

**Keystone School District  
Knox, Pennsylvania  
Work Session  
January 12, 2009**

**OPENING/ATTENDANCE**

The Board of School Directors of the Keystone School District held their Work Session on Monday, January 12, 2009 in the Keystone Elementary School Library. The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Mr. John Slagle, President. The following Board Members were present: Mr. Gregory A. Barrett, Mr. James A. Beary, Ms. Terri K. Kahle, Mr. Thomas L McCoy, Mr. John R. Slagle, Mrs. Marilyn Stempeck and Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager. Mr. William L. Shaner and Mr. Alan F. Seigworth were absent. Also present were Mr. Ronald Best, Mrs. Suzanne Chomas, Mrs. Shawn Corcetti, Dr. Jean Atkin Gool, Mr. Matthew Hunsberger, Mr. Wayne Johns, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mr. Jonathan Maddy, Mr. Fran Nesta and Mrs. Vicky Walters.

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

**Mr. Seigworth arrived at the Meeting at 7:09 P.M.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Slagle made an introduction of guests.
- Mr. Slagle said an Executive Session was held on December 8, 2008 to discuss Personnel regarding the Maintenance Supervisor vacancy.
- Mr. Slagle said an Executive Session would be held tonight after the Work Session to discuss a KEA Grievance Arbitration and the upcoming Maintenance Supervisor Vacancy.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**REPORTS**

- Superintendent--Dr. Gool reviewed:**
  - Attended a conference in Harrisburg detailing School Safety Audits.
  - Meet and Discuss Schedule Change.
  - Kindergarten Entrance Deadlines.
  - Various PDE Changes.

**REPORTS (Continued)**

❑ **Elementary--Mrs. Corcetti reviewed:**

- Dr. Seuss Day Schedule for January 19, 2009 was discussed.
- Flier was distributed on the Book Fair.
- Science PSSA Results for 2008.
- Adam Wilshire is serving an Internship in the Elementary Guidance Office. He is attending Slippery Rock University and will be working here 2-3 days per week.

❑ **High School--Mrs. Walters/Mr. Maddy reviewed:**

- Evaluation of Senior Projects.
  - Upcoming events at Jr/Sr High School.
  - Grants received.
  - Mrs. Walters introduced Mr. Nesta who reported to the Board on the Senior Trip--detailing the activities and events that were attended.
  - Mr. Maddy reported on a survey of 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade results on the Science PSSA's. He reported that both 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade exceeded the State average for Proficient and Advanced Achievement.
- ❑ High School Senior, Matt Hunsberger, presented an Eagle Scout Project that he would like to undertake. He explained the project in detail--noting that no cost will be necessary for the District. He has received donations that exceed the amount needed to purchase all materials. The project involves placing a flagpole at the southwest corner of the Football Field to be visible by the football, softball, soccer and baseball fields. He also said the flag would fly 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and would be lit. ***Mr. Slagle requested to have this Item added to next week's Regular Business Meeting Agenda.***

**DIALOGUE ITEMS**

- ❑ Dr. Gool explained the Right-To-Know Law effective January 1, 2009 observing what the necessary Board actions needed to facilitate this new law. She said a "Fee Schedule" and approval of an "Open Records Officer" would need to be considered by the Board. ***Mr. Slagle requested to have these Items added to next week's Regular Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer stated that two Homestead reimbursements that were not allocated in July would be included in the bills for Board consideration next week.
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer reported that new legislation will terminate elected Tax Assessors by municipality on December 31, 2009. He said the County Commissioners will be assessing and addressing the needs for 2010 and, hopefully, would be involving the Superintendents for input.
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer said that the Board must set Tax Collector rates for the 2010-2014 years. He referred to a handout for Board review. ***Mr. Slagle requested to have this Item added to next week's Regular Business Meeting Agenda.***

**DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)**

- ❑ Mr. Lauffer said that he is requesting quotes for Basic Transportation for the 2010-2011 School Year. These quotes will be presented to the Board next week, if available. ***Mr. Slagle requested to have this Item added to next week's Regular Business Meeting Agenda, if available.***
- ❑ Dr. Gool requested for the Board to consider the Feasibility Study as the next step at a cost of \$18,850. After Board discussion, ***Mr. Slagle requested to have this Item added to next week's Regular Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Barrett requested the B&G Committee have a meeting to review the Maintenance lists for items to be repaired/replaced.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle requested Struxures attend next week's meeting to review the Feasibility Study and Core Drilling.
- ❑ Intent to Retire Letter from Mark Baker, Elementary Physical Education Teacher, effective at the end of the School Year. ***Mr. Slagle requested to have this Item added to next week's Regular Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Resignation from Kris Glosser, Contracted School Psychologist. ***Mr. Slagle requested to have this Item added to next week's Regular Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Dr. Gool said she would have a more detailed Day-To-Day Substitute Rate Report for next week for Board Review. ***Mr. Slagle requested to have this Item added to next week's Regular Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Additions to the Substitute List, pending proper completion of Personnel File Documentation and Clearances:
  - Natasha Cochran, Corsica, Elementary
  - David Eggleton, Strattanville, Elementary
  - Michelle Henry, Knox, Elementary
  - Jami Hogue, Knox, Social Studies
  - Brittany Ochs, Leeper, Early Child/Elem, Middle School Math/Middle School Science
  - Frank Pollock, Clarion, Biology
  - Lee Ann Reitz, Mayport, Elem/Social Studies
  - Valerie Sloan, Clarion, Elementary
  - Benjamin Thompson, Shippenville, Social Studies***Mr. Slagle requested to have this Item added to next week's Regular Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Erik Dowlan, Girls' Soccer Coach. ***Mr. Slagle requested to have this Item added to next week's Regular Business Meeting Agenda.***

**An Executive Session was held from 8:30 P.M. until 9:10 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer  
Business Manager