

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Work Session
May 5, 2008**

OPENING/ATTENDANCE

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Regular Business Meeting to order on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7 P.M. The Meeting was held at the Keystone Elementary School Library, at 451 Huston Avenue, Knox, Pennsylvania. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following were in attendance: Mr. Gregory A. Barrett, Mr. James A. Beary, Ms. Terri K. Kahle, Mr. Thomas L. McCoy, Mr. Alan F. Seigworth, Mr. William L. Shaner, Mr. John R. Slagle, Mrs. Marilyn L. Stempeck and Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager. Also present were: Mrs. Shawn Corcetti, Dr. Jean Atkin Gool, Mr. William Jordan, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Ms. Heather Leskanic, Mr. Jonathan Maddy, Mrs. Erin Schill, Mrs. Vicky Walters, Mr. Charles Weaver and Mr. Ed Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Slagle made an introduction of guests.
- An Executive Session was held on April 21, 2008 to discuss Attorney Communications regarding the Isler Lawsuit.
- Mr. Slagle said an Executive Session would be held tonight to discuss a Personnel/Collective Bargaining Issue.
- Mr. Slagle distributed the schedule for Board Attendance at year-end events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

- Superintendent--Dr. Gool reviewed:**
 - Attended the 5th and 6th Grade Honors Banquet at Knox Fire Hall.
 - Attended the Knox Boro Council Meeting last week.
 - Upcoming May events.
- SMILES--Ms. Kahle reviewed:**
 - Progressive Safety Agricultural Day--An additional course will be offered on June 27 and 28.
 - Grants received recently.
 - Crossroads Newsletter.
 - Audits completed.
 - Maintenance of the Knox Park

REPORTS (Continued)

□ **Athletic Council--Mr. Slagle reviewed :**

- Athletic Trainer.
- Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach Recommendation.
- JV Volleyball Coach.
- Jr. High Cheerleading Coach.
- Gate Prices and Fees.

□ **Buildings & Grounds--Mr. Williams reviewed:**

- Spread 1B limestone for maintaining of Access Road.
- P-Gravel for Elementary Playground.
- 2 Sliding Boards are in need of repair.
- November 2007 Football Gear stowed.
- Window Replacement in High School is underway.
- Requested Board Approval for Summer Help to aid in preparation of buildings for 2008-09 School Year.
- Fought roof leaks in Elementary School.
- Steamer in High School Cafeteria.
- Yards and Ballfields are cleaned up and prepped for Baseball Season.
- Proposal from Siemens to help save energy costs.
- Status of High School Cafeteria Ovens.

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

- Upcoming events.
- Olweus Bullying Team efforts.

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

- Attended the Parent Community Advisory Committee
- Awarded simulator for Drivers' Education for Grades 9-12.
- Distance Learning.
- Successful Prom. Thank you to Mrs. Sheatz, Advisor, Jr. Class, Parents, Teachers, Community and Chaperones.
- Industry Club activities.
- Upcoming Activities and Field Trips.

□ **High School--Mr. Maddy reviewed:**

- LEAPS Conference attendance.
- Summer School through Educational Options.
- Pierogie Race to be completed by Mr. Maddy.

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- ❑ Mr. Slagle said the Athletic Committee is recommending Lana Graham as Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach. Mr. Slagle said this Item would be on tonight's Special Business Meeting Agenda.
- ❑ Received a Resignation from Carolyn Wolbert as JV Volleyball Coach. Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.
- ❑ Retirement of Susan Giering, Elementary Teacher, effective May 30, 2008. Mr. Slagle said this Item would be on tonight's Special Business Meeting Agenda.
- ❑ Additions to the Substitute List:
 - Jeremiah Lukers, Science, Franklin
 - David Gittler, Bus Driver, Roseville, Retroactive to April 24, 2008Mr. Slagle requested these items be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.
- ❑ Dr. Gool reviewed the status of the 2008-09 Budget and potential additional savings and/or expenditures:
 - Take Grade 5 and/or Grade 6 back from 4 to 3 classes (with class size about 26).
 - World Language: Cutting a program needs State approval. (We could transfer Mrs. Patton to the Elementary).
 - We can transfer a Social Studies Teacher (with Elementary certification) to the Elementary.
 - Art Teacher.
 - Career Center Savings--1/2 Mill of taxes.
 - Natural Gas--Additional cost of approximately \$15,000.
 - Retirement Incentive--Potential Savings.
 - Fuel adjustment for Bus Contractors cost.
 - Possible 2% Increase in Basic Education.
 - Social Worker.
 - Maintenance Apprentice.
 - Math Coach.
 - Much dialogue occurred by the Board regarding the 2008-09 Budget.
- ❑ Dr. Gool reviewed the Homestead/Farmstead Handout for the reduction in Property Tax Bills.

An Executive Session was held from 8:20 P.M. until 8:30 P.M.

DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- ❑ Mr. Lauffer said Greg Deible of Deible Landscaping has requested a fuel adjustment for 2008-09 Lawn Mowing. Greg said all other costs would remain the same. Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer said that he is soliciting quotes for the Basis Transportation of Natural Gas and will present various options and costs at next week's Meeting. Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.
- ❑ The 2008 Graduate Class List was presented, pending satisfactory Graduation Requirements. Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.
- ❑ The Senior Class Trip Request Form was presented. Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer outlined that a CD is coming due for \$126,796 on May 9, 2008. He requested authorization to roll this CD to Farmer's Bank at a rate of 4% for five years. Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to tonight's Special Business Meeting Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer
Board Secretary