

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2005**

A Board of Education Business meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President, Christopher Cox, in the Board Conference Room, High School/Middle School complex, South Canal Street, Greene, NY.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Christopher Cox, President  
Mr. Richard Boeltz, Vice-President  
Mr. Jim Strenkert  
Mr. Craig Ketzak  
Mr. Robert Eldred  
Mrs. June Cooper

**ROLL CALL**

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Gary P. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager/Treasurer  
Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal  
Mrs. Judy Gorton, Middle School Principal  
Mrs. Cynthia Ferguson, CSE Chairperson  
Mr. John Girton, Technology Coordinator  
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger, Transportation Supervisor  
Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:04 p.m.:
    - Special Education Placements;  
Employment matters pertaining to specific individuals -  
Substitutes
- Yes-6, No-0

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, and after review by the Board, a motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the following placements:  
**Entered Classified:** #050625; #050632;  
**Requested Review:** #000012; #030433;  
**New Referral:** #050630;  
**Requested Review - Preschool:** #P040520;  
**New Referral - Preschool:** #P040522; #P040523;
- Yes-6, No-0

**SPEC. EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper to adjourn Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.
- Yes-6, No-0

**RECONVENE:**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

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**ADDITIONS/  
DELETIONS TO AGENDA - None.**

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**MINUTES:**  
**12/7/05**

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert to approve the minutes of the Work Session meeting held on Wednesday, December 7, 2005.  
Yes-6, No-0

**CALENDAR:**

- December 23-January 2 - Holiday Recess
- January 4 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Educ. Mtg.
- January 11 - 6:00-8:00 p.m.-Budget Advisory Cmte. Mtg.
- January 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 17 - District Vote 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Auditorium Lobby
- January 18 - 7:00 p.m.-Board of Educ. Mtg.
- January 23 - 6:00-8:00 p.m.-Budget Advisory Cmte. Mtg.
- January 24-27 - High School Regents
- January 27 - Half Day for Grades K-5
- - No Classes for Middle School

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**FROM THE FLOOR:**  
**KAREN HENDERSHOTT-**  
**NUMBERS IN 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE**  
**& INTERM. BAND**

- Mrs. Karen Hendershott, a parent, addressed the Board with concerns regarding the over-crowded classrooms in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Her son is in a second grade classroom and is struggling due in part to the lack of individual attention and distractions due to the number of students in the classroom.

- Mrs. Hendershott also complimented the district on the benefits her son has received from the availability of an Intermediate School Band, summer lessons and Mr. Sininger's enthusiasm.

**MRS. TONI WALKER-**  
**BETHANY CUTTING**

- Mrs. Toni Walker, teacher, complimented the Board on their patience and diligence in their decision process in the Bethany Cutting incident. Mrs. Walker expressed her appreciation for their efforts and decision.

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

**INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**  
**WOODWIND ENSEMBLE**  
**& BRASS ENSEMBLE**  
**PRESENTATION**

- The Board and guests adjourned to the band room where 9 students who were members of the Intermediate Band performed under the direction of Mr. John Sininger. There were 5 students in the woodwind ensemble and 4 students in the brass ensemble.

- Mr. Sininger and the students indicated to the Board that the extra time they now receive for lessons has helped improve their skills.

