

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005**

A Work Session Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:02 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
Mrs. June Cooper
Mr. Jim Strenkert
Mr. Robert Eldred
Mr. Craig Ketzak

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Gary P. Smith, Superintendent
Mr. Gordon Daniels, High School Principal
Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal
Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal
Mrs. Cynthia Ferguson, CSE Chairperson
Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager/Treasurer
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger, Transportation Supervisor
Mr. John Girton, Technology Coordinator

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert to adjourn to Executive Session for Special Education Placements, employment matters related to a specific employee, and personnel matters related to the employment of substitutes at 7:04 p.m.
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 Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to approve the following placements:
Annual Review - Graduates 2005: #912-36; #92345; #93450; #94570; #010217; #020314; #040516;
Requested Review: #95621; #040523; #050613;
New Referral: #050616; #050623;

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

RECONVENE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

- **IV. WORK SESSION**
None.

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DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

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MINUTES:

11/16/05

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Strenkert to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 as presented. Yes-6, No-0

CALENDAR:

- December 7- 7:00p.m.-Board of Education Mtg.
- December 8- 7:00p.m.-Middle School Concert-Aud.
- December 13- 12:00-8:00p.m.-BOCES Facilities Project Vote - Auditorium Lobby
- December 13- 7:00p.m.-High School Concert-Aud.
- December 15- 7:00p.m.-Intermediate Band & Chorus Concert - Auditorium
- December 19- by 5:00p.m.-Board Candidate Petitions Due
- December 19- 6:00p.m.-Budget Advisory Committee Mtg.
- December 21- 7:00p.m.-Board of Education Mtg.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

KRIS MCDERMOTT- FIELD TRIP

- Mrs. Kris McDermott, 5th Grade Teacher, thanked Mrs. Helen Hunsinger and the bus drivers for their help in the recent field trip the 5th grade took to Cooperstown. Mrs. McDermott commented that it was a wonderful field trip and everyone had a great time. Mrs. McDermott also thanked the Board for their support of this great educational field trip.

DREW MOXLEY & REBECCA GOODRICH - BETHANY CUTTING

- Drew Moxley and Rebecca Goodrich, students, presented the board with a Petition signed by 129 students expressing their support for Mrs. Bethany Cutting. Drew stated that Mrs. Cutting is a wonderful teacher, is very clear when giving directions and makes chemistry fun due in part to the fun experiments that students perform.

PRESIDENT COX - BETHANY CUTTING

- President Cox stated to members of the audience that their support of Mrs. Cutting is clear and that the Board has not had time to review the entire matter, but will be discussing it in their second Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

REBECCA UTTER-CALICE - BETHANY CUTTING

- Mrs. Rebecca Utter-Calice, secondary teacher, stated that she has been teaching for 8 years and for the past 3 years has been located next to Mrs. Cutting's classroom. Mrs. Utter-Calice remarked on how amazingly professional Mrs. Cutting has been during this entire incident. She commented on how Mrs. Cutting is still very supportive of her students and the learning process.

HOLLY MOHR - BETHANY CUTTING

- Mrs. Holly Mohr, parent and elementary aide, presented the Board with a letter from her daughter, Samantha, who has Mrs. Cutting for Chemistry. Mrs. Mohr stated that she hoped the Board would consider what effect losing Mrs. Cutting would have on the students who truly want to learn and are preparing for the upcoming regents.

- Mrs. Toni Walker questioned the Board on whether or not there would be an opportunity to address the Board after their second Executive Session?

TONI WALKER - BETHANY CUTTING

- President Cox indicated that no further action would be taken after the second Executive Session.

PRESIDENT COX

- Ms. Kier Merrill, GTA Representative and middle/high school teacher, asked the Board how much longer Mrs. Cutting would have to wait for a decision on this issue? Ms. Merrill stated that it has been a very difficult 4 weeks.

KIER MERRILL - BETHANY CUTTING

- President Cox indicated that the Board does not necessarily have to take further public action to resolve this matter.

PRESIDENT COX

- Mrs. Esther Shearer, Bethany Cutting's mother, spoke on her daughter's behalf. Mrs. Shearer stated she has 3 children who have gone through or are currently in the school system. Mrs. Shearer stated that the last time a chemistry teacher was let go in mid-year and replaced by another, the end results were not that favorable. She also stated that Mrs. Cutting was offered another position previously, but refused because she was concerned of the effect it would have on her students.

ESTHER SHEARER - BETHANY CUTTING

- Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal, stated that he remembers Bethany as a student in his building and he thanked the Board for taking their time, obtaining all the information and allowing for due deliberation of this matter before arriving at a decision.

VINCENT COLETTA -BETHANY CUTTING

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to declare (1) gymnastic horse and (1) parallel bars as surplus and to dispose of the same.
Yes-6, No-0

**ACTION ITEMS:
SURPLUS ITEMS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to approve the Facility Request submitted by Community Co-Ed Volleyball to use the Primary Gym on Thursday evenings from January 5, 2006 through April 13, 2006, 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. insurance waivers will be submitted for each individual participating.
Yes-6, No-0

**FACILITY USE REQUEST-
COMMUNITY CO-ED VOLLEY-
BALL**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Mr. Tom Dudra, bus driver, for an unpaid leave of absence from January 30, 2006 through February 7, 2006.
Yes-6, No-0

**UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE-
TOM DUDRA**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, to accept the resignation of Mrs. Susan Silvernail from her position as Athletic

**RESIGNATION - ATHLETIC
COORDINATOR**

- Coordinator, with regret and appreciation, effective December 31, 2005.
Yes-6, No-0

**APPOINTMENTS:
SCHOOL MONITOR-
SANDRA JONES**

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Cooper, to appoint Ms. Sandra Jones to the position of school monitor effective December 8, 2005 for a one-year probationary period ending December 7, 2006.
Yes-6, No-0

**AUDIT COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper, to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Greene Central School District hereby appoints the following Board of Education members to serve as the audit committee for the Greene Central School District: Mr. Christopher Cox, Mr. Craig Ketzak and Mrs. June Cooper. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greene Central School Board of Education hereby authorizes any Greene Central School District Board of Education member to attend any executive session of the audit committee. The Superintendent of Schools may be invited to attend the executive session at the discretion of the Board of Education.
Yes-6, No-0

**BUDGET ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

- A drawing was held from a list of community volunteers to serve on the Budget Advisory Committee.
- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak, to appoint the following individuals to the Greene Central School Budget Advisory Committee:
Mrs. Christine Pollard
Mr. Kevin McCauley
Mrs. Jennifer Lee
Yes-6, No-0

**COACHES 2005-2006
WINTER SEASON**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the following additional coaches for the 2005-2006 winter season:
 - Brandy Stone - Unpaid Volunteer-Varsity Girls Basketball
 - Shelby Hamilton - Unpaid Volunteer-Varsity Volleyball
 - Michael Wilcox - Modified Wrestling Coach
 - Jesse Fendryk - Unpaid Volunteer Modified Assistant Wrestling Coach

SUBSTITUTE ROSTER

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the addition of the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year:
Gary Flanagan - Substitute Bus Driver
Joshua Higby - Substitute Teacher
Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Strenkert, to nominate Douglas Ann Land for the position of Area 4 Director.

**NOMINATION-AREA
FOUR DIRECTOR**

Yes-6, No-0

- The Board reviewed the 2005-2006 Board Goals, Goals, Objectives and Strategies document. Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Strenkert, to adopt the 2005-2006 Board Goals, Objectives, and Strategies as presented.

**BOARD GOALS,
OBJECTIVES &
STRATEGIES**

Yes-6, No-0

- A discussion was had regarding school district insurance coverage and what insurance the district has and does not have. Specifically what exclusions there are and notice of claims provisions. By consensus of the Board, the school's insurance agent, John Carlin of The Partners, will be asked to attend a meeting in February to review with the Board what coverage the district has.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

- The Board reviewed the Board Outstanding Actions List.

**OUTSTANDING ACTIONS
LIST**

Additions: Insurance Update - 2/15/05 mtg.
Date changes on current items were also made.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
ANNALEA SININGER-
MODEL UN**

- Miss Annalea Sininger, a student, addressed the Board requesting approval for Model UN students to attend a conference in Syracuse on January 6th & 7th, 2006 and transportation for the same. There would be 4 students and 1 adult chaperone attending.

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the Model UN students attending a conference in Syracuse on January 6th & 7th, 2006 and transportation for the same pending final review and approval by the Superintendent.

Yes-6, No-0

- Board member, Craig Ketzak, inquired as to the status of the opening of the sidewalk gate between the parking lots and the handicap parking signs.

**CRAIG KETZAK-SIDEWALK
GATE & HANDICAP PARKING
SIGNS**

- Superintendent, Gary Smith, indicated that the gate has been repaired and will now be open for school events. Handicap signs have also been purchased and will be used during events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert to adjourn to Executive Session for a confidential student matter and employment matters related to a specific employee at 8:35 p.m.

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert to adjourn Executive Session at 10:09 p.m.

Yes-6, No-0

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005

RECONVENE

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully submitted

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk