

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Work Session
June 15, 2009**

OPENING/ATTENDANCE

The Board of School Directors of the Keystone School District held their Work Session on Monday, June 15, 2009 at the Keystone Elementary School Library, 451 Huston Avenue, 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 N. Barrett, Mr. James A. Beary, Ms. Terri K. Kahle, Mr. Thomas L McCoy, Mr. William L. Shaner, Mr. John R. Slagle, Mrs. Marilyn L. Stempeck and Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager. Mr. Alan F. Seigworth was absent. Also present were: Mrs. Sue Chomas, Mrs. Shawn Corcetti, Mrs. Kim Exley, Mrs. Terrie Fink, Dr. Jean Atkin Gool, Mr. Dana Host, Mr. Wayne Johns, Mr. Jarrod Kapp, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mr. Jonathan Maddy, Mr. Francis Nesta, Mr. Rodney Sherman, Mrs. Stacey Thompson and Mrs. Vicky Walters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ Mr. Slagle made an introduction of guests.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said an Executive Session was held on May 11, 2009 to discuss a Personnel Issue regarding an Insurance Benefit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

- ❑ **Superintendent--Dr. Gool reviewed:**
 - Attendance at Hearings on the 2009-10 Budget.
 - Policy Committee Meeting.
 - Act 93 Committee will meet on June 17.
- ❑ **SMILES--Ms. Kahle reviewed:**
 - Six students from the Alternative Education Program are graduating this year.
 - Will remodel a house in Farrell in collaboration with Mercer County Housing Authority, Lowes and Home Depot.
 - Possible Summer Youth Positions funded through WIA Grants.
 - 106 Americorps positions may be available this summer via Stimulus money.
 - Purchased a new van.
 - Purchased a new phone system.
 - Students Served for 2008-09.
 - Pre-K Counts Annual Report.

REPORTS (Continued)

□ **Elementary--Mrs. Corcetti reviewed;**

- Pre-K Counts Program.
- Thanked Maintenance Staff for grounds work completed.
- Recognized Mr. Baker's years of service.
- End of School Year activities.
- Student Handbook changes.
- MMS Report on Nursing Services provided during the School Year.
- PSSA Scores.
- Playground Committee Equipment.

□ **Special Education--Mrs. Chomas reviewed:**

- Special Education Plan was approved and located at each station for Board Directors' review.
- Trainings for teachers.

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

- Custodial cleaning is occurring.
- Room changes.
- Anti-Defamation Training.
- Summer School has eight 7th Graders and two 8th Graders enrolled.
- Summer Drivers' Training was completed for 10 students in June.
- Olweus Bully Prevention Training was conducted on June 2 and 3 for the High School Program. Teachers, parent, teacher aides, guidance counselors and Administration were represented.
- CFF Training included in professional development of CFF Grant.
- Apple Training to be held at Keystone High School.
- Congratulations was extended to Kathy Silves for her 37 years of services to the Keystone School District. She has been at Keystone for 49 years--counting her years as a student.
- PSSA Preliminary Student scores are being compared with the 4-Sight scores

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- Ms. Kahle requested the Board to consider pushing back the 2009-10 Budget Consideration to as late as possible in June due to the significant questions about the Basic Education Subsidy from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. After Board discussion, Mr. Slagle said that this item would be considered later in the Business Meeting.

DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- ❑ Mr. Lauffer referred to a letter from Greg Deible regarding the 2009-10 Lawn Mowing. His letter verifies the same cost per mowing as his original bid. In addition, he requested a \$20 fuel surcharge if gasoline exceeds \$3.05 per gall. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item is on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said the annual request from Elk Township/Shippenville Borough to place their Ambulance Stuffers in with our July Tax Bills has been received. Mr. Barrett requested this to be approved for this year and indefinitely thereafter. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item is on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Barrett outlined a Hot Water Tank Installation Change in the Elementary School as per a proposal from Dasco Plumbing for \$4,600 to facilitate the changes. Mr. Swartfager questioned the cost of gas piping charges. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item is on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer requested the Board to consider the Elementary School Copier and the High School Parking Lot Sealing come from the Long-Term Funding Stream for 2009-10. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item is on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Mr. Beary stated that a quote from Rick and Deb Zerbe is in the Board folders and the Transportation Committee is recommending to accept the proposal for the 2009-10 through 2011-12 School Years for Student Activities/Athletics Bus Contractor. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item is on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Dr. Gool said that the Personnel Committee is recommending Jason Nellis as Elementary Physical Education Teacher. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item is on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ Dr. Gool requested that a High School Secretary Work Year Adjustment be considered. This request would change one secretary from 213 days per year to 240 days per year. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item is on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.***
- ❑ ***Mr. Slagle said the following Items are on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda:***
 - Kayla Rhoades as Volunteer Varsity and Junior High Cheerleading Coach.
 - Resignation of Alisha O'Neil as JV Volleyball Coach.
 - Jami Hogue as JV Volleyball Coach.
 - Chad Bell as Varsity Baseball Coach
- ❑ Dr. Gool stated that Pam Criner and Maria Vaughn are being recommended as Contracted School Psychologists after interviews by the Principals. ***Mr. Slagle said this Item is on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.***

DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- ❑ Mr. Nesta outlined specific date conflicts and the proposed dates for the Senior Trip to Washington, D.C., for November 15-19, 2009. *Mr. Slagle said this Item is on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Mr. Nesta outlined the specific date conflict around Easter vacation for the Music Department Trip to New York City. The dates planned are March 28-31, 2010. *Mr. Slagle said this Item is on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ *Mr. Slagle said the following Policies are on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda for 1st Reading:*
 - **#137.1: Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students**
 - **#140:1: Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Students**
 - **#217: Graduation Requirements**
 - **#249: Bullying/Cyberbullying**
 - **#906: Public Complaints**
- ❑ Annette Johnston as Volunteer Volleyball Coach. *Mr. Slagle said this Item is on tonight's Business Meeting Agenda.*

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer
Board Secretary