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- Mr. Robert Eldred, board member, reported on a recent Chenango County School Boards meeting which he attended as Greene's representative. Highlights from the meeting included:
  - Evaluation of fall meeting;
  - Discussion regarding possible speakers For the spring meeting (i.e. elected officials);
  - No Child Left Behind expenses;
  - Next meeting February 6<sup>th</sup> in Oxford.
  - Legislative Breakfast January 28, 2006 @ The Silo Let Theresa at the District Office know if you are interested in attending.
- The Enrollment Report for the period ending November 30, 2005 was noted.
- The Transportation Report for November 2005 was noted.
- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to appoint Mr. Jeff Paske as Athletic Coordinator beginning January 1, 2006. Yes-6, No-0
- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to appoint Mr. Mark Yeager as an unpaid volunteer swim coach for the remainder of the 2005-2006 season. Yes-6, No-0
- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year:
  - \*Kimberly M. Symons-Substitute Teacher K-5;
  - \*Debra Bates-Substitute Teaching Assistant K-12;
  - \*Kristen Merwarth-Substitute Teacher and Teaching Assistant K-5;
  - \*Nina Peery-Substitute Teaching Assistant and Teacher's Aide K-5;
  - \*Brian Barth-Substitute Teacher and Teaching Assistant K-12;Yes-6, No-0
- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Eldred, to approve the request to add January 25<sup>th</sup> and January 26, 2006 as conference days for the Middle School. Students will not attend school on these days. Yes-6, No-0
- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the request of Mrs. Janice Howell, Teaching Assistant, for an eight day unpaid

**REPORT -  
CCSB MTG.**

**ENROLLMENT  
REPORT**

**TRANSP. RPT.**

**APPOINTMENTS:  
ATHLETIC COOR.  
JEFF PASKE**

**UNPAID VOL.  
SWIM COACH-  
MARK YEAGER**

**SUBSTITUTE  
ROSTER**

**SCHOOL  
CALENDAR CHG.**

**UNPAID LEAVE  
OF ABSENCE-  
JANICE HOWELL**

- leave of absence covering February 13<sup>th</sup> through February 24, 2006.  
Yes-6, No-0

**TRIP REQUEST-  
BAND TO DORNEY  
PARK, PA**

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the request of the band to participate in *Music in the Parks*, at Dorney Park, PA on June 3, 2006. Transportation will be provided by Oneonta Bus Lines pending driver approval by Mrs. Helen Hunsinger.  
Yes-6, No-0

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL  
SICK BANK REQUEST-  
DEBRA KNOWLTON,  
TEACHER'S AIDE**

-Upon the recommendation of the Non-Instructional Sick Bank Committee, a motion was made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Debra Knowlton, a teacher's aide, to withdrawal eight(8) days from the Non-Instructional Sick Bank. This leave covers December 8, 2005 through December 22, 2005.  
Yes-6, No-0

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE:**

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Ketzak, accept the Treasurer's Reports for November 2005 as presented.  
Yes-6, No-0

**BUDGET STATUS  
REPORTS**

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Ketzak, to accept the Budget Status Reports for November 2005 for the General Fund, Special Aid Fund and the School Lunch Fund.  
Yes-6, No-0

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Ketzak, to approve the recommended budget transfers for the month ending November 30, 2005.  
Yes-6, No-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
NANCY STILES -  
BUDGET ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MTG.**

- Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager, reported that the recent Budget Advisory Committee meeting went well. Everyone was present and Deedrick Bertholf from DCMO BOCES did a presentation explaining the budget process to the committee.

**GARY SMITH -  
BOCES VOTE &  
UPCOMING BUS  
BOARD MEMBER VOTE**

- Superintendent, Gary Smith, announced that the recent BOCES building project vote passed by approximately a 2 to 1 margin. Mr. Smith also announced the upcoming bus vote on January 17, 2006 and the Board Member vote on the same date. Mr. Smith announced that there are 3 individuals running for the vacant seat on the Board: Daniel M. Yeager, Christopher M. Austin and Jim Unkel. The vacant seat is for a term to expire on June 30, 2007.

**PTO MEET THE CANDIDATES  
NIGHT**

- President Cox asked a PTO member who was present if there would be a *Meet the Candidates* night for the individuals running for the board vacancy?
- The matter will be discussed by the PTO and if possible scheduled.

**VINCENT COLETTA-  
CLASS SIZES**

- Mr. Coletta, Intermediate School Principal, commented on the benefits the district has realized in hiring an additional 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher the year that those students were in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and the class sizes were high. Those students are now in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and on the 4<sup>th</sup> grade state tests all regular education students scored in the 3 to 4 range and there were significant improvements in the special education student scores.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk