

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Work Session
April 13, 2009**

OPENING/ATTENDANCE

The Board of School Directors of the Keystone School District held their Work Session on Monday, April 13, 2009 at the Keystone SMILES Center, Main Street, Knox, Pennsylvania. The Meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Mr. John R. Slagle, President. The following Board Members were present: Mr. Gregory A. Barrett, Mr. James A. Beary, Ms. Terri K. Kahle, Mr. Thomas L McCoy, Mr. John R. Slagle, Mrs. Marilyn L. Stempeck and Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager. Mr. Alan F. Seigworth and Mr. William L. Shaner were absent. Also present were: Mrs. Pamela Baughman, Mrs. Elizabeth Beal, Mr. Harold Best, Mrs. Shawn Corcetti, Ms. Joyce Fosdick, Dr. Jean Atkin Gool, Mr. Libby Hansford, Mr. Jarrod Kapp, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mr. Jonathan Maddy, Mrs. Molly McLendon, Mrs. Renee Newbill, Mrs. Bridget Rivers, Ms. Alyssa Seigworth, Mrs. Cindy Seigworth and Mrs. Vicky Walters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ Mr. Slagle made an introduction of guests.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said an Executive Session was held on March 16, 2009 to discuss Attorney/Client Legal Issues related to Student Discipline.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said an Executive Session will be held tonight, April 13, 2009 to discuss four Personnel Issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Beal voiced her concern about the PSSA Testing Class that would be offered this fall. Significant Board discussion followed with many questions regarding the issue.

Mr. Shaner arrived at 7:16 P.M.

REPORTS

- ❑ Mr. Harold Best reviewed the Hot Water Tank needs in the Elementary School and the design of a proposal unit to bid. He answered questions involved with this installation. He also reviewed his visits to the Elementary School to prepare the Feasibility Study. He stated that domestic water and heating water pipes have minimal breakdown internally.
- ❑ **SMILES--Ms. Fosdick:**
 - Ms. Fosdick illustrated a presentation via power point on the Americorps Program and the aid provided to the Knox community and surrounding counties. She reviewed the benefits and brochures detailing current activities. Ms. Fosdick also

REPORTS (Continued)

□ **Superintendent--Dr. Gool:**

- Dr. Gool reviewed specifics of a Teacher Grant that the Foundation has offered. A trailer is expected to be completed by the end of the School Year and raffled off with the proceeds to be utilized for funding of Industrial Arts equipment needs.
- Dr. Gool stated the plans for the Maintenance Supervisor hiring process are to give a written test to 13 candidates at the Career Center on April 14. Then the top six candidates from that testing will be given a hands-on test on the Career Center on April 23.
- Dr. Gool said that the District is still waiting on information on the Stimulus funding availability.
- Dr. Gool attended Fuels for Schools last Thursday, and she distributed two brochures on Bio-Mass Fuel utilization.

□ **Elementary--Mrs. Corcetti:**

- Mrs. Corcetti will update the Board next week on upcoming Elementary Activities.
- Mrs. Corcetti thanked the Americorps group for their significant contributions to the Elementary School.

□ **High School--Mrs. Walters/Mr. Maddy:**

- Mrs. Walters reviewed the following Student Accomplishments and Upcoming Events:
 - A. Mike Switzer was a PIAA State Wrestling Qualifier.
 - B. Kristen Nesta was a PMEA State Chorus participant.
 - C. The Boys' Basketball Team won the KSAC Championship and were in the PIAA Play-Offs.
 - D. 10 new Members were inducted into the National Honor Society. Jarah Heeter, Clarion County Assistant District Attorney, was the guest speaker. She discussed Tolerance and Diversity.
 - E. The Cheerleaders received First Place at the Nittany Valley and Seashore Nationals Competitions.
 - F. Janessa Heeter and Garrett Blair were Students of the Month at the Clarion County Career Center.
 - G. PSSA Testing and 4 Sight Testing will be held April 27 through May 8.
 - H. A Youth Risk Behavior Survey will be administered on April 27.
 - I. The Junior High Art Students will be participating in a webinar from the Philadelphia Museum of Natural History entitled "Fleshing the Bones".
 - J. The High School will be presenting the musical "Good News" on April 16 through 18.
 - K. A Mock Accident is planned for May 1.
 - L. District Attorney Mark Aaron will be presenting a Drug Awareness Program for the 7th and 8th Grade Students.
 - M. The prom will be held on May 2.
 - N. A school picnic and fun day is being planned for the last day of school by Student Government.

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- ❑ Mr. Lauffer distributed Detail Sheets for the 2009-10 Budget on CD and paper. He also said that the County Ratio Change for Assessment will take place in 2009-10, and this will have an impact on Budget discussions--as millage rates will change, and the amount generated by a mill will change.
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer said that the Custodial/Maintenance Supplies, Technology Supplies and the General & Art Supplies have been bid and will be opened on Friday, April 17 at 2 P.M. The results will be presented at the April 20, 2009 Regular Business Meeting. ***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Agenda.***

**An Executive Session was held from 8:15 P.M. until 9 P.M.
A Recess was held from 9 P.M. until 9:10 P.M.**

- ❑ Mr. Lauffer reviewed the Audit Reports for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008 as prepared by Troese & Associates. He summarized a few pages that stated an unqualified opinion by the Auditors. ***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer said that a quote for the installation of the six High School windows has been received by Brunot & Hollabaugh. ***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer said that a visit from a representative from D&L Energy occurred. The request was to lease our grounds for potential Gas or Oil Well drilling. He said the three benefits would be:
 - Annual lease revenue of \$320.
 - Potential free gas from a producing well amounting to three homes' use.
 - Royalties from a neighbor well if a producing well is drilled by D&L within 900 feet of our property. Board opinion was not to lease our properties at this time.
- ❑ Dr. Gool referred to a letter from County Solicitor Ray Scott that requested official action denying or concurring with an Approval Settlement with Allegheny Trails. She said the decreased revised revenue could amount to \$34.79, and it was Carl's opinion to agree with the Settlement. ***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer said a handout in the Board packet showed an increase in Natural Gas Cost since the March Board Meeting. He said the low for February 2011 was \$6.64 (4 weeks ago) while the high 2 weeks ago was \$7.21. It currently is \$6.94. ***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Agenda.***

DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- ❑ Mr. Lauffer said that the annual approval of income sharing by individual between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Central Tax Bureau for 2006 and 2007 is due. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Agenda.*
- ❑ Dr. Gool said that a request has been received for an Out-of-District student to attend Keystone School District and pay our Certified Tuition Rate. The Board requested to have Carl draft a contract and revised Tuition Policy, if needed, to allow this. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Agenda.*
- ❑ Dr. Gool prepared the Budget with a 3% increase for the Athletic Trainer Salary for 2009-10. She said CHAMPS is requesting 4%. After significant Board discussion, the Board confirmed that 3% would be appropriate for the 2009-10 Budget.
- ❑ A request has been received from Jennifer Johnson for a FMLA from August 26, 2009 through November 20, 2009 and a Child Rearing Leave from November 23, 2009 through June 30, 2010. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Agenda.*
- ❑ Additions to the Substitute List, pending proper Personnel File Documentation and Clearances are:
 - Calli Yargar, Emlenton, Math
 - Deanne Byers, Chicora, Bus Driver
 - Timothy Chapman, Knox, Bus Driver*Mr. Slagle requested this Item be placed on next week's Agenda.*

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer
Board Secretary