

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2005**

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  
Mr. Craig Ketzak  
Mr. Robert Eldred  
Mrs. June Cooper

**ROLL CALL**

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Gary P. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager/Treasurer  
Mr. Gordon Daniels, High School Principal  
Mrs. Judy Gorton, Middle 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 Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:01 p.m.:
    - Special Education Placements;
    - Employment matters pertaining to particular persons;
    - A particular student matter;
    - Collective Bargaining - GESPA
- 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:

**Entered Classified: #050626;**

Yes-6, No-0

**SPEC. EDUCATION PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert to adjourn Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.
- Yes-6, No-0

**RECONVENE:**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

**ADDITIONS/**

**DELETIONS TO AGENDA** - Addition:  
VI. BUSINESS AND FINANCE  
5. Budget Advisory Committee

**MINUTES:**

**11/2/05**

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Strenkert to approve the minutes of the Work Session meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2005.  
Yes-6, No-0

**CALENDAR:**

- November 18 -11:30 a.m. Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast  
- November 21 -6:30 p.m. District Wide Shared Decision Making Cmte. Mtg.  
- November 22 -8:10 a.m. Grandparent's Day @ Morning Program  
- November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Recess  
- December 7 -Board of Education Work Session  
- December 8 -Middle School Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.  
- December 13 -BOCES Facilities Project Vote  
- December 13 -High School Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.  
- December 14 -6:00 p.m. Budget Advisory Cmte. Mtg.  
- December 15 -Intermediate School Holiday Concert

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Mr. Richard Thomas, Thomas Real Estate, requested permission from the Board to grant permission to access the school's septic line to connect property owned by Sue Najarian on County Road 32 to allow a potential buyer to construct a new home. The school's septic line is the closest access point to the Najarian property.

**PRESIDENT COX**

- President Cox stated that the Board would take the request under advisement.

**MRS. TONI WALKER-  
BETHANY CUTTING**

- Mrs. Toni Walker, teacher and alumni member of Greene Central School, addressed the Board in support of Mrs. Bethany Cutting. Mrs. Walker stated that Greene is fortunate that exceptional students who attend Greene Central occasionally return as teaching professionals. Mrs. Walker stated that in her opinion Mrs. Bethany Cutting is one of these individuals who gives her all and makes learning interesting and fun for her students.

- President Cox stated that the Board has only received a small amount of information regarding Mrs. Cutting's situation and have not had time to discuss the matter. Mr. Cox indicated that individuals were more than welcome to speak however, no decisions would be made by the Board until additional information has been received and reviewed. **PRESIDENT COX**
- Mr. Ken McCauley, a parent, addressed the Board in support of Mrs. Bethany Cutting. Mr. McCauley stated that as a parent, he has experienced through his children the great excitement she brings to Chemistry. Mr. McCauley stated that his children's performance on the SAT science portion are a direct result of Mrs. Cutting's teaching. Students are more prepared. Mr. McCauley stated that he has the highest respect for Mrs. Cutting as science is not an easy subject to teach or to get students excited about. **KEN MCCAULEY-  
BETHANY CUTTING**
- Mrs. Jessica Messere, Biology teacher, spoke in support of Bethany Cutting. Mrs. Messere stated that Bethany Cutting challenges students and they truly enjoy being in her class. Mrs. Messere also addressed the state requirements for participation in labs and the difficulty of monitoring all students all the time. The teacher must build a trust with the students that they will follow directions. Mrs. Cutting has that trust with her students. **JESSICA MESSERE-  
BETHANY CUTTING**
- Mrs. Beth Daniels, a teacher, addressed the Board in support of Bethany Cutting. Mrs. Daniels stated that the support of Mrs. Cutting is evident by the number of individuals present at the meeting indicating their support. **BETH DANIELS-  
BETHANY CUTTING**
- Mrs. Tammy McCauley, a parent, stated that she has a 6<sup>th</sup> grader whom she hopes will have the opportunity to have Mrs. Cutting as a teacher. Mrs. McCauley asked the Board to send a message that Greene Central School cares about their teachers. **TAMMY MCCAULEY-  
BETHANY CUTTING**
- Tamra Cooper, a student, addressed the Board in support of Mrs. Bethany Cutting. Tamra stated that safety precautions are stressed to all students constantly. Students enjoy Mrs. Cutting and being part of her class. **TAMRA COOPER-  
BETHANY CUTTING**

**REPORTS/PRESENTATION:**

**DCMO BOCES**

**FACILITIES PLANNING**

- Mr. Alan Pole, Mr. Deedrick Bertholf, Ms. Carrie Johnston and Mr. Bob Rogers from DCMO BOCES presented the proposed BOCES facilities project. Mr. Pole reviewed what services BOCES provides for area districts. Greene currently has 122 students involved in BOCES academic programs.

