

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006**

A 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  
Mr. Craig Ketzak  
Mrs. June Cooper  
Mr. Robert Eldred  
Mr. Christopher Austin (arrived @ 7:05)

**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Jim Strenkert

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Gary P. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager/Treasurer  
Mr. Gordie Daniels, High School Principal  
Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal  
Mrs. Judy Gorton, Middle School Principal  
Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary 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 Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:03 p.m.:
  - Special Education Placements;
  - Employment matters pertaining to specific individualsYes-5, 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:

**SPEC. EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

**New Referral:** #050655;

**Entered Classified: returned:** #95647;

**Entered Classified:** #050652;

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

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

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**APPROVE MINUTES**  
**5/17/06**

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Cooper to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on May 17, 2006 as presented.  
Yes-6, No-0

**CALENDAR:**

- June 14-22 - Regents  
- June 15-6:00p.m.-UPK Celebration-Primary School  
- June 16-2:30p.m.-Retirement Tea-H.S. Library  
- June 16-Primary School Field Day  
- June 18-7:00p.m.-Baccalaureate-Episcopal Church  
- June 19-Intermediate School Field Day  
- June 21-8:10a.m.-Primary School Moving Up Day  
- June 21-7:00p.m.-Board of Education Mtg.  
- June 22-8:30a.m.-Intermediate School Moving Up Day  
- June 22- Last Day of School-11:00 dismissal  
- June 24-10:00a.m.-Graduation Ceremony  
- July 5-7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Organizational Meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
**MRS. CINDY YAGER -**  
**GESPA CONTRACT**

- Mrs. Cindy Yager, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education aide, spoke regarding the GESPA negotiations. She stated that the members of the GESPA union are caring, dedicated professionals who volunteer time outside of their duties, provide a safe environment for staff and students and deserve to receive a fair and just contract.

**SHANNON CORNELL &**  
**MARY GELL- GESPA**

- Mrs. Shannon Cornell and Mrs. Mary Gell addressed the Board on behalf of the Kindergarten team. They stated that the support staff provide help and support to not only the teachers but the students also. They are invaluable and deserve to receive a fair contract.

**BOBBI JONES -**  
**GESPA CONTRACT**

- Mrs. Bobbi Jones, First grade team leader, addressed the Board in support of the GESPA Contract. Mrs. Jones stated that without the support of the paraprofessionals Greene would not continue their high success rate. Mrs. Jones voiced her concern that we continue to lose valuable staff due to the low wages.

**PATRICIA WICKS-**  
**GESPA CONTRACT**

- Mrs. Patricia Wicks, Primary School Nurse Teacher, addressed the Board regarding the need to settle the GESPA contract. Mrs.

- Wicks stated that she has worked with members from each group within the GESPA Association (aides, custodians, and secretaries) and have always found them to be caring and helpful.

- Mrs. Kris McDermott, GTA President, stated that the teachers would be lost without the support of the support staff. She urged the Board to settle their contract.

**KRIS MCDERMOTT  
GESPA CONTRACT**

- Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal, reported that two elementary students, Kayta Matthews and Taylor Landon will have art Work exhibited at the Superintendents' conference In Saratoga, NY in September.

**VINCE COLETTA  
ART SHOWING**

- Board member Christopher Austin reported that he saw the band's recent performance at Dorney Park, PA. He stated that the band performed well and the students were well behaved.

**CHRIS AUSTIN-  
BAND TRIP**

- The Board reviewed information provided by Superintendent Gary Smith regarding non-resident Tuition. The Board will review this information prior to discussing the possibility of raising the tuition at the reorganizational meeting in July.

**REPORTS:  
NON-RESIDENT  
TUITION**

- Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds reported on the recent Utical Mutual safety inspection of our buildings. A few of the concerns raised were:

**BUILDINGS &  
GROUNDS REPORT  
SAFETY REPORT**

- Wood paneling at the primary and intermediate schools - concern about possible flammability;
- Proper area requirement for pea gravel under the swing set at the ballflats. Due to trees and the close proximity to private property, the area requirement cannot be met. Possible solutions would be to remove the swing set or have the picnic committee replace it with one that would meet the fall requirement.
- Personal appliances in classrooms were recommended to be removed.

