

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2006**

A Board of Education Business 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. Jim Strenkert
Mr. Craig Ketzak
Mrs. June Cooper
Mr. Robert Eldred
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

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 individuals
- Yes-7, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, and after review by the Board, a motion was made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the following placements:

SPEC. EDUCATION PLACEMENTS

Requested Review: #020308;

New Referral: #050646;

Yes-5, No-2 (Strenkert, Ketzak)

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

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

- Addition:
V. EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL
1. Appointment(s)
Marc Madaio add approval as a Substitute Aide also.

**APPROVE MINUTES
5/3/06, 5/9/06 and
5/16/06 VOTE**

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Ketzak, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 3, 2006, the Public Hearing held on May 9, 2006, and the District Budget Vote held on May 16, 2006.
Yes-7, No-0

CALENDAR:

- May 18 -7:00p.m. Intermediate School Concert-Auditorium
- May 20 - Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament @ Genegantslet
- May 20 -4:00-8:00p.m.-Student Councils Senior Citizen's Prom
- May 22 -7:00p.m.-Dollars For Scholars Presentation-High School Library
- May 23 -7:00p.m. Middle/High School Band Concert-Auditorium
- May 24 -K-2 Year-End Performances
- May 25 -High School Moving Up Day
- May 26 & May 29-No School-Memorial Day Observed
- June 1 -7:00p.m.-Middle/High School Chorus Concert-Auditorium
- June 5 -7:00p.m.-Chenango County School Boards - Greene BOE Room
- June 7 -7:00p.m. Board of Education Mtg.
- June 15 -6:00p.m.-UPK Celebration-Primary School
- June 16- 2:30p.m.-Retirement Tea-H.S. Library

**REVIEW RESULTS OF
DISTRICT ELECTION
& BUDGET VOTE**

- District Clerk, Donna Marie Utter, reviewed the results of the Budget Vote - budget passed 345 yes, 183 no; Moore Memorial Library Proposition passed 299 yes, 182 no; James Strenkert and Richard Boeltz were re-elected as Board Members running unopposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
HOLLY MOHR- PROM**

- Mrs. Holly Mohr, as a parent of a junior, thanked everyone involved with the Prom and After Prom Party.

**JOHN BUCK - EXTRA
MART EXPANSION**

- Mr. John Buck presented the board with information regarding the proposed expansion project for the Extra Mart located on the corner of Birdsall and Genesee Streets. Mr. Buck voiced concern regarding increased traffic on Birdsall street and the potential for student and bus safety concerns. Mr. Buck asked the Board to review the proposal

- and to voice opposition to the Greene Village Board.

- Mrs. Teri Winsor as the GESPA Co-President, requested that the Board agree to a fair contract with the GESPA Unit. Mrs. Winsor stated that the individuals represented by the contract are the support personnel of the district and are essential employees, front-line representatives of the District, long time residents and graduates of Greene Central School. Those present were asked to stand and be recognized.

**TERI WINSOR-
GESPA CONTRACT**

- Mr. William Case, High School Social Studies teacher, congratulated the newly elected Board members and also spoke on behalf of the GESPA unit employees. Mr. Case stated that the support staff and teaching staff work so closely that students are not even aware that they are each a separate group. Mr. Case stated that he has worked closely with support staff through coaching and teaching, and they are hard working individuals who deserve a fair contract. He encouraged the Board to negotiate in good faith.

**WILLIAM CASE-
GESPA SUPPORT**

- Transfer of sick days within the Transportation Department failed to receive a motion.

**TRANS. DEPT.
SICK DAY
TRANSFER**

- The Transportation Report dated April, 2006 was noted.

TRANS. RPT.

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Strenkert to approve the transportation request of the Joint Recreation Committee for their summer "fun" program July 5, 2006 through July 28, 2006.
Yes-7, No-0

**TRANS. REQUEST
JRC**

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Strenkert to approve the transportation request to bus the PRE K students to the pre-kindergarten program July 10, 2006 through July 21, 2006.
Yes-7, No-0

**TRANS.REQUEST-
PRE K**

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Strenkert to approve the transportation request of the Greene Chamber of Commerce for a shuttle bus to transport vendors to and from the ballflats on Saturday, July 22, 2006.
Yes-7, No-0

**TRANS.REQUEST-
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE CRAFT
FAIR**

- The Enrollment Report ending April 30, 2006 was noted.

ENROLLMENT RPT

- Each Principal reviewed their portion of the School Report Card with the Board.

**SCHOOL REPORT
CARD**

*Primary School:

Mrs. Carole Stanbro stated that since there is no state testing at the primary level, the School Report

- Card contains just the basic BEDS form data regarding the school.

- *Intermediate School:

Mr. Vince Coletta reported on the Title I funding NCLB benchmarks regarding the school's performance index. He reported that in all areas the school is in good standing. Mr. Coletta stated that income levels have continually played a role in how students score on the tests. The non-disadvantaged students' passing rate is 90%, while the disadvantaged students' passing rate is around 66%. Academic Intervention Services are continuing to make a difference in raising the lower end scores.

-*Middle School:

Mrs. Judy Gorton reported that the Middle School scores are continuing to improve with the greatest improvement appearing in the small number of students scoring at the Level I range. Mrs. Gorton stated that within the building, there were no Level I's. The students who scored in the Level I range were students who do not attend Greene. The students live in our district and attend other schools, but are reported with our scores because of their residency. As always, Mrs. Gorton stated that there is room for improvement, but overall the middle school is continuing to perform above the state level in all areas.

-*High School:

Mr. Gordie Daniels reported that the High School is also a school in good standing. Students continue to perform well on all regents. 74% of our students scored at the mastery level on the ELA Regents compared to the state level of 37%. Our graduation rate was 83% compared to the state level of 81%. Mr. Daniels indicated that the concern is still in the dropout rate and how to make a positive connection with the "high risk" students.

-*Mr. Daniels reported that Mr. Randy Smith, who is doing his Administrative Internship at the High School, has researched our Academic Intervention Services success rate, as part of his internship project. Mr. Smith's project tracked how successful a group of students who scored at a Level II on the 8th grade ELA were after receiving AIS services. 37 of our current Juniors who scored at a Level I or II on the ELA state test in 8th grade, after receiving AIS services in 9th, 10th and 11th grades, only two of those students failed the ELA regents in January with scores in the low 60's.

- Superintendent Gary Smith, announced that the School Report Card is available on the internet.

- Superintendent Gary Smith updated the Board on the administrative job searches:

**ADM. JOB
SEARCHES**

CSE Chairperson - Committee has met and reviewed the applications. Interviews will take place on May 24th & 31st.

High School Principal - Committee has met and reviewed the applications. Interviews have been scheduled for May 23rd and 30th.

Business Manager - Committee has met and reviewed the applications. Interviews have been scheduled for June 6th & 12th.

Transportation Director - Committee will meet soon. It is hoped that all positions will be filled by the end of June.

- A discussion was had regarding non-resident student tuition. We currently have 17 students paying \$600.00 per year tuition. There are an additional 12 non-resident students who are children of GCS employees and are therefore exempt. Raising the cost of tuition, state aid reimbursement, and the Seneca Falls formula for figuring a tuition rate were all discussed.

**NON-RESIDENT
STUDENT
TUITION**

- Further information regarding the Seneca Falls formula, where non-resident students live, family composition, and how state aid would be affected with/without these students was requested.

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper to approve the proposed student/staff permanent memorial plaques as described at the May 3, 2006 meeting with no cost initially to the district.
Yes-6, No-1(Eldred)

**MEMORIAL
PROPOSAL**

- Mr. Daniels requested permission from the Board to send a letter home to parents of the Senior class, as advised by the school attorneys, advising them that should their student decide to travel to the senior trip location independently, they will be subject to the student discipline code. Violations of the code could result in exclusion from future Senior activities, including the graduation ceremony. The Board gave verbal approval to proceed with sending the letter.

**SENIOR TRIP
LETTER**

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Eldred, seconded by Cooper to approve the addition of Mr. Marc Madaio as a Substitute Bus Driver and a Substitute Aide for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year.

**APPOINTMENTS:
SUBSTITUTE
ROSTERS**

Yes-7, No-0

- BIOLOGY TUTOR** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Eldred, seconded by Cooper to approve Ms. Katherine Hargrave as a biology tutor for the remainder of the 2005-2206 school year.
Yes-7, No-0
- RESIGNATION:**
ELIZABAETH INGRAHAM - Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to accept the resignation of Ms. Elizabeth
TYPIST Ingraham from her position as typist effective May 2, 2006.
Yes-7, No-0
- SCHOOL CALENDAR** - Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Cooper, to revise the 2005-2006 school calendar for
REVISION elementary students as follows:
Thursday, June 22nd - 11:00 a.m. student dismissal (no lunch); Last day for K-5 students;
Friday, June 23rd - No school for elementary students.
Yes-6, No-1 (Ketzak)
- TRIP REQUEST-** - Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Ketzak, to approve Mrs. Anne Beach's request to take
MRS. BEACH her 5th grade class to Chenango Valley State
5TH GR. CLASS Park overnight June 15th & 16, 2006.
Yes-7, No-0
- BUSINESS & FINANCE:**
TREASUER'S REPORT - Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to accept the Treasurer's Reports for April 2006.
Yes-7, No-0
- REVENUE & BUDGET**
STATUS REPORT - Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to accept the Revenue & Budget Status Reports for April 2006 for the General Fund, Special Aid Fund and School Lunch Fund.
Yes-7, No-0
- BUDGET TRANSFERS** - Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the budget transfers for the month ending April 30, 2006.
Yes-7, No-0
- TRANSPORTATION**
CONTRACT - Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the transportation contract between Greene Central School and DCMO BOCES for transportation 7/1/06 through 8/31/06 and from 9/1/06 through 6/30/07 at the reimbursement rate of \$2.00 per mile plus driver, tolls, meals and lodgings for field trips as needed and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the contracts.
Yes-7, No-0

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- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz to award the RFP for photography to Oakdale Images and authorize the Superintendent to Sign the 3-year contract.

Yes-7, No-0

**PHOTOGRAPHY
RFP AWARD**

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak, to adjourn to Executive Session for Employment matters related to specific individuals at 8:53 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:43 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

RECONVENE

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk