

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Regular Work Session Minutes
February 15, 2021**

OPENING/ATTENDANCE

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Regular Work Session to order on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 7 P.M. The Meeting was held in the Keystone Elementary School Gymnasium, 451 Huston Avenue, Knox, Pennsylvania. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following Board Members were present: Mr. Gregory A. Barrett, Mr. James A. Beary, Mr. Randolph R. Burr, Mrs. Trisha D. Dixon, Mr. John R. Slagle, Mr. Dustin L. Swartfager, Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager, Mrs. Stacey I. Thompson and Mr. Dwayne E. VanTassel. Also present were: Mr. Tom Bowser, Mr. Patrick Gavin, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mrs. Lori Lauer, Mr. Michael McCormick, Mr. Rodney Sherman, Mr. Bradley Wagner and Mr. Jim Weeter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ Mr. Slagle welcomed the guests to the Meeting.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said the next scheduled Meeting would be the Combined Regular Work Session and Regular Business Meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7 P.M. in the Elementary School Gymnasium.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❑ Jim Weeter, Beaver Township Supervisor, addressed the Board regarding road conditions and the lack of funding for maintaining roads. He requested the Board consider requiring chains for school busses in Beaver Township. Mr. Slagle said that the Transportation Committee would review it and get back to him.
- ❑ Lori Lauer said that there is a severe lack of instruction given during quarantines. She requested a way of notifying students of daily needs for instruction with actual teacher real time communications.

REPORTS

- ❑ **Superintendent—Mr. Gavin:**
 1. First 2 Weeks.
 2. School Calendar.
 3. Staffing for 2021-22 School Year.
 4. State Testing.
 5. Audit for Workers Compensation Safety Committee.
 6. ESSER Grant.
 7. COVID Update.
 8. State Budget News.
 9. School Facility Update.

REPORTS (Continued)

- ❑ **Elementary School—Mr. McCormick reviewed:**
 1. Act 80 Day.
 2. Kindergarten Update.
 3. Mobile Dentist.
 4. Spring Pictures.

- ❑ **High School—Mr. Wagner reviewed:**
 1. New 8th Grade Textbook Purchase.
 2. Mr. Kifer email on Athletic Event Streaming.
 3. Mr. Crumlish's STEM Project.
 4. Picture Day at the High School.
 5. Possible Musical.
 6. Senior Graduate Activities.
 7. New Art Teacher—Janet Hockman; New Guidance Counselor—Lyndsay Blystone.
 8. Athletics.
 9. Athletic Council Meeting Discussion.

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- ❑ **Mr. Slagle reviewed the process of bringing Mr. Gavin to Keystone School District. Mr. Beary said the Committee had Unanimous Approval. He is recommended to be Acting Superintendent at \$475 per day, effective February 1, 2021.**

- ❑ **Mr. Gavin requested approval of the Retirement Letter from William Irwin, Dean of Students and Athletic Director, at the end of the 2020-21 School Year.**

- ❑ **Mr. Gavin reviewed and requested the approval of Special Sick Leave for 10 Employees for 66 Days to Assure Compliance with FFCRA Guidelines for PSERS Eligibility.**

- ❑ **Mr. Gavin requested the approval of the Resignation Letter from Paul Everett as Boys' Baseball Assistant Coach, effective immediately.**

- ❑ **Mr. Gavin requested approval of the Posting/Advertising for a Boys' Baseball Assistant Coach.**

- ❑ **Mr. Gavin requested approval of Paul Everett as Volunteer Boys' Baseball Coach.**

- ❑ **Mr. Gavin reviewed and requested approval of the Resolution Calling for Charter School Funding Reform.**

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DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- ❑ **Mr. Gavin reviewed the Elementary Electrical Panel and Generator Replacement. He requested approval of the architectural services payable to Amos Rudolph.**
- ❑ **Mr. Gavin requested the hiring of Nick Banner as Assistant Baseball Coach.**
- ❑ **Mr. Gavin said we are hoping for Specs for the High School Lower Parking Lot Resurfacing and Replacement Project for the March 15 Meeting.**
- ❑ **Mr. VanTassel questioned as to why we are not Remote Learning instead of cancelling school on bad weather days as that may delay Commencement. Mr. Gavin reported that Keystone School District is utilizing face-to-face instruction as fully as possible even if it extends the school year.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer, Board Secretary