- The following reasons were stated for the proposed facilities project:

1. Shortage of classroom and shop space
2. Deteriorated modular buildings housing 9 classrooms
3. Increasing enrollment in all programs
4. Increasing academic requirements
5. 35 year old CTE shops that are overcrowded and outdated
6. Purchase Support Services Center (which is currently being leased).

- The vote on the proposed facilities project referendum will be held on December 13, 2005 at all BOCES component districts. The total overall votes (yes and no) will determine the outcome of the vote.

- The finances needed and the impact on a Greene taxpayer were also discussed:

Local share of referendum	\$59,254
Annual impact on owner of \$50,000 home in Greene CSD	\$10.96

**CHENANGO COUNTY SCHOOL**

**BOARDS ASSOC. MTG. REPORT**

- Board member, Mrs. June Cooper, reported on the recent Chenango County School Boards Association meeting, which she attended. Mrs. Cooper reported that there were discussions regarding the embezzlement issues from Long Island and the resulting five-point plan, the state budget, and a transportation bill. Mrs. Cooper stated that it was an informative meeting.

**NYS SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOC. SPECIAL ELECTION**

- Superintendent, Gary P. Smith, informed the Board of vacancies on the NYSSBA Board of Directors for Areas 4 and 9. Interested board members need to file a nomination with the Association by December 15, 2005. If more than one person is nominated, a special election will need to be held before the close of business on January 19, 2006.

**ENROLLMENT REPORT**

- The Enrollment Report for the period ending October 31, 2005 was noted.

**TRANSPORTATION REPORT**

- The Transportation Report for October 2005 was noted.

**APPOINTMENTS:  
CLERK OF THE  
WORKS**

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Strenkert to appoint Mr. Mike Dovin as Clerk of the Works for Phase II of the approved project at a rate of \$26/hr. plus expenses and mileage, contingent upon the signing of an agreement. Appointment to commence June 19, 2006 not to exceed September 1, 2006.

- After discussion, motion amended by Cooper, seconded by Strenkert to table the appointment of the Clerk of the Works until the December 7, 2005 meeting.

Yes-6, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Teacher Roster for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year:

\*Lisa Antonovich-Substitute Teacher K-12

\*Kelly Christian-Substitute Teacher K-5

Yes-6, No-0

**SUBSTITUTE  
ROSTER**

- Upon the recommendation of the Instructional Sick Bank Committee, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Corinna McCall, a teacher, to withdrawal 38.5 days from the Instructional Sick Bank. This leave covers November 1, 2005 through January 6, 2006.

Yes-6, No-0

**INSTR. SICK  
BANK REQUEST-  
CORINNA MCCALL**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Mrs. Patricia Wicks, School Nurse Teacher, for a half-day unpaid leave of absence on November 14, 2005.

Yes-6, No-0

**UNPAID LEAVE  
REQUEST-  
PATRICIA WICKS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of the High School Student Council (7 members and their advisor) to attend the NYSCLSA Leadership Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY on November 20, 2005 through November 22, 2005 and for Greene CSD to provide transportation for Deposit and Greene students from the conference (Deposit will provide transportation to the conference).

Yes-6, No-0

**TRIP REQUEST-  
STUDENT  
COUNCIL**

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE:**

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz to accept the Treasurer's Reports for October 2005 as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

**TREASURER'S  
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- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to accept the Budget Status Reports for October 2005 for the General Fund, Special Aid Fund and the School Lunch Fund.  
Yes-6, No-0

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the recommended budget transfers for the month ending October 31, 2005.  
Yes-6, No-0

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- The Board discussed the make-up of the Audit Committee as required by the State. A resolution appointing the Audit Committee will be made at the December 7, 2005 meeting. