

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Minutes of Work Session
May 3, 2010**

OPENING/ATTENDANCE

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Work Session to order on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7 P.M. The Meeting was held in the Group Instruction Room of the Keystone Elementary School, 451 Huston Avenue, Knox, Pennsylvania. The following Board Members were present: Mr. Gregory A. Barrett, Mr. James A. Beary, Mr. Wayne D. Johns, Mr. Thomas L. McCoy, Mr. Alan F. Seigworth, Mr. John R. Slagle, Mrs. Marilyn L. Stempeck, Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager and Mrs. Stacey I. Thompson. Also present were Mr. William Baughman, Mr. Harold Best, Mr. Richard Bonnar, Mrs. Sue Chomas, Mrs. Shawn Corcetti, Mrs. Michelle Henry, Mrs. Amber Hubler, Mrs. Shannon Johns, Mr. Jarrod Kapp, Mrs. Jennifer Kaye, Mr. Chad Lauer, Mrs. Lori Lauer, Mrs. Kim Riley, Mr. Amos Rudolph, Mr. Rodney Sherman, Mr. Eric Sterner, Mrs. Vicky Walters, Mr. Chuck Weaver and Mrs. Erin Zacherl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Slagle made an introduction of guests.
- Mr. Slagle said an Executive Session was held on April 12, 2010 to discuss the Superintendent Search, a Personnel Grievance and Collective Bargaining.
- Mr. Slagle said there would be an Executive Session tonight to discuss the Superintendent Search.
- Mr. Slagle said the Supply Bids are due on May 7, 2010 at 2 P.M. and will be considered at next week's Business Meeting on May 10, 2010.
- The Board made a trip to the Group Instruction Room to visit the Science Fair.
- A plaque and a thank you card to the Board were received from Jr High Cheerleaders.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Lori Lauer addressed the Board regarding Teacher Cutbacks. She detailed specifics reported to her on student counts by class and issues challenging teachers because of decreased Aides and additional Special Education needs. Mr. Bonnar responded to specific questions--while stating the facts as currently outlined to the Board for making Budgetary decisions.
- Mr. Chuck Weaver spoke regarding the Budget constraints that the Board must operate under. He said this is not a new problem, but has been communicated in Board Meetings over past years.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

- Mrs. Angela Alcorn addressed the Board regarding procedures for attendance at the Prom and proper feedback to the Students/Parents when permitting or declining their guests to attend.

REPORTS

□ **Mr. Bonnar--Acting Superintendent reviewed:**

- Letter from Senator Scarnatti on Pennsylvania Revenue Shortfall.
- An incident with the Stair Climber in the Elementary School.
- Information on Wikipedia regarding Keystone School District, which did not truly reflect demographics.

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

- Eight students are on the Graduation Bubble at this time--she detailed the shortfalls by student.
- PSSA Testing completed.
- Coaching Staff.
- Upcoming Events.
- Prom Attendance.
- Student Awards and Achievements.
- Faculty Accomplishments.
- Consumer Science Pre-School Program.

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

- Teacher Appreciation Week.
- SMILES Agricultural Day.
- DARE Graduation.
- Awards Banquet.
- 6th Grade Graduation.

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

- Thank You to the Board for hiring him as Maintenance Supervisor.
- Thank You to Mr. Swartfager for fabricating sneeze guards and disassembling the old hot water tank. Thanks to Erik Dowlan for building a workbench in place of the old hot water tank.
- Dishwasher breakdowns in both the Elementary and High School.
- Gas Leak in High School.
- Installation of Smart Boards.
- Roof Leak above the High School Stage.
- Gravel on Access Road.

REPORTS (Continued)

- ❑ **Buildings & Grounds--Mr. Baughman (Continued)**
 - Work on Ball Fields.
 - Work on Shot Put Pit
- ❑ **Tax Collection Committee--Mr. Lauffer:**
 - Reviewed specifics on the TCC Operations. He said currently the TCC has received proposals from vendors, and they will be interviewed with a successful candidate selected within the next month or two.

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- ❑ Handouts and presentations to the Board were made from Struxures Representatives regarding the Elementary Roof Replacement. Harold Best distributed a sample of a Bitumen roof section while detailing the specifics of the benefits versus the foam. He said the Bitumen roof will carry a 25-year warranty with a potential of a 40-plus year actual life. After Board discussion and questions, ***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Bonnar stated that the 2008-09 Local Audit Reports for Board acceptance should have been placed on last month's Business Meeting Agenda but were missed. He would like to request consideration this month. ***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer stated that the Basis Transportation for 2011-12 Natural Gas has already been secured. Therefore, the purchase of the Natural Gas can occur at any time. ***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda, along with the current cost report of the Nymex Value for February 2012.***
- ❑ Retirement Letters have been received from the following employees effective at the end of the 2009-10 School Year:
 - Paulette Colantonio
 - Melanie Finotti
 - Alice Sampson
 - Phillip Witkowski***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Corey Ritchey as Jr High Cheerleading Coach. ***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda***

DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- Mr. Bonnar stated that the Governor's Budget is in question at this time. He outlined the timeline for Budget Approval and Adoption. He also detailed adjustments to the Budget that will be made. In addition, to prepare for next week's Business Meeting, he requested the Board's direction on individual Line Items. After significant Board discussion, Mr. Slagle requested two copies of Motion Tally Sheet from each Board Member for next Monday night's Meeting along with a revised Summary for 2010-11 Budget.

An Executive Session was held from 9:25 P.M. until 9:45 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer
Board Secretary