

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Work Session
July 17, 2006**

OPENING / ATTENDANCE

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Work Session to order on Monday, July 17, at 7:07 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 and Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager were absent. Also present were Dr. Jean Atkin Gool, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mrs. Vicky Walters, Mrs. Shawn Corcetti, Mr. William Shaner, Mr. Bryan McElravy, Ms. Heather Leskanic and Ms. Ashley Angle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Slagle made an introduction of guests.
- Mr. Slagle stated that an Executive Session was held on June 19, 2006 to discuss Collective Bargaining, Personnel and Attorney Communications.
- Mr. Slagle stated that an Executive Session will be held tonight to discuss Collective Bargaining and Personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Mr. Kline arrived at 7:15 P.M.

Mr. Swartfager arrived at 7:20 P.M.

Mr. Bryan McElravy and Mr. William Shaner addressed the Board with their interest in the vacant School Board Director position. Mr. Slagle thanked the candidates for their comments and said that the Board would be considering the representatives later in the Meeting.

REPORTS

- **Superintendent--Dr. Gool:**
 - Dr. Gool introduced Mrs. Corcetti and Mrs. Walters who spoke on the 2005-06 AYP results. They said that both schools achieved AYP in all grade levels in Math, Reading and Writing.
 - Dr. Gool reviewed budgeted items purchased from the approved Final Budget.
 - Dr. Gool reviewed her first eight days of activities and visitations, as well as the upcoming plans.

REPORTS (Continued)

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

- Dr. Gool reviewed the major expenditure items she has allocated from the Discretionary Fund for the 2006-07 Budget. This amount is \$131,877 of the potential \$157,000 approved by the Board. She anticipates additional expenditures to arise throughout the year, but is hopeful that the majority of the surplus will not be allocated.
- Sue Chomas said six sections of the e-Strategic Plan are to be submitted.
- Dr. Gool said the Special Education Plan has been submitted and approved, and an Extension has been granted until January 31, 2007 for the remainder of the Act 48 Plan.
- Dr. Gool introduced Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Corcetti who reviewed the Communities That Care Survey. They distributed a handout detailing Tobacco, Drugs and Alcohol Use within the Keystone School District as compared to prior years and/or the County and/or the State of Pennsylvania. Also included were the risk factors that contributed to the abuse.
- Dr. Gool said she has meetings scheduled with Homeschool Parents/Students next week and the Cyber/Charter School Parents/Students the following week.

□ **Business Manager--Mr. Lauffer:**

- Mr. Lauffer reviewed Act 1 that was recently signed by the House, Senate and Governor. The major items included in the Act are:
 1. Referendum
 2. Early Budget Adoption
 3. Tax Study Commission
 4. Potential Tax breaks for Seniors and Homeowners
- Mr. Lauffer presented and reviewed a handout on Property, Liability, Auto, Board E&O and Workers' Compensation actual insurance costs versus the budgeted amounts.
- Mr. Lauffer stated that our Solicitor's office has backed-off their opinion on prohibiting the use of E-Bay for the sale of laptops. Even though the Solicitor has approved the sale through E-Bay, the Board has requested that we attempt the sale via sealed bids through Keystone School District.
- Mr. Lauffer presented and reviewed a handout on the Final State Budget subsidies for 2006-07. The Net Results for Actual vs. Budget are as follows:

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Basic Ed	6,299,607.00	6,316,555.00	16,948.00
Special Ed	669,830.00	670,018.00	188.00
ABG	199,941.00	199,948.00	7.00
Charter School	42,719.00	45,195.00	2,476.00
TOTALS	\$7,212,097.00	\$7,231,716.00	\$19,619.00

REPORTS (Continued)

- **Business Manager--Mr. Lauffer (Continued)**
 - Mr. Lauffer stated that we have locked in Natural Gas and all transportation through July 31, 2007. He said that if usage for the coming year was identical to the previous year that we would incur savings of \$12,000.
- **Transportation Committee--Mr. Beary**
 - Mr. Beary said the Transportation Committee met last Tuesday night. The discussion resulted in a proposed increase schedule as presented to the Board. He requested the Board review the Proposal and consider it in the Business Meeting.
- **Athletics Committee--Mr. Slagle**
 - Mr. Slagle said there are a number of Athletic positions discussed and presented to the Board.
 - The Athletic Trainer Contract Salary is agreed and proposed with a 3% increase.
 - Discussed a grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for Fitness Equipment and potential funding stream to replace the Fitness Equipment that we previously had.
 - Installation of new Soccer/Football Goal Posts are complete.

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- Mr. Slagle reviewed that the Resignation of Rachelle Magnani, 7th Grade Math Teacher be included on the Agenda for tonight's Business Meeting.
- Dr. Gool reviewed the WAN Project Letter of Commitment through the IU. After Board discussion and questions, Dr. Gool requested the Board to consider this item at tonight's Business Meeting.
- Mr. Lauffer said the Cafeteria Committee reviewed the Breakfast/Lunch Costs for 2006-07. Their recommendation was to keep the prices the same as last year which are as follows:

Elementary Breakfast:

Student	\$.75
Reduced	\$.30
Adult	\$1.25

High School Breakfast:

Student	\$.90
Reduced	\$.30
Adult	\$1.25

Elementary Lunch:

Student	\$1.40
Reduced	\$.40
Adult	\$2.50

High School Lunch:

Student	\$1.50
Reduced	\$.40
Adult	\$2.50

DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- Mr. Slagle requested that Consideration of the 2006-07 Monthly Life Insurance Rates at a rate of .13 per \$1,000 be added to the Agenda for tonight's Business Meeting.
- A brief discussion occurred on the appointment of the School Board Director for Region III. Mr. Slagle requested the Board to consider this item in tonight's Business Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer
Board Secretary