

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Minutes of Work Session
May 9, 2011**

OPENING/ATTENDANCE

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Work Session to order on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:04 P.M. The Meeting was held in the Keystone Elementary School Gymnasium, 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. John R. Slagle, Mrs. Marilyn L. Stempeck, Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager and Mrs. Stacey I. Thompson. Mr. Alan F. Seigworth was absent. Also present were: Mr. Richard Bonnar, Mrs. Suzanne Chomas, Mrs. Shawn Corcetti, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mr. Jonathan Maddy, Mrs. Vicky Walters and many members of the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ Members of the public were welcomed by Mr. Slagle.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said an Executive Session was held on April 18, 2011 to discuss Collective Bargaining--KEA Contract.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said there would be a Special Business Meeting tonight following this Work Session. He also said the Regular Business Meeting would be held on May 16, 2011 at 7 P.M. in the Elementary School Gymnasium.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❑ Shannon Johns: Spoke to the tasks of Paraprofessionals and the education and knowledge necessary to fulfill these tasks.
- ❑ Mike Lencer: Spoke on the status of the Booster Clubs regarding potential re-alignment of Athletics for 2011-12. Mr. Barrett said that there would be an Athletic Committee Meeting to discuss modifications.
- ❑ Rob Simmons: Spoke to the viability of the Industrial Arts Program while outlining students receiving education in this area. He requested the Board to consider a policy to limit students attending the Career Center who do not achieve passing grades.
- ❑ Dana Madison: Questioned the Board and Superintendent as to the legitimacy of furloughing teaching staff and by what authority this is being done.
- ❑ Amber Barnett: Spoke to the success of a Library Teacher and Instructional Technology Specialist in today's Library environment.
- ❑ Sharon Geary: Asked the Board to support the District Library Program. The Library has changed over the years. Please consider tonight when votes comes up.
- ❑ Heather Harkness: Lives on Coulter Road. To save money, could we have combined bus routes? Pays over \$2,000 in property taxes. Elementary/High School students rely on buses for transportation.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

- ❑ Citizen: Life-long resident and student of Keystone School District. Importance of the extra-curriculars in advancing grades in the academics. The Board should all know the cost per student in each area. Don't do anything if you are unsure of the outcome.
- ❑ Jody Shawley: Agree with Mrs. Harkness on reducing Secondary stops. How much would the District benefit on combining runs for Elementary and High School?
- ❑ Citizen: Looked for answers on the Secondary Transportation streamlining.
- ❑ Brady LaVan: Concur for Woodshop Class not having two classes.
- ❑ Martin Frederick: What is the definition of portal to portal???? Are you willing to lead by example and take a pay cut?
- ❑ Tim Harkness: Will the transportation change be safer for kids?

REPORTS

- ❑ **Mr. Bonnar--Superintendent:**
 - No letters of interest in the Early Retirement Incentive have been received from any members of the Keystone Education Association.
 - E-mail addresses for School Board Members on our School website.
 - Reduction of Speech and Language Teacher is requested to be reinstated due to certain caseload rules being excluded.
 - Details of the elevator installation in the Elementary School and the financing options to achieve this.
 - Budget Status and Outlook for 2011-12:
 1. Legislative discussion about reinstating specific funding which would return levels to 2008-09 for Keystone School District and other schools.
 2. Current Budget is built with a maximum tax increase of 1.01 mills.
 3. Will add the Overview Draft #2 to the Keystone School District website.
 4. Many questions from the Board on the Budget.
- ❑ **Mrs. Walters--High School Principal:**
 - Pointed out lists in your packet for Graduation. Students I & K have completed requirements. The biggest concern at this time is Students C-H. Will update the Board next week.

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- ❑ Discussion of the 7th Grade Science Classes to develop a Pollinator Garden Project and to use a Garden Area on a Plot of Land located on the United Methodist Church's property. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item would be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.***

DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- ❑ Student Field Trip Requested by Conrad Warner for Panther Peers to go to Clarion University Stadium for Special Olympics. No cost to the District. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item would be placed on tonight's Special Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Bonnar said the 1st Reading of the Transportation Policy #810 was done last month, and the 2nd Reading will be tonight. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item is on tonight's Special Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer reviewed and passed around for Board inspection the Quiet Title Action for the High School Property. He further pointed to a handout in the packets detailing a motion that the attorney requested. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item would be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Swartfager then pointed out two questions that need resolution prior to filing:
 - Does the Central Clarion County Building Authority hold any assets/debts that we do not want to acquire?
 - Have the bonds issued in 1957 been paid off?
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer distributed for Board review the Affidavit of Non-Production on the Elementary School Property. With no further motions needed, this will be completed shortly.
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer presented a recommended Motion for the Board to consider on May 16, 2011 for the Gas Lease Contract with Stone Energy. The recommended Motion would be:
 - No well site or vertical drilling will occur on school property.
 - Gross royalties received will be 15%.
 - The lease will allow for only the Marcellus depth typically defined to include the Marcellus Shale layer and the two layers surrounding the Marcellus shale layer referred to as the Onondaga formation below and the Tully limestone formation above.
 - No automatic renewal clause to include the Pugh clause for non-utilized leased land after the primary term.
 - No surface interruption to school property which restricts any pipeline, well facilities, roadways, etc.
 - Pending the attorney's approval.After Board discussion, ***Mr. Slagle said this Item would be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer also proposed that the Board consider remaining in the Troese/Fryburg Group 2 for the leasing of the Utica gas layer. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item would be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.***

DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- ❑ Request from the Riverview IU to use two classrooms in the Keystone Elementary School for the 2011 Extended School Year Services on July 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27 and 28 from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item would be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Barrett outlined the need for Custodial Summer Help as in past summers. He said that the cost has been included in the Budget for 2011-12 as proposed. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item would be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Bonnar said that no increase has been proposed for a 2-year Vision Insurance Contract (2011-12 and 2012-13) from Vision Benefits of America. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item would be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Bonnar said a Letter of Retirement has been received from Shawn Corcetti, Elementary Principal, to satisfy requirements of the Act 93 Agreement. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item would be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Bonnar said members of the public have spoken about the areas that follow:
 - Altering the Music Program by Furloughing one (1) Music Position.
 - Altering the Transportation Services by Realigning Pick-Up Zones for Secondary Students.
 - Curtailment of the High School Industrial Arts Program.
 - Altering the School Library Services by Furloughing one (1) Librarian Position.
 - Curtailment of the Elementary Technology Position.He said that these are included on the Special Business Meeting Agenda tonight.
- ❑ Danny Reed as Volunteer Football Coach. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item would be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Student Field Trip Requests:
 - May 17, 18, 31, 2011: Kindergarten Classes to Knox Post Office, Fire Station, and Library. Requested by Kim Riley. No cost to the District.
 - July 24, 25, 27, and 27, 2011: Varsity Football Team to Grove City Football Camp. Requested by Jason Nellis. No cost to the District.

Mr. Slagle said these Items would be placed on next week's Business Meeting Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 8:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer, Board Secretary