

**Keystone School District  
Knox, Pennsylvania  
Work Session  
November 13, 2006**

**OPENING / ATTENDANCE**

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Work Session to order on Monday, November 13, 2006 at 7 P.M. The Meeting was held in the Keystone Elementary School Library, 451 Huston Avenue, Knox, Pennsylvania. The following Board Members were in attendance: Mr. James A. Beary, Ms. Terri K. Kahle, Mr. Thomas L. McCoy, Mr. William L. Shaner, Mr. John R. Slagle and Mrs. Marilyn L. Stempeck. Mr. Gregory A. Barrett, Mr. R. Jeffrey Kline and Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager were absent. Also present were Mrs. Shawn Corcetti, Dr. Jean Atkin Gool, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Ms. Heather Leskanic, Ms. Carol Meier, Mrs. Vicky Walters, Mr. Randy Allaman, Mr. Ed Brown, Mr. Bill Eisenhuth, Ms. Kim McHenry, Mrs. Bernie Pippin, Ms. Michelle Ritzler, and Ms. Renee Wingard.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Slagle made an introduction of guests.
- Mr. Slagle stated that an Executive Session was held on October 16, 2006 to discuss Personnel, Attorney Communications and Collective Bargaining.
- Mr. Slagle stated that an Executive Session will be held tonight to discuss Collective Bargaining and Personnel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Linda Runyan addressed the Board regarding participation in a Committee organized by Knox Borough with the revitalization of downtown Knox as the main focus.

**REPORTS**

- **Tax Study Commission--Ed Brown, President:**
  - Each member introduced themselves:
    - a. Randy Allaman
    - b. Ed Brown
    - c. Bill Eisenhuth
    - d. Kim McHenry
    - e. Bernice Pippin
    - f. Michelle Ritzler
    - g. Renee WingardFrank Kiser and Kathy Cohlhepp were not able to attend.

**REPORTS (Continued)**

❑ **Tax Study Commission--Ed Brown (Continued)**

- Ed Brown, President of the Keystone School District Tax Study Commission, addressed the Board regarding their recommendation on Section 331.2, Referendum for the May, 2007 Ballot. Mr. Brown reviewed his recommendation to the Board, as follows and answered questions regarding the recommendation. Mr. Slagle then thanked them for their service and said that the Board will be discharging the Commission and considering their recommendation at next week's Meeting.

On behalf of the Keystone School District Tax Study Commission, I will review the following recommendation as pertaining to the mandates under ACT 1.

Whereas, the Commonwealth of PA has mandated each school District to appoint a Tax Study Commission to review and analyze the current tax structure of the District and make a recommendation to the District's Board of Directors as to the specific tax structure of the local earned income tax.

After the Keystone School District Board of Directors considers the following recommendation and completes their analysis of the current tax structure, they must place a user-friendly question on the May, 2007 ballot for the voters to consider. That question may address two areas: whether to change the current tax base from Earned Income to Personal Income AND/OR to increase the Earned Income Tax and utilize the proceeds to decrease Real Estate Taxes.

As our Commission has completed its review and analysis, the recommendation that will be made to the Keystone School District Board of Directors on November 13, 2006, contains the following two elements:

- (1) The local tax should continue to be administered on an Earned Income Tax Base and **not** be changed to a Personal Income Tax Base.
- (2) The Earned Tax rate should be increased 0.5% with the additional tax revenue being offset to valid Homestead/Farmstead applicants as approved by the Clarion County Assessors Office.

It should be understood that this is a recommendation to the Keystone School District Board of Directors and that the Keystone School District Board of Directors hold ultimate responsibility for the question that will be placed on the May, 2007

**REPORTS (Continued)**

**Mr. Swartfager arrived at 7:03 P.M.**

□ **Superintendent--Dr. Gool:**

- Dr. Gool reported to the Board that the District has received \$5,200 from the Class Action Suit against NSFF. She said the money would be placed in the Contingency Fund. The outstanding balance of \$46,800 may still be received.

□ **High School--Mrs. Walters:**

Mrs. Walters reviewed the following:

- Veterans' Day activities and letters.
- Student letters of trip to McConnell's Mills.
- County Chorus is this week at Clarion Limestone.
- Five girl students were honored for receiving their Gold Awards: Kelly Knorr, Jessica Bifano, Nicole Varner, Rachel Seth and Michelle Curran.
- 2006 Yearbook concerns in response to an editorial in the newspaper.
- Science standards and anchors were reviewed and constructed with the assistance of the IU.
- The next Blood Drive is November 30, 2007.
- An Athletic Council Meeting will be held on November 17 at 7 A.M.
- There are two more Overnight Field Trips proposed:
  - a. Cheerleaders to Wilmington, NC--Friday, April 13, 2007 through Monday, April 16, 2007.
  - b. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Music to Toronto--Friday, May 12, 2007 through Saturday, May 13, 2007.
- Attendance at Inspired Leadership Conference at Grove City IU.

**Mr. Kline arrived at 7:20 P.M.**

□ **Elementary--Mrs. Corcetti:**

Mrs. Corcetti reviewed the following:

- Red Ribbon Week events/activities and speakers.
- Bullying Prevention.
- Academics and support intervention on test scores.

**REPORTS (Continued)**

❑ **Cafeteria--Ms. Meier:**

Ms. Meier reported on the following:

- Slush Puppy machine with 100% juice is installed in the Elementary Cafeteria.
- Thursday, November 16 is the Turkey Dinner Day at both schools.
- The average number of meals served at the High School is 545--which is good.
- January, 2007 begins government ordering of commodities. Carol will attend State Commodities Show in November.

❑ **Business Manager--Mr. Lauffer:**

Mr. Lauffer reviewed the following status of equipment procurement and sales:

- Used laptops to be sold on E-Bay over the next few weeks.
- New pick-up purchase order released--will take eight weeks for delivery.
- Proposal for Bells/Clocks in the Elementary School was reviewed. Two questions from the Board were as follows:
  - a. Are 36 clocks sufficient to complete building?
  - b. Can we secure two additional quotes for individual system?

Mr. Slagle asked to have this Item added to next week's Agenda.

**DIALOGUE ITEMS**

- ❑ Dr. Gool requested the Board to approve the utilization of Psychologist contracting. As the School Psychologist is utilizing an FMLA, the contracted services are being paid consistent with the contract of our prior Psychologist contracting. Mr. Slagle asked to have this Item added to next week's Agenda.
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer and Dr. Gool reviewed the current status of Technology hardware repair and network maintenance. They requested the Board to approve full-time, short-term contracting with Computer Showcase until a future permanent solution is recommended. Mr. Slagle asked to have this Item added to next week's Agenda.
- ❑ Dr. Gool stated that a Meeting on Cyber Services @ 6 P.M. with A Meeting on Cyber Services @ 6 P.M. with Parents and Community members.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle reviewed the following:
  - Resignation of Leesa Eisenman as an Elementary Library Aide.
  - Posting of an Elementary Library Aide.
  - Stephanie Simpson, Elementary/Early Childhood, Addition to the Substitute List
  - Ben Thompson, Social Studies, Addition to the Substitute ListMr. Slagle said these Items would be added to next week's Agenda.

**DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)**

- Dr. Gool reviewed a report to change the 2007 Calendar of Meetings to contain a combined Work Session/Business Meeting for March, April, June, July and November. After Board discussion, it was agreed to prepare the 2007 Meeting Calendar as requested for Board Consideration.

**A Recess was held from 8:14 P.M. until 8:35 P.M.**

**An Executive Session was held from 8:35 P.M. until 9:38 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer  
Board Secretary