- Further discussion or action on this matter was tabled until all board members have had the opportunity to receive and review the report.

- Mr. Ladner shared information he had compiled regarding the possibility of going to a geo-thermal heating system. Newark Valley currently has this type of system. Mr. Ladner reported that because we are on municipal electric, this system would be economical and would allow the district to air condition buildings as well as heating them. Our current architects, Thomas Aassociates, have

**GEO HEATING  
SYSTEM**

- some experience in preparing designs for this type of system. Mr. Ladner stated that he would need Board approval to have the architects proceed to investigate the possibilities and costs associated with this type of heating/cooling system.

**TRANSPORTATION  
REPORT: EXTRA  
MART EXPANSION**

- Mrs. Helen Hunsinger, Transportation Supervisor, reported that she had talked with the manager at Extra Mart and the expanded area in the back of the building will be used for storage of the sheds and dumpsters currently located out front and additional parking. Delivery trucks will still enter and exit as they are currently. Gas delivery trucks may exit onto Birdsall, but it does not appear that this will greatly impact traffic flow in the area. Mrs. Hunsinger stated that the district does not have any pick-up stops between Jackson and Genesee Street and therefore does not foresee any bussing issues with the proposed expansion.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MEETING DATES**

- Board member Christopher Austin stated that the Greene Chamber of Commerce has been meeting to discuss "making Greene a better place" and he felt that the school district representatives should be involved. Possible conflicting meeting times was also discussed. Superintendent Gary Smith will look into the meeting times as he is a member of the Chamber and has been attending the meetings.

**EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL:**

**RESIGNATIONS:  
AVA INGRAHAM -  
TYPIST**

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to accept the resignation to retire of Mrs. Ava Ingraham from her position as typist effective June 30, 2006 with appreciation for her years of service to the district. Yes-6, No-0

**APPOINTMENTS:  
CHRISTOPHER RICE-  
ELEMENTARY TEACHER**

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz to make the following Probationary appointment:  
Name of Appointee: Mr. Christopher Rice  
Tenure Area: Elementary Education  
Date of Commencement  
Of Appointment: September 1, 2006  
Expiration of Probationary  
Appointment: June 30, 2009  
Certification Status: Initial  
Yes-5, No-1(Eldred)

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper to make the following Probationary appointment: **APPOINTMENTS:  
MELISSA VIALL-  
ELEM. TEACHER**
- Name of Appointee: Ms. Melissa Viall  
Tenure Area: Elementary Education  
Date of Commencement  
Of Appointment: September 1, 2006  
Expiration of Probationary  
Appointment: \*June 30, 2008  
Certification Status: Permanent  
\*Granted jarema credit  
Yes-6, No-0
- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz to make the following Probationary appointment: **KIMBERLY HUSON  
ELEM. TEACHER**
- Name of Appointee: Ms. Kimberly Huson  
Tenure Area: Elementary Education  
Date of Commencement  
Of Appointment: September 1, 2006  
Expiration of Probationary  
Appointment: June 30, 2009  
Certification Status: Initial  
Yes-4, No-2 (Austin, Eldred)
- A motion was made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to make the following one year probationary appointment: **DAVE  
SZELKOWSKI-  
BUS DRIVER**
- The Superintendent having reviewed the report of The School Physician regarding the fitness of Mr. Dave Szelkowski to operate a school bus, and further having reviewed three statements from three different persons not related by either blood or marriage to the applicant, pertaining to the applicant's moral character and reliability, and the Superintendent, be it hereby RESOLVED, that Dave Szelkowski is appointed to the Civil Service Classification of a non-competitive bus driver for A probationary term commencing on June 8, 2006 and Ending on Jun 7, 2007.  
Yes-6, No-0
- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Boeltz, to make the following appointments to the Substitute Rosters for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year: **SUBSTITUTE  
ROSTER**
- Mr. Jonathan Edwards - Substitute Teacher
  - Mr. Joseph Stark - Substitute Maintenance Worker
- Yes-6, No-0
- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion made by Austin, seconded by Boeltz, to make the following tenure appointment: **TENURE APPTS.  
CHRISTINE  
PASKE-HEALTH**
- Name of Appointee: Christine Paske  
Tenure Area: Health

- Date of Commencement  
of Service on Tenure: July 1, 2006  
Certification Status: Permanent  
Yes-6, No-0

