

**Keystone School District  
Knox, Pennsylvania  
Minutes of Work Session  
December 7, 2009**

**OPENING/ATTENDANCE**

Mr. John R. Slagle, President of the Keystone School District Board of Directors, called the Work Session to order on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7:10 P.M. The Meeting was held in the Keystone Elementary School Group Instruction Room, located at 451 Huston Avenue, Knox, Pennsylvania. Roll Call was done by Mr. Lauffer. The following Board Members were present: Mr. Gregory A. Barrett, Mr. James A. Beary, Mr. Wayne Johns, Mr. Thomas L McCoy, Mr. Alan F. Seigworth, Mr. John R. Slagle, Mrs. Marilyn Stempeck, Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager and Mrs. Stacey Thompson. Also present were Mrs. Sue Chomas, Mr. Devin Eisenman, Dr. Jean Atkin Gool, Mrs. Shannon Johns, Mr. Jerrod Kapp, Mr. Barnett Knorr, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Mr. Jonathan A. Maddy, Mr. Craig Schoeppner, Mr. Brady Thompson, Mrs. Stacey Thompson, Mrs. Vicky Walters and Mr. Charles Weaver.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❑ Mr. Slagle made an introduction of guests.
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said there would be an Executive Session immediately following tonight's Meeting to discuss the Superintendent Search, Interim Superintendent and Maintenance Supervisor Vacancy.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- ❑ Mr. Barney Knorr addressed the Board regarding the:
  - Ross McGinnis Scholarships.
  - Education and the Community Service Component Implemented.
  - Complimented Ms. Kahle as a valuable member of the Keystone School District Board of Directors who was certainly an advocate for students.
- ❑ Mr. Chuck Weaver said:
  - Having the Meeting in the Group Instruction Room is good from a hearing standpoint.
  - Word is out that the Board is working on a tight budget.

**REPORTS**

- ❑ **Superintendent--Dr. Gool reviewed:**
  - RTTP Grant Program
  - Keystone Exams
  - CFF Grant
  - Students in District utilizing ESL

**REPORTS (Continued)**

- ❑ **Student Government--Devin Eisenman reported on:**
  - Veterans Day Assembly
  - Santa's Workshop
  
- ❑ **High School--Mrs. Walters and Mr. Maddy reviewed:**
  - Keystone AYP Award
  - Act 80 Day Results--December 2 Visitation to Swartfager Welding and Matric
  - Standards Aligned System
  - Career Center Students of the Month from Keystone were:
    - A. Robert Alexander
    - B. Zach Baughman
    - C. Chyenne Matthews
    - D. Cody McKissick
    - E. Jacob Shettler
    - F. Olivia Swigart
    - G. Kristi Swyers
  - 2009 Ross McGinnis Scholarship Awards went to:
    - A. Heidi Baughman
    - B. Kayla Fulton
  - Dani Graham was selected for the D-9 Volleyball All-Star Team
  - County Band Festival Participants were:
    - A. Becca Cochran
    - B. Shelby Hernan
    - C. Jacob Horner
    - D. Victoria Kapp
    - E. Katie Kohlenburg
    - F. Nikki Perry
    - G. Braden Ritts
    - H. Amy Smerkar
  - Sexting Assembly presented by D.A. Mark Aaron
  - The Band Christmas Concert will be December 10 at 7:30 P.M.
  - The Choir Christmas Concert will be December 17 at 7:30 .M.
  - The Financial Aid Assembly will be held on January 13 from 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.
  - The Senior Project Presentations will be held on January 18.
  
- ❑ **Elementary School:** Mr. Slagle said that an Elementary Schedule of Events were in the packets.

**REPORTS (Continued)**

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

- People First
- December 7 is Child Count Day
- Supplementing Aids and Services
- Standard-Based IEP's

**DIALOGUE ITEMS**

- ❑ Mr. Lauffer said the Board needs to approve Section 125 Plans for the new year. *Mr. Slagle said this Item should be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer stated that Chuck Weaver is proposing No Change to the Snow Plowing rates for 2009-10, plus a fuel surcharge. A letter of confirmation should be in the Business Meeting packet. *Mr. Slagle said this Item should be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Letter of Intent to Retire has been received from Alice Sampson, Elementary Language Arts Teacher, at the end of the 2009-10 School Year. *Mr. Slagle said this Item should be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Consideration of Posting of a Mentor for Ryan Smith, Elementary Technology Integration Teacher. *Mr. Slagle said this Item should be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said that the Athletic Committee was recommending Trevor McCance for the Assistant Wrestling Coach position. *Mr. Slagle said this Item should be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said Additions to the Substitute List, pending Proper Completion of Personnel File Documentation and Clearances:
  - Ginnie Fleming, Emlenton, Elementary/Early Childhood
  - John Wilson, Knox, Custodian
  - Dennis Cochran, Knox, Custodian*Mr. Slagle said this Item should be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said that the Board would need to consider the Annual Act 1 Resolution limiting the taxes that can be raised for 2010-11. He said the Resolution would be in the Board Meeting Packet for Board review. *Mr. Slagle said this Item should be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda.*

**DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)**

- ❑ To further the CFF discussion, Mrs. Walters said there is \$22,750 for Salaries and Wages and \$2,250 for Conference and Travel available to free up Sharon Geary from the CFF Grant for 2009-10. *Mr. Slagle said this Item should be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda.*
- ❑ Mr. Slagle said he would like a Resolution for next Meeting to Thank Ladies Seminar for Piano Fund. *Mr. Slagle said this Item should be added to next week's Business Meeting Agenda.*

**An Executive Session was held from 7:55 P.M. until 9:05 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Work Session ended at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer  
Board Secretary