

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2006**

A Work Session Board of Education 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
Mrs. June Cooper
Mr. Robert Eldred
Mr. Craig Ketzak
Mr. Christopher Austin

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jim Strenkert

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Gary P. Smith, Superintendent
Mr. Gordon Daniels, High School Principal
Mrs. Judy Gorton, Middle 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
Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz to adjourn to Executive Session for Special Education Placements, and employment matters related to specific individuals 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 Eldred, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the following placements:
Requested Review: #01028; #040551; #050610; #050621;
Entered Classified: #92311; #040537; #050636;
Yes-6, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

RECONVENE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

- None.

**ADDITIONS/
DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2006

MINUTES:

1/18/06

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Cooper to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 as presented.
Yes-6, No-0

CALENDAR:

- February 2- 6:00 p.m.-BOCES Educational Forum
- February 13- 6:00 p.m.-Budget Advisory Committee Meeting
- February 15- 7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Mtg.
- February 20-21 - Winter Recess NO SCHOOL
- February 22- 6:00 p.m.-Budget Advisory Committee Meeting
- March 1- 7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Mtg.
- March 7- Lobby Day in Albany

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

TONI WALKER- MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL PRAISE

- Mrs. Toni Walker, Middle School Special Education Teacher, commented on what an exceptional individual Mrs. Judy Gorton, Middle School Principal, is.

ACTION ITEMS:

UNPAID FAMILY LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CHRISTINE PASKE

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Mrs. Christine Paske, Health Teacher, for an unpaid family leave of absence from January 18, 2006 through March 21, 2006.
Yes-6, No-0

MARCHING BAND TRIP REQUESTS

- Motion made by Boeltz seconded by Ketzak, to approve the trip requests of the marching band to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 4, 2006 in Binghamton, NY and the band and chorus to participate in the NYSSMA festival in Oneonta on May 17 or 18, 2006.
Yes-6, No-0

APPOINTMENTS:

ELIZABETH BUCHSER- LIFEGUARD & UNPAID VOLUNTEER 8TH GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL COACH

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to appoint Ms. Elizabeth Buchser as a Lifeguard and unpaid volunteer 8th grade girls' basketball coach effective February 2, 2006.

SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the addition of the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year:

- Kathy Pier - Cafeteria, Teacher's Aide, Bus Monitor;
- Stephanie Jones - Teacher, Teaching assistant K-8;
- Amy Vanderbunt - Teacher's Aide & Typist;

Yes-6, No-0

WORK SESSION:

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

- In a further review of the additional scope items prioritized at the last meeting, Helen Hunsinger, Transportation Director, reviewed the request for an unleaded fuel pump with a card reader accounting system. Mrs. Hunsinger is suggesting abandoning the current pump and use a card system through Mirabito's or another local gas provider depending on who received the bid for unleaded fuel. This would only involve fuel for approximately 8 vehicles.

- Mrs. Hunsinger suggested that this would allow for the \$29,000 planned for the new pump system to be used for other additional items in the project. Further information regarding how and the costs associated with abandoning the current pump from the architects will need to be received before a decision can be made.

- The Board reviewed a section of the Policy Manual which had been reviewed and suggested updates made by the school attorneys, Hogan, Sarzynski Lynch, Surowka & DeWind.

POLICY MANUAL UPDATE

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to delete the following Policies as advised by the school attorneys:

Delete Policies:

#1110; #1120; #1130, #1210; #1220, #1230;
#1240; #1310; #1311; #1320; #1330; #1340;
#1341; #1342; #1343; #1344; #1345; #1346;
#1348; #1350; #1430; #1510; #1520; #1530;
#1540; #1561; #1562; #1570; #1580; #1581;
#1610; and #1620.

Yes-6, No-0

- Superintendent, Gary Smith, advised the Board that the Office of the State Comptroller has notified him that they will be performing an audit to evaluate the district's management controls designed to ensure that the District assets are properly safeguarded. The audit will focus on the 2004-2005 fiscal year to the present. Superintendent Smith indicated that documentation requests have already begun and he will keep The Board informed on the progress.

AUDIT DISCUSSION

- President Cox discussed a suggestion made to change the format of work session meetings. Concerns were raised regarding trying to do action items at only one meeting a month. CSE placements have state imposed time restraints governing the process. Discussion regarding board committees having ample time to research and discuss issues before voting on items.

WORK SESSION FORMAT

- Some committees need to be reviewed as to how they are functioning (i.e. meeting, receiving information, fully discussing issues). Work sessions need to be more presentation/informational oriented with only time sensitive action items.

- Due to the addition of Board member, Christopher Austin, the Board committee assignments were reviewed. A motion was made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper to make the following Board Committee Assignments:

BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Employee: June Cooper & Jim Strenkert
Classification: Entire Board
Transportation: Rich Boeltz & Robert Eldred
Curriculum/Technology: Rich Boeltz & Robert Eldred
Buildings & Grounds: Chris Austin & Craig Ketzak
Budget: June Cooper & Craig Ketzak
Sick Bank: June Cooper **Sabbatical:** Chris Cox

Yes-6, No-0

**NYSCOSS CONFERENCE
UPDATE**

- Superintendent, Gary Smith, updated the Board on the recent NYSCOSS conference he attended. Superintendent Smith stated that there were excellent speakers at the conference who touched on various education issues from analyzing Superintendent issues, state assessments, skills required for employment in the rapidly changing world and what implications that has on students and staff.

Superintendent Smith also updated the Board on information received at the conference regarding the State budget. It appears at the present time based on the Governor's proposal, that state aid will be \$42 to \$45,000 less.

**BUDGET MEETING
UPDATE**

- Mrs. Nancy Stiles updated the Board on the recent budget committee meeting. Areas of the budget reviewed and discussed were: technology - increase of \$68,000 in BOCES services which is aidable; transportation - increase due to gas prices; building and grounds - increase due to fuel oil prices and the purchase of a new mower; interscholastic sports - a level budget.

**OUTSTANDING ACTIONS
LIST**

- The Board reviewed the Board Outstanding Actions List.

- Fuel/Heating Cost Update @ 2/15 meeting;
- Athletic Policy Review @ 2/15 meeting;

**SCHEDULE NEEDED
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- Audit Committee needs to meet to review the auditing services RFP;

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn to Executive Session for contract negotiations regarding GESPA at 9:08 p.m.
Yes-6, N-0

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:51 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

RECONVENE:

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Boeltz seconded by Cooper, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully submitted

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk