

**Keystone School District  
Knox, Pennsylvania  
Work Session  
January 8, 2007**

**OPENING / ATTENDANCE**

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Work Session to order on Monday, January 8, 2007 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. Gregory A. Barrett, Mr. James A. Beary, Ms. Terri K. Kahle, Mr. R. Jeffrey Kline, Mr. Thomas L. McCoy, Mr. William L. Shaner, Mr. John R. Slagle, Mrs. Marilyn L. Stempeck and Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager. Also present were Dr. Randy Boggess, Mrs. Shawn Corcetti, Dr. Jean Atkin Gool, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mr. Jonathan Maddy, Mr. Aaron Reddinger, Mr. Robert Reddinger, Mr. Rodney Sherman, Mrs. Vicky Walters, Mr. Garrett Wolbert, Mrs. Shawn Wolbert, Mr. Andy Young, Mrs. Kassi Young and Mr. Larry Young.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❑ Mr. Slagle made an introduction of guests.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle stated that an Executive Session was held on December 11, 2006 to discuss Collective Bargaining and Personnel.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle stated that an Executive Session will be held tonight to discuss Collective Bargaining and Personnel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- ❑ Andy Young addressed the Board regarding modifying our current procedure to allow students to change busses one day per week. After a brief discussion, Mr. Slagle said that the Administration would respond within the next few days after research and discussion by the Board and Administration.
- ❑ Dr. Randy Boggess addressed the Board regarding his displeasure with the current Transportation Procedure that does not allow for students' drop-off points for busses except for an "emergency" basis. He stated that our enforcement of the "emergency" provision was strict.
- ❑ Mr. Robert Reddinger addressed the Board regarding the Cut Policy in our High School Athletics--Basketball.
- ❑ Mr. Aaron Reddinger also spoke to the Board regarding more specifics regarding his situation in Basketball Tryouts and the Cut Procedure by the Coach.
- ❑ Mr. Garrett Wolbert also addressed the Board noting his hard work to attempt to stay on the team and is very disappointed that he was cut.

**REPORTS**

□ **Superintendent--Dr. Gool:**

- A Thank You Card was distributed to the Board from the Cheerleaders for the approval of their North Carolina Trip.
- Dr. Gool and Mr. Maddy outlined the specifics of the new Cyber Services now offered by the Keystone School District. She noted that as of January, 2007 versus January, 2006 that enrollment in Cyber Charter Schools has dropped from 22 to 11.
- Dr. Gool said that the Bells/Clocks System Installation is complete. She said that the old clocks could be sold to other districts if we can locate any schools that are still utilizing the "Cincinnati" clock system.
- Dr. Gool outlined the plan for the 2007-08 Budget. She said that we would utilize a Site-Based Budget for 2007-08 integrating Technology into each building's budget proposal.
- Dr. Gool stated the District has been diligently working on the e-Strategic Plan.
- Dr. Gool said that she has listened to the needs of parents in regards to Transportation. In response, she has proposed a program available for Board consideration from the Clarion YMCA in regards to After School Care.

□ **Elementary--Mrs. Corcetti:**

- Mrs. Corcetti reported to the Board regarding the Accountability Block Grant--sharing a brochure from PDE with specific comments taken from the Keystone School District Application Model.

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

Mrs. Walters and Mr. Maddy reviewed the following:

- PMEA District Chorus will be held January 10 through 12 at United High School. Tyler Cotherman, Adam Dechant, Emily Gilliland, Dan Reichard, Anna Dehart and Jo Beth Ryman will be attending.
- District Band will be hosted by Keystone School District February 7 through 10. Lodging will be required.
- On Wednesday, January 10 the Clarion County District Attorney's Office will present a Drug Awareness Assembly for Grades 11 and 12.
- An invitation was extended to the Board Members to attend the Senior Project Presentations on Monday, January 15.
- The end of the First Semester will be Friday, January 12.
- The Guidance Office coordinated program on Thursday, January 18 for Grade 11 entitled, "Making Your College Search Count" and for Grade 12 entitled, "Making Your College and Career Decision Count.
- The National Assessment of Education Progress will be on January 24 with Grade 8 participating. It will assess what students know and can do and will also include a National School Report Card.

**REPORTS (Continued)**

❑ **High School--Mrs. Walters and Mr. Maddy:**

- Grade 9 will be doing a tour of the Career Center on January 25 during periods 7 through 9.
- PSSA Writing will be done February 12 through 14 for Grade, 5, 8 and 11.
- Schedule Process, Departmental Meetings, Course Descriptions and PSSA Prep Class were discussed.
- Budget Forms are due in Patty Mills' Office on January 22.
- High School Enrollment is at 580 (an increase of 15).

❑ **Buildings & Grounds--Mr. Barrett and Mr. Lauffer:**

- Mr. Barrett and Mr. Lauffer discussed the current costs for National Gas. They prepared the potential to procure up to 3 years of our Natural Gas. After Board discussion, it was agreed to review this next week utilizing an additional report.
- Mr. Lauffer said the new pick-up would arrive tomorrow.
- Mr. Lauffer also stated that we received one bid for the Used Pick-Up from Domer Ritchey at \$607.

❑ **Athletics--Mr. Slagle:**

Mr. Slagle reported on the following:

- Budgeting review for 2007-08 costs to be proposed.
- Athletic concerns for Cut Policy for Jr High and Sr High Athletics.
- Athletic procedures regarding Retirement of and Exhibition of jerseys, rules, trophies, etc. were discussed.

❑ **Cafeteria--Mr. Beary:**

- Mr. Beary requested the Board to consider an increase in temporary labor in the High School to add two hours per day for 40 days to aid Ms. Meier in the compilation of Nutrition and Government Commodities Programs. Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to next week's Agenda.

**DIALOGUE ITEMS**

- ❑ Mr. Lauffer distributed the Referendum Question for May, 2007 Ballot regarding the Property Tax Reform. It was noted that the \$200 was an estimate and will not be the final amount as reported on the ballot. Mr. Lauffer and Dr. Gool stated that a Meeting has been set up for education on the question and more will follow in March and April.

**DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)**

- ❑ Mr. Lauffer said the Resolution to By-Pass Preliminary Budget Process as passed by the Board is complete for their review. This Resolution should formally be adopted next week to complete the process. He said that additional reports must accompany the Resolution to Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer reported to the Board on that the Act 1 Property Tax Installment Payment Process would begin July, 2006. To better define the process, more information will be forthcoming.
- ❑ Dr. Gool reviewed the YMCA School After Care Program. She said that we are waiting for a contract from the YMCA and will have Carl Beard advise us on it. If all can occur timely, she would like to begin the program on February 15, 2007.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle asked to have the following Items Added to next week's Agenda:
  - Horace Darlington, Social Studies Teacher, Letter of Intent to Retire at the end of the School Year.
  - Daniel Williams, Elementary Guidance Counselor, Letter of Intent to Retire at the end of the School Year.
  - Bobbie Heller, Maternity Leave, Effective March 12, 2007 through May 30, 2007.
  - Additions to the Substitute List:
    1. Amanda Culp, Crown, Biology and General Science
    2. Crystal Coulter, Knox, Elementary Education
    3. Jessica Frederick, Leeper, Health and Physical Education/Driver's Ed
    4. Dustin Kifer, Rimersburg, Math
    5. Brooke Liddle, Clarion, Elementary Education
    6. Karen Skinner, Clarion, Elementary Education
    7. Amanda Wiant, Clarion, Early Childhood
    8. Nicole Wood, Clarion, Mathematics/Elementary
    9. Monica Alden, Seneca, Secretary
    10. J. Jeffrey Barnhart, West Sunbury, Bus Driver

**A Recess was held from 8:30 to 8:45 P.M.**

**An Executive Session was held from 8:45 P.M. to 10:40 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer  
Board Secretary