

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Minutes of Work Session
September 12, 2011**

OPENING/ATTENDANCE

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Work Session to order on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7 P.M. The Meeting was held in the Keystone Elementary School Library, 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, Mrs. Vicky Walters, Mr. Bill Baughman, Ms. Tiffany Beary, Mrs. Kathy Henry, Mrs. Amber Hubler, Mr. Jarod Kapp, Mr. Rodney Sherman, Ms. Tamara Sottile, Mrs. Judy Wingard, Ms. Jasmine Wingard and Ms. Nately Wingard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ Members of the public were welcomed by Mr. Slagle.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said an Executive Session was held on August 29, 2011 to discuss Personnel/Contract Issues.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said an Executive Session would be held tonight, September 12, 2011 to discuss Contract Issues.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said the next Meeting would be a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7 P.M. in the Elementary Group Instruction Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❑ Ms. Tamara Sottile discussed concerns regarding her child's bus stop:
 - It is a 15-minute walk through the woods, and the students are out of site of any house most of the time.
 - Not out of way for bus to pick up these students.
 - 5 Registered Sex Offenders in the area.

Mr. Slagle said the Transportation Committee can further take this issue under advisement.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

- ❑ Mrs. Kathy Henry thanked the Board for her approval as a Volunteer for the Choral/Band Program. She outlined the practices in other Districts, as well as other programs. She requested an extension of the time needed to complete all of the duties requested and the authority to work during the daytime school hours. After Board discussion and questions, *Mr. Slagle requested this item be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda.*

REPORTS

- ❑ **Mr. Bonnar--Superintendent reviewed:**
 - State Board of Education Agenda.
 - Elevator is up and running. It is being utilized each and every day.
 - Siemens Industry, Inc. (Act 57 - Act 39).
 - Notice from the Secretary of Education that Keystone "Meets Requirements" of Part B of IDEA.
 - Mrs. Joyce Schwab developed enhancements of the A.P. Programs. Mr. Dustin Kifer will implement these enhancements.
 - Department Chair Review of New Focus in Curriculum and Instruction.
 - Meeting with Township Supervisors.
- ❑ **Mrs. Walters--High School Principal reviewed:**
 - Seamless start to new year in the High School.
 - Changes in High School Library to aid additional student use.
 - Library Club formed.
 - KARES Program will begin tomorrow.
 - Procedural Change in College & Scholarship Application.
 - Upcoming events.
- ❑ **Mrs. Corcetti--Elementary Principal reviewed:**
 - Off to good start this year in the Elementary School.
 - Book Fair and Back-to-School Nights are occurring now.
 - Grateful for elevator.
 - New Elementary Principal visited today.
 - Thanked all for opportunity to serve Keystone over the past years.

REPORTS (Continued)

- **Mrs. Schwab--Math Department Chair reviewed:**
 - K-12 Math Program at Keystone.
 - Mr. Henry has been huge benefit to 5th and 6th Grade.
 - Problem in Math Facts in K-8.
 - One Goal is to make K-6 and 7-12 congruent in terminology.

- **Mr. Baughman--Buildings & Grounds reviewed:**
 - Challenging summer with Personnel changes.
 - Summer Tasks Completed:
 1. Both Parking Lots Cracks Filled.
 2. Water Leaks Fixed at Elementary.
 3. New Elevator at Elementary.
 4. Painting Done in Elementary.
 5. Steam Traps in High School.
 6. General Cleaning.
 - Handout with Future needs for Maintenance in Buildings distributed.
 - Thank Yous to:
 1. Board for Summer help.
 2. Boy Scouts for work at the Elementary.
 3. Ken Swartfager for work on Boiler and Soccer Goals.

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- Mr. Bonnar discussed the Clarion Hospital Healthworks Agreement. It is the same contract as past years.

- Mr. Bonnar discussed the Clarion Drug & Alcohol Services Student Assistance Program Agreement. It is the same contract as past years.

- Mr. Bonnar said Brynn Space would be granted Tenure as of September 16, 2011.

- Mr. Bonnar stated Debra Osberg, Paraprofessional, resigned effective September 6, 2011.

- Mr. Bonnar requested the 2nd Reading of the Following Policies:
 - #122: Extracurricular Activities
 - #123: Interscholastic Athletics
 - #218: Student Discipline
 - #218.1: Weapons
 - #218.2: Terroristic Threats
 - #805: Emergency Preparedness

DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- ❑ Mr. Bonnar pointed out the Following Requested Personnel Items:
 - Bill Baughman as Volunteer Cross Country Coach.
 - Betty Hurrelbrink, Emlenton, Substitute Custodian.
 - Kathy Beichner, Shippenville, Substitute Nurse.

Mr. Slagle said to Add All Dialogue Items Discussed to next week's Agenda.

- ❑ Mrs. Thompson said there is a Grant available for Music Trips. Mr. Slagle said that she could commence with the application process. If the Grant were approved, then Board Action would be necessary for acceptance.
- ❑ Mr. Barrett distributed a report detailing the cuts made at the IU for the 2011-12 School Year totaling \$474,711.

An Executive Session was held from 8:01 P.M. to 8:55 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer
Board Secretary