

**Keystone School District  
Knox, Pennsylvania  
Minutes of Work Session  
October 12, 2015**

**OPENING/ATTENDANCE**

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Regular Work Session to order on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 7 P.M. The Meeting was held at the Clarion County Career Center, 447 Career Lane, Shippenville, Pennsylvania. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following Board Members were present: Mr. Gregory A. Barrett, Mr. James A. Beary, Mr. Randall R. Burr, Mrs. Trisha D. Dixon, Mr. John R. Slagle, Mr. Dustin L. Swartfager, Mrs. Stacey I. Thompson and Mr. Dwayne E. VanTassel. Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager was absent. Also present were: Mr. Shawn Algoe, Mrs. Suzanne Chomas, Mr. Aaron Kline, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mr. Michael McCormick and Mr. Brad Wagner.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Slagle welcomed the guests to the Meeting.
- Mr. Slagle said an Executive Session will be held tonight immediately following the Work Session to discuss a Personnel Issue and a Collective Bargaining Issue.
- Mr. Slagle said the next Meeting will be the Regular Business Meeting on Monday, October 19, 2015. It will be held in the Elementary School Library at 7 P.M. A Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting will be held prior to the Regular Business Meeting at 6 P.M. in the District Office Board Room.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Dixon commended Barb Witkowski for the preparation of her Tech Blog on the Keystone School District website. She said this is very informative for both Parents and Educators.

**REPORTS**

- **Career Center—Mr. Kline reviewed:**
  1. Distributed Materials pertaining to the Career Center.
  2. Partnerships.
  3. Enrollment Trends.
  4. NOCTI Certification.
  5. Co-Op Education.
  6. 2015 Programs.
  7. Future Goals.

**REPORTS (Continued)**

- **Superintendent—Mr. Algoe reviewed:**
  1. State Budget Update.
  2. Core Switch Replacement in Server Room.
  3. Comprehensive Planning.
  4. School Performance Profile.
  5. Transportation of Amish Students.
  
- **Elementary—Mr. McCormick reviewed:**
  1. Kindergarten Entry Survey distributed. He requested to change the Kindergarten Cut-Off Date to be July 1 for the 2017-18 School Year. The Board Requested the Revision of Policy #200 and #201 to reflect this change.
  2. Open House.
  
- **High School—Mr. Wagner reviewed:**
  1. Upcoming Events.
  2. STEM Initiative.
  3. Homecoming Events.
  
- Mr. Barrett reported on his Tour Guide Duties for the High School Class of 1965 Reunion on Sunday.

**DIALOGUE ITEMS**

- Mr. Algoe reviewed the Resignation of Michael Graham as 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Jr. High Football Coach, effective with the 2015-16 School Year and the Hiring of Jason Best as 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Jr. High Football Coach, effective with the 2015-16 School Year.
  
- Mr. Algoe reviewed the \$3,000,000 Line of Credit with Farmers National Bank due to lack of State Budget.
  
- Mr. Lauffer reviewed the Fund Balance Designation as of June 30, 2015.
  
- Mr. Algoe reviewed the Index for 2016-17 Maximum Real Estate Tax Increase:
  1. Index for Keystone School District: 3.5%.
  2. Millage: 1.805 mills Maximum Increase.
  3. \$: \$120,000 Maximum Increase.Also, he reviewed Act 909 Legislation that has been Approved by the Senate Education Committee, which only allows Real Estate Tax Increases that would be approved by Public Referendum.

**DIALOGUE ITEMS** (Continued)

- Mr. Algoe reviewed the Upcoming Professional Development:
  1. 10/16/2015: Clarion County School Nurse Conference, Clarion. Requested by Petula King at a cost of \$27.10, using Budgeted Funds.
  2. 1/18/2016: School Nurse Conference, New Castle. Requested by Petula King at a cost of \$90.38, using Budgeted Funds.
- Mr. Algoe previously spoke on the Comprehensive Plan in his report.
- Mr. Algoe requested John Stiglitz as Head Jr. High Wrestling Coach.
- Mr Algoe reviewed the Revised Trip Date for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade to the Beaver Ponds— which will be October 16, 2015.
- Mr. Algoe reviewed Revised Policy #800.1—Charging of Cafeteria Meals.

An Executive Session was held for 8:20 P.M. until 8:45 P.M

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer, Board Secretary