mrs. Shawn Corcetti, Dr. Jean Atkin Gool, Mr. William Jordan, Mr. Nate Lasher, Ms. Heather Leskanic, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mr. Jonathan Maddy and Mrs. Vicky Walters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Gool made an Introduction of Guests

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

□ **Business Manager--Mr. Lauffer:**

Mr. Lauffer reviewed the following:

- The District Office has relocated the individual offices.
- There is a scheduled Power Outage by Penelec on Wednesday, July 18, 2007.
- Tax Abatement Request from Gardenscape.
- Dr. Gool said the interviews for the Elementary Guidance Counselor would be held tomorrow, July 17, 2007.

Mr. Swartfager arrived at 7:10 A.M.

□ **Elementary--Mrs. Corcetti:**

- Reviewed in detail the line-by-line changes to the Elementary Handbook as per her handouts.
- Pre-Kindergarten Counts Grant was part of the Commonwealth Budget and will be presented in a future Meeting.
- Reported on AYP and PSSA results. She said that the majority groups have achieved Academic Yearly Progress. She also said that the Learning Support Groups may be disaggregated and may not achieve AYP, but will not be known until a later date.

REPORTS (Continued)

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

- Mr. Maddy reviewed the changes to the proposed Student Handbooks. Mrs. Stempeck stated that without a School Resource Officer certain areas may need to be changed. Mr. Barrett also identified an area that he believed needed revision.
- Mrs. Walters spoke to a letter sent to the Board of Directors from Mr. Nesta requesting additional help as 12th Grade Advisor. She supported the request and asked the Board to consider filling the position.
- Mrs. Walters stated that Ms. Libby recommended T. Jolynn Barger as Assistant Marching Band Instructor. Dr. Gool requested the Board consider the hiring tonight.
- Mrs. Walters introduced Bill Jordan, High School Special Education Teacher, who is present for completing an observation to complete a class in attaining his Principalship.
- Mrs. Walters reviewed AYP results in the High School as follows. Also, she said Learning Support may be below AYP as in the Elementary School due to the disaggregation.

	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>11th</u>
Math	70%	67%	50%
Reading	64%	79%	79%

- Mrs. Walters reviewed specific elements of the Pittsburgh-Johnstown-Altoona Field Trip that the Board had questioned at the June Meetings. Board discussion followed.
 - An Athletic Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 3 at 7 A.M.
 - A Meeting with Coaches and Boosters is scheduled to go over the Athletic Handbook that the Board can review for the next Meeting.
- **Special Education--Mrs. Chomas:**
- Mrs. Chomas introduced herself to the Board. She has 22 years of service in education---with 17 years at Keystone. She said that the District would have a Special Education Audit in October with an expected positive outcome as the last one was five years ago.

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- Mr. Slagle said that the posting of Mentor Teachers for the new High School positions being filled is needed for Math, Band and Social Studies. *After Board discussion, Mr. Slagle stated this Item is listed on the Agenda for tonight's Business Meeting.*
- Mrs. Stempeck stated the Personnel Committee Recommends Dustin Kifer for the High School Math Teacher position. *After Board discussion, Mr. Slagle stated this Item is listed on the Agenda for tonight's Business Meeting.*

DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- Mr. Slagle said that the Property/Liability/E&O Insurance Rates for 2007-08 are proposed as follows:

Property, Boiler, Pesticides	\$26,426	Increase Of	\$1,198	4.75%
Liability	\$12,485	Increase Of	\$324	2.66%
Auto	\$2,205	Increase Of	\$103	4.90%
Board E&O	\$8,472	Increase Of	\$70	.83%
Workers' Comp	\$46,075	Decrease Of	\$6,054	11.61%
TOTAL	\$95,663	Decrease Of	\$4,359	4.36%

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- Mr. Barrett reviewed the need to review criteria to get the Maintenance Apprentice position moving along. He said the staff should review the Job Description and current duties to present at next month's Board Meeting.
- Mr. Slagle said that there is a need to Post for Soccer Coaches. *After Board discussion, Mr. Slagle stated this Item is listed on the Agenda for tonight's Business Meeting.*
- Mr. Slagle said the Assistant Football Coach will be reviewed at the next Athletic Committee Meeting and will be presented for consideration at the August 6, 2007 Meeting.
- Mr. Beary requested the Board re-visit the Cafeteria Lunch Prices and recommends the Board consider raising the Adult Lunch Prices from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per lunch.
- Mr. Beary also requested the Board consider approving the Fuel Surcharge for year ending June 30, 2008 and setting the same rates as for FYE June 30, 2007. The rates for FYE 6-30-07 were as follows:
 - \$2.50 - \$2.80: \$0.04 per mile
 - \$2.80 - \$3.10: \$0.08 per mile
 - \$3.10 - \$3.40: \$0.12 per mile
 - \$3.40 - \$3.70: \$0.16 per mile

DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- Dr. Gool reviewed the creation of a TTSR Classroom through the IU that may be housed at the old Jordan's Hardware Building.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer
Board Secretary