

**Keystone School District  
Knox, Pennsylvania  
Work Session  
May 4, 2009**

**OPENING/ATTENDANCE**

The Board of School Directors of the Keystone School District held their Work Session on Monday, May 4, 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, Mr. Thomas L McCoy, Mr. Alan F. Seigworth, Mr. William L. Shaner, Mr. John R. Slagle, Mrs. Marilyn L. Stempeck and Mr. Kenneth L. Swartfager. Ms. Terri K. Kahle was absent. Also present were: Mrs. Sue Chomas, Dr. Jean Atkin Gool, Mr. Wayne Johns, Mr. Vernon Lauffer, Ms. Heather Leskanic, Mr. Jarrod Kapp, Mr. Jonathan Maddy, Mrs. Vicky Walters and Mr. Edward Williams.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Slagle made an introduction of guests.
- Mr. Slagle said an Executive Session was held on April 20, 2009 to discuss Personnel regarding a Transportation Issue.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**REPORTS**

- Superintendent--Dr. Gool reviewed:**
  - Standards Aligned System.
  - Swine Flu.
  - Community Colleges placement in Northwestern Pennsylvania.
  - Drug Abuse in Clarion County.
  - Letter stating that the General Assembly is talking about cutting the State's investment in Basic Education. Mr. Slagle requested a Resolution be developed to oppose this cut in funding and also requesting this be added to next week's Agenda.
- Special Education--Mrs. Chomas:**
  - Mrs. Chomas stated that the Special Education Plan is coming due as part of the e-Strategic Plan. The deadline is May 31, 2009. She explained the details of items addressed and worked-out. She said a draft would be presented to the Board next week.

**REPORTS (Continued)**

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

- Mrs. Walters reviewed the following:
  - A. Math and English Curricula; Copies of Algebra II Curriculum.
  - B. Copy of the 2009-10 Bell Schedule.
  - C. CCCC Enrollment.
  - D. Mock Accident--Seth Cataldo/Drug Awareness Assembly--D.A. Mark Aaron.
  - E. Post-Secondary Options Program--Sr. High Guidance Counselor Mike Mellott.
  - F. Target Spanish Field Trip--May 1 to Pittsburgh--Nationality Rooms and Majorca Restaurant.
  - G. AP Calculus Exam Today--4 Seniors
  - H. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Philadelphia is at the end of the week.
  - I. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Gettysburg is at the end of next week.
  - J. Sara Weaver was chosen as next year's Drum Major.
  - K. Anna DeHart was crowned Queen and Patrick Gillen crowned King at the Prom.
  - L. Trailer Raffle tickets are available for \$10 from KSDEF Committee Members.
  - M. Baccalaureate is Tuesday, May 26 at 7 P.M.
  - N. Senior Banquet/Awards Presentation is Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30 P.M.
  - O. Commencement is Thursday, May 28 at 7 P.M.
  - P. There are several Seniors "on the bubble" for completing the requirements to graduate.

□ **Buildings & Grounds--Mr. Williams reviewed:**

- Spring Sports and Track & Field Events are up and operating.
- Winter Plowing ruts cleaned up.
- Anti-skid cleared off parking lots.
- Limestone for Access Road.
- Summer Custodial Help.
- Thanked the Board for 35 years of service.

**Ms. Kahle arrived at 7:25 P.M.**

**DIALOGUE ITEMS**

- Dr. Gool explained various cuts and adjustments to the 2009-10 Proposed Budget. After lengthy Board discussion on many topics--including staffing at the High School, Career Center Tuition and Enrollment, Elementary Roof, Allocation of Taxes and Impact of Stimulus Funds, the Board requested Dr. Gool to assess and report on the possibility of eliminating staff at the High School due to the decreased attendance over the years. ***Mr. Slagle said the Tentative Budget for 2009-10 would be on next week's Agenda for consideration.***
- With Board support for the PSERS Resolution, ***Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to next week's Agenda.***

**DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)**

- ❑ 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policy #202, Eligibility of Non-Resident Students. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to next week's Agenda.*
- ❑ Mr. Slagle requested a revised 2009 Graduate List, pending satisfactory Completion of Requirements be placed in packets for next week. *He then requested this Item be added to next week's Agenda.*
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer reported on the processes of initiating the County-wide EIT Collection that will be officially kicked-off this fall with the Reorganizational Meeting called by the County Commissioners. He said that the initial work to be done would be: 1) Appointing a Solicitor and 2) Appointing Delegates. This will require funds be added to the current 2009-10 Budget.
- ❑ Ed Williams, Maintenance Supervisor, Letter of Retirement, effective June 29, 2009. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to next week's Agenda.*
- ❑ Mark Baker, Elementary Physical Education Teacher, effective at the end of the 2008-09 School Year. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to next week's Agenda.*
- ❑ *Mr. Slagle requested the following 2009-10 Annual Board-Approved Items be added to next week's Agenda:*

**1. Cafeteria Breakfast/Lunch Prices: (Remain the same as last year)**

	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Breakfast Reduced</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch Reduced</b>
<b>High School</b>	\$ .90	\$ .30	\$1.70	\$ .40
<b>Elem</b>	\$ .75	\$ .30	\$1.60	\$ .40
<b>Adults</b>	\$1.25		\$3.00	

**2. Monthly Medical Insurance Rates:**

	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Parent/Child</b>	<b>Parent/Children</b>	<b>Husband/Wife</b>	<b>Family</b>
<b>PPO Blue</b>	\$415.98	\$1031.74	\$1031.74	\$1158.82	\$1219.39

**3. Monthly Dental Insurance Rates:**

<b>Individual</b>	<b>Family</b>
\$32.25	\$73.25

**DIALOGUE ITEMS (Continued)**

- ❑ *Mr. Slagle requested the following 2009-10 Annual Board-Approved Items be added to next week's Agenda (Continued):*

**4. Vision Insurance Rates:**

Individual	Family
\$5.38	\$13.07

**5. Monthly Life Insurance Rates: \$0.14/\$1,000 coverage.**

**6. Football Accident Insurance Rates at \$75 per Player for JV and Varsity Football and Student Accident Insurance as Parent Paid.**

**7. Board Treasurer for the year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.**

**8. Board Secretary for the year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.**

**9. Troese & Associates as Local Auditors.**

**10. Dr. Dale Myers as School Dentist.**

**11. Dr. Ronald Grubb as School Physician.**

**12. Frank Bifano, Titania Pashkov and Kerry Anthony as Contracted School Psychologists.**

**13. G.H. Harris as Delinquent Occupation/Per Capita Tax Collector.**

**14. Central Tax Bureau as EIT Collector.**

- ❑ The Bids on the Hot Water Tank are due on May 8, 2009 and will be presented for consideration at next week's Meeting. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to next week's Agenda.*
- ❑ Mr. Lauffer said that the County Planning Commission stated that there has been no major sub-division approval for the land behind the Elementary School. The Board requested that we secure a copy of the current approval and issue a letter of concern. Also, Harold Best is preparing the Feasibility Study to include the need for water runoff control behind the Elementary School.
- ❑ Summer Custodial Help. *Mr. Slagle requested this Item be added to next week's Agenda.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon F. Lauffer  
Board Secretary