**VICKI TIBBALS-  
SCIENCE**

- Upon the recommendation of the  
Superintendent, motion made by Cooper  
seconded by Boeltz, to make the following  
tenure appointment:  
Name of Appointee: Vicki Tibbals  
Tenure Area: Science  
Date of Commencement  
Of Service on Tenure: July 1, 2006  
Certification Status: Provisional  
Yes-6, No-0

**BETHANY CUTTING-  
SCIENCE**

- Upon the recommendation of the  
Superintendent, motion made by Boeltz  
seconded by Cooper, to make the following  
tenure appointment:  
Name of Appointee: Bethany Cutting  
Tenure Area: Science  
Date of Commencement  
Of Service on Tenure: July 1, 2006  
Certification Status: Provisional  
Yes-6, No-0

**HEATHER RAPP-  
REMEDIAL READING**

- Upon the recommendation of the  
Superintendent, motion made by Ketzak  
seconded by Boeltz, to make the following  
tenure appointment:  
Name of Appointee: Heather Rapp  
Tenure Area: Remedial Reading  
Date of Commencement  
Of Service on Tenure: August 18, 2006  
Certification Status: Permanent  
Yes-6, No-0

**JAMES deHAAN-  
SOCIAL STUDIES**

- Upon the recommendation of the  
Superintendent, motion made by Eldred  
Seconded by Boeltz, to make the following  
tenure appointment:  
Name of Appointee: James deHaan  
Tenure Area: Social Studies  
Date of Commencement  
Of Service on Tenure: August 30, 2006  
Certification Status: Permanent  
Yes-6, No-0

**JOHN CONNOLLY-  
SPECIAL EDUC.**

- Upon the recommendation of the  
Superintendent, motion made by Austin  
Seconded by Boeltz, to make the following  
Tenure appointment:  
Name of Appointee: John Connolly  
Tenure Area: Education of  
Children with Handicapping  
Conditions - General  
Date of Commencement  
Of Service on Tenure: August 30, 2006

- Cerfication Status: Permanent  
Yes-6, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to make the following tenure appointment:  
**TENURE APPT.  
MARY MCBRIDE  
LTA**  
Name of Appointee: Mary McBride  
Tenure Area: Licensed Teaching Assistant  
Date of Commencement  
Of Service on Tenure: August 30, 2006  
Certification Status: Continuing  
Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Mrs. Nicole Mills, Teachers Aide, for an unpaid leave of absence from May 10, 2006 through June 4, 2006.  
**UNPAID LEAVE  
OF ABSENCE-  
NICOLE MILLS-  
AIDE**  
Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Ketzak, to approve the trip request made by the Jr. Honor Society, Middle School Student Council, and the Middle School Yearbook Club for an end of the year trip to Cole Park on June 20, 2006.  
**TRIP REQUEST-  
M.S. CLUBS**  
Yes-6, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Non-Instructional Sick Bank Committee, a motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the request of Rebecca Willard, Typist, to withdraw four (4) days from the non-instructional sick bank to cover June 16, 2006 through June 21, 2006.  
**NON-INSTR.  
SICK BANK-  
REBECCA  
WILLARD**  
Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Boeltz, to authorize the Superintendent, Board President and Board Clerk to sign the contract for Health and Welfare Services between Union Endicott and Greene Central School.  
**BUSINESS AND  
FINANCE:  
HEALTH &  
WELFARE CONT.**  
Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Cooper, to approve the attached Bond Resolution (Exhibit "A").  
**BUS BAN  
RESOLUTION**  
Yes-6, No-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Mrs. Judy McHale, requested that the Board keep in mind that some classrooms use refrigerators for special student dietary needs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
JUDY MCHALE-  
APPLIANCES IN  
CLASSROOMS**

- Mrs. Holly Mohr commended the Music department on the recent concert. She stated that it was very well done.

**HOLLY MOHR-  
CHORUS CONCERT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz to adjourn to Executive Session for:
    - Collective Bargaining - GESPA
    - Employment matters regarding specific Individuals AT 8:48 P.M.
- Yes-6, No-0

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Austin to adjourn Executive Session at 9:17 p.m.
- Yes-6, No-0

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Boeltz to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.
- Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk