

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006**

A Board of Education Business meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 (arrived @ 7:08 p.m.)
Mr. Craig Ketzak
Mr. Robert Eldred
Mrs. June Cooper
Mr. Christopher Austin

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Gary P. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager/Treasurer
Mr. Gordie Daniels, High School Principal
Mrs. Judy Gorton, Middle School Principal
Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate 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 7:02 p.m.:
 - Special Education Placements;
 - Employment matters pertaining to specific individuals
- 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 Boeltz, seconded by Cooper, to approve the following placements:
New Referral: #050635;
Entered Classified: #050637;
Requested Review: #98936;
Requested Review-preschool: #P040522; #P040523;
- Yes-7, No-0

**SPEC. EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.
- Yes-7, No-0

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

RECONVENE

-President Cox requested that everyone present respect the order of the meeting and refrain from frequent side conversations which inhibit the ability of others to hear and participate in the meeting.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA - None.

MINUTES: 3/1/06 - Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert to approve the minutes of the Work Session meeting held on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 as presented.
Yes-7, No-0

CALENDAR:

- March 16-Staff Development Day-No Classes
- March 17 - No Classes
- March 20- 6:30 p.m.-Shared Decision Making Cmtte. Mtg.
- March 23-6:30 p.m.-Kindergarten Parent Information Night
- March 24-7:00 p.m.-Arts in Education Performance-Auditorium (Carol Ponder)
- March 24- 7:00p.m.-Student Council Trojan Wars - H.S. Gym
- March 25 -6:00p.m.-PTO Movie Night
- March 29 -6:30-8:00p.m.-Family Math Night K-8-Intermediate School
- March 29 -7:00p.m.-8th Grade Parent Information Night-H.S. Gym
- March 31 -7:30p.m.-Annie Warbucks-Footlights Perf.-Auditorium
- April 1 -7:30p.m.-Annie Warbucks-Footlights Performance - Auditorium
- April 2 -3:00p.m.-Annie Warbucks-Footlights Performance - Auditorium
- April 3 -7:00p.m.-Special Board of Education Mtg.
- April 4 -9:00a.m.-Meeting with the Auditors from the Comptroller's Office
- April 5 -6:00p.m.-Budget Advisory Cmtte. Mtg.
- April 7 -6:30p.m.-Chenango County School Boards Assoc. Mtg.
- April 7 -6:30p.m.-Worker's Compensation Consortium Mtg.
- April 12 -7:00p.m.-Board of Education Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT: - None.

FIRE INSPECTION REPORT: - Mr. Lew Ford from DCMO BOCES was present and reviewed the annual fire inspection report with the Board. Mr. Ford stated that as in the past, Greene Central School does a commendable job meeting the fire inspection requirements. Mr. Ford indicated that the

- code violations found were minor and have since been corrected and he also stated that there were no violations at the bus garage. Mr. Ford commended Marvin Ladner and his staff for the condition of the buildings.

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper to accept the Fire Inspection Report as presented.

**ACCEPT FIRE
REPORT**

Yes-7, No-0

- Board member, Craig Ketzak, reported to the Board on the recent Budget Advisory Committee meeting. He reviewed the BOCES services portion of the budget. Mr. Ketzak indicated that the largest increases were in the areas of special education and occupational education, which is due to increases in enrollment in the programs. Computer instruction was also an area where there was a large increase.

**BUDGET ADV.
CMTTEE .REPORT**

- President Cox asked if there was anything extra in this budget for any changes?

- Nancy Stiles, Business Manager, stated that there are no extra monies within the current budget. Mrs. Stiles stated that if a student leaves one of the programs, then the spot is available for another student if needed.

- The budget committee also questioned the addition of the new positions last year?

- President Cox responded that each year, additional positions are prioritized to be added to the budget. Any positions which are eventually added are supported by the administration and the superintendent. Some of the positions added last year had been on a waiting list for a number of years. President Cox also stated that as in past years, there are times when the district builds-up positions and then there are times when the district is forced to cut.

- Superintendent, Gary Smith, stated that the budget committee has requested to be present and participate in the April 3, 2006 board meeting regarding discussions on the budget. The board, by consensus, agreed to invite the members of the budget committee to the April 3, 2006 meeting.

- Superintendent, Gary Smith, also updated the Board regarding information he had received regarding the possibility of sharing with another district the positions of Business Official and Transportation Director. Mr. Smith stated that

- he had talked with Deedrick Bertholf at BOCES and he stated that it would be very difficult to share a Business Official or Transportation Director with another district due to the time required by both positions. Also, we would need to find a district willing to share and so far, there are not any within our BOCES.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
LETTER**

- Superintendent, Gary Smith, shared with the Board correspondence received from the Greater Greene Chamber of Commerce requesting publication of the Board minutes on their website. After discussion, it was a consensus of the Board and Mr. Girton, Technology Coordinator, that the most efficient way to provide the Chamber with the Board minutes would be to post the minutes on the District's website and for the Chamber to have a link on their website to the District's website.

**GREENE P.T.O.
REQUEST**

- The Greene P.T.O. is requesting permission to proceed with plans for a fundraising campaign to replace and update the playgrounds and equipment at the primary and intermediate schools. Discussion was had regarding implications with insurance and maintenance to the playground. Mr. Vince Coletta, Intermediate School Principal, indicated that he thought that there was a fund established by the Raymond Corporation to fund the maintenance.

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz to approve allowing the P.T.O. to continue with their plans for fundraising and planning for improvements to the playgrounds with the Board's appreciation for their efforts.

Yes-7, No-0

EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL:

**SECOND READING &
ADOPTION OF
POLICIES**

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Cooper, to approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

#5240 - Accepting Gifts

#5520 - Extra Classroom Activity Funds

#5530 - Petty Cash Fund

#5620 - Fixed Asset

#5652 - Cell Phone Use

#5653 - Credit Card Policy

Yes-7, No-0

**FIRST READING -
#7616 WELLNESS
POLICY**

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Boeltz to approve the first reading of *Policy #7616 Wellness*.

Yes-7, No-0

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- The Board reviewed the next 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 Eldred, seconded by Strenkert to update the following Policies as advised by the school attorneys:

Delete Policies:

#6120; #6130; #6131; #6132; #6140; #6150;
#6210; #6211; #6213; #6213.1; #6214; #6215;
#6310; #6320; #6330; #6420; #6430; #6440;
#6510; #6511; #6520.

Revised Policies:

First reading of Revised Policy #6340-Non-Unit Employees Working Conditions as presented.

**1ST READING
REVISED POLICY
#6340**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert, to accept with regret and appreciation the resignation of Mrs. Donna Fowler from her position as Typist effective March 18, 2006.

**RESIGNATION-
DONNA FOWLER-
TYPIST**

Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Athletic Coordinator, a motion was made by Eldred, seconded by Cooper, to appoint Ms. Lindsay McCandless as an unpaid volunteer Girls' Softball Assistant Coach for the remainder of the Spring 2006 season.

**APPOINTMENTS:
LINDSAY
MCCANDLESS-
VOL. GIRLS'
SOFTBALL**

Yes-7, No-0

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

**SUBSTITUTE
ROSTERS**

- Ms. Briana Burghardt-Substitute Teacher K-12, effective 3/16/06;
- Ms. Dedra Prosser-Substitute Teacher's Aide, Cafeteria Worker, and Typist effective 3/13/06;
- Ms. Christine Stolarczyk-Substitute Bus Attendant effective 3/16/06;
- Ms. Nicole Burrows-Substitute Bus Attendant effective 3/16/06;

Yes-7, No-0

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Eldred, to accept the Treasurer's Reports for February 2006 as presented.

TREASURER'S RPT

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Eldred, to accept the Revenue and Budget Status Reports for February 2006 for the General Fund, Special Aid Fund and the School Lunch Fund.

**REVENUE &
BUDGET STATUS
REPORTS**

Yes-7, No-0

- BUDGET TRANSFERS** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Eldred, to approve the recommended budget transfers for the month ending February 28, 2006.
Yes-7, No-0
- ESTABLISH DATE, TIME & PLACE OF ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET VOTE** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Eldred, to establish the date, time and place for the annual meeting and budget vote as:
Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing - Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Middle/High School building, South Canal Street, Greene, NY; and
Budget Vote - Tuesday, May 16, 2006, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Auditorium of the Middle/High School building, South Canal Street, Greene, NY.
Yes-7, No-0
- DONATION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS & EQUIP.** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Eldred, to accept the donation of musical instruments and equipment (Exhibit "A" attached), to the intermediate school band from Mr. Matt Caldwell with appreciation.
Yes-7, No-0
- LIBRARY PROPOSITION** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Eldred to accept placing the following proposition on the ballot at the May 16, 2006 vote for the Moore Memorial Library:
"Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of the Greene Central School District to levy taxes annually in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and pay over such moneys to the trustees of the Moore Memorial Library?"
Yes-7, No-0
- CONTRACT FOR HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Eldred, to authorize the Board President and Board Clerk to sign the contract for Health and Welfare Services between Chenango Forks Central School and Greene Central School.
Yes-7, No-0
- APPOINT AUDITOR-D'ARCANGELO & CO.** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Eldred, to appoint D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP as Independent Auditors for the school years ending June 30, 2006, 2007 and 2008.
Yes-7, No-0
- COPIER/PRINTER IPA** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Eldred, to authorize participation in a five-year Copier/Printer IPA with Broome BOCES.
Yes-7, No-0

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

- Mrs. Kris McDermott expressed her appreciation and thanks to Carole Stanbro for organizing the up-coming wellness in-service day. Mrs. McDermott indicated that staff members seem to be really excited about the day.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
KRIS MCDERMOTT
WELLNESS DAY**

- Superintendent Gary Smith informed the Board that there would be no cuts in JV Baseball. Mr. Smith also informed the Board that he had been notified by Oxford requesting the use of our track on Mondays for practice. Mr. Smith stated that he had reviewed the request with the Athletic Coordinator and there does not appear to be any conflict with our own team's use of the track and therefore, he approved their request.

**SUPT. GARY
SMITH-
JV BASEBALL &
OXFORD USE OF
TRACK**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn to Executive Session for employment matters related to specific individuals at 8:47 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:30 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

RECONVENE:

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk