

**Keystone School District
Knox, Pennsylvania
Regular Work Session Minutes
February 21, 2022**

OPENING/ATTENDANCE

Mr. Gregory A. Barrett, Vice-President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Regular Work Session to order on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 7:09 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. Jason C. Say, Mr. Dustin L. Swartfager, Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager, Mrs. Stacey I. Thompson, Mr. Dwayne E. VanTassel and Mr. Randall C. Weaver. Mr. John R. Slagle was absent. Also present were: Ms. Lisa Amsler, Mr. Leon Aristeguieta, Mrs. Leigh Black, Mrs. Kaylan Blair, Mr. Thomas Bowser, Ms. Jennifer Gornall (via Zoom), Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mr. James Lyle, Mrs. Jennifer Mauk, Mr. Michael McCormick, Mrs. Kelli McNaughton, Mr. Patrick Radaker, Mrs. Jodee Raybuck, Mr. Rodney Sherman, Mrs. Dana Sloat, Mr. Bradley Wagner, Mr. Charles Weaver and Mrs. Teresa Young.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ Mr. Barrett welcomed the guests to the Meeting.
- ❑ Mr. Barrett said the next scheduled Meeting would be the Combined Regular Work Session and Regular Business Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7 P.M. in the Elementary School Gymnasium/Cafeteria.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❑ Dana Sloat addressed the Board regarding the concerns that High School Library books contain child pornography. She requested that these books be removed from the Library.

REPORTS

- ❑ **The Nutrition Group—Jodee Raybuck reviewed:**
 1. Various Cafeteria Programs in the Classroom, as well as the Cafeteria Facility.
 2. Positive Financial Outlook for the Current Year.
 3. Thanked the Board for utilizing The Nutrition Group for our Cafeteria FSMC for the past School Year and looking forward to a positive future here at Keystone.

REPORTS

- **Superintendent—Mrs. Young reviewed the following:**
 1. Only one Covid Positive Case was reported over the last two weeks.
 2. Finished Meetings with all the staff.
 3. Focus on lost learning over the course of the Pandemic and getting students the help they need.
 4. Working to set up a more comprehensive Tutoring Program to address all students in need.
 5. The Administrative Team has been working on researching Tier 2 Programs that focus on Reading and Math to use with all the students.
 6. Submitted a Letter of Intent to apply to the McElhattan Foundation to help defray the costs of a new playground.
 7. Online Digital Library.
 8. A Cyber Program to take the place of VLN.
 9. Researching two new Grant Opportunities—PA Smart Grant and 21st Century Grant.
 10. Working on a Policy for having Naloxone on hand in case of an Opioid Crisis.
 11. Working on a Policy for Testing Kits to Test Confiscated Vape Devices for THC.
 12. Our Attorney is handling a Right To Know Issue that has gone to the Appeals Process.
 13. Need to schedule a Board Workshop for Attorney Training on the Sunshine Law and Policy Development with a tentative date of March 28 at 6 P.M.

- **Elementary School—Mr. McCormick reviewed:**
 1. PSSA Testing.
 2. Act 80 Day Trainings for Teachers.
 3. Daffins Fund Raiser.

- **High School—Mr. Wagner reviewed:**
 1. Pops Concert was held on February 17.
 2. Upcoming Concerts:
 - A. Spring Band Concert: May 5, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.
 - B. Spring Choir Concert: May 17, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.
 3. The Musical—*Anastasia* will be held March 17, 2022 through March 20, 2022.
 4. Band and Choir Commendations. Thank you to Mr. Bowser, Mrs. Milliron and Mr. Long for their dedication to the Program:
 - A. 7 Students participated in District Band at Indiana: Leia Bauer, Sarah Cotton, JoJo Hansford, Jonathan Hansford, Jacob Hoffman, Alex Huffman and Tanner Vickers.
 - B. 4 Students will participate in Regional Band at Brookville: Leia Bauer, JoJo Hansford, Jonathan Hansford and Alex Huffman.
 - C. Jacob Huffman participated in District Jazz Band at Purchase Line.
 - D. 9 Students participated in District Choir at Punxsutawney: Leia Bauer, Mariah Beary, Sarah Cotton, JoJo Hansford, Alex Huffman, Sam Hunsberger, Collin LaVan, Mason Thompson and Tanner Vickers.

REPORTS (Continued)

- **High School—Mr. Wagner reviewed (Continued)**
 - 5. E. 5 Students will be participating in the Regional Choir at Franklin: JoJo Hansford, Sam Hunsberger, Collin LaVan, Mason Thompson and Tanner Vickers.
 - 6. Basketball results:
 - A. Boys' Varsity: Record of 11 and 11. Will be the #5 Seed in District 9 Playoffs.
 - B. Girls' Varsity: Record of 9 and 13. Will not be in the Playoffs this year.
 - 7. Wrestling results:
 - A. Jacob Henry recently claimed the Jr High Championship in the 130-pound Weight Class with a record of 23 and 1.
 - B. The District 9 Class AA Wrestling Championships are this Saturday at CUP.
 - 8. Senior Alyssa Weaver signed with Waynesburg College to play Volleyball.
 - 9. Senior Alex Huffman earned a 3rd Place in the 11th and 12th Grade Individual Division of the President's Competition at the IU. Sophomore Jack Hoffman placed 2nd in the Teams' Division and 1st in the Individual Division.
 - 10. The Linguishtiks Team made up of Michael Buckley, Chris Milks and Grace Beal won the Middle School Division of the Competition at the IU.
- **Business Manager—Mr. Lauffer reviewed:**
 - 1. Budget Timeline.
 - 2. Governor Wolf Budget.

DIALOGUE ITEMS

- Mrs. Young requested approval of the Letter of Retirement from Brad Wagner, High School Principal, effective August 16, 2022.
- Mrs. Young requested the Posting and Advertising for a High School Principal.
- Mrs. Young requested the Hiring of Todd Smith as Varsity Football Head Coach, as recommended by the Athletic Committee.
- Mrs. Young requested the Hiring of Mallory Reed as Spring Weight Room Training Coordinator.
- Mrs. Young requested the Hiring of Virginia Smiley as a Substitute Nurse.
- Mrs. Young requested the Retroactive Approval to Post and Advertise for a Paraprofessional. Mr. Beary asked about hours per day and instructional needs. Mrs. Young responded that this position was necessary to assist with a Specific Special Needs Student.

DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)

- ❑ Mrs. Young requested the Hiring of Dan Reed as a 12th Grade Advisor retroactive to August 25, 2021.
- ❑ Mrs. Young requested approval of Charles Smith as a Van Driver.
- ❑ Mrs. Young requested approval of the 2022-23 School Calendar, as presented. Significant Board discussion ensued on the need of 3-Hour Early Dismissals and Lesser Numbers of Days to attend the Career Center.
- ❑ Mrs. Young reviewed and requested approval of the Addendum to the ESS Northeast, LLC Agreement.
- ❑ Mrs. Young said that the Tech Committee would like to Table the Questeq Agreement and to look at Available Options to satisfy this need.
- ❑ Mrs. Young reviewed and requested approval of the 2022-23 Agreement with CHAMP.
- ❑ Mrs. Young requested approval of the NFHS Streaming Services for Sports. Mr. Say and Mr. Weaver asked questions on this service.
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer reviewed the Exoneration Request in the packet and requested approval of the Exoneration.
- ❑ Mrs. Young requested approval of the Upcoming Field Trips:
 1. 3-18-2022: 5th Grade to Clarion University. Requested by Autumn Marshall, using Budgeted Monies, 5th Grade Pencil Sales and Student Contributions.
 2. 3-31-2022 through 4-2-2022: Music Students to Cleveland, Ohio. Requested by Chris Long, using Student Contributions, KMA Fundraising, Scholarship Grants from Outside Sources and Choral Student Activity.
 3. 5-24-2022: Spanish Classes to Pittsburgh. Requested by Bill Weaver, using Student Contributions.
- ❑ Mrs. Young reviewed and requested approval of the Request from the Career Center to hold their Senior Night in our Auditorium on May 18, 2022, at no charge.

POLICY

- ❑ Mrs. Young reviewed and requested approval of the 2nd Reading of Policy #203: Immunizations and Communicable Diseases.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer, Board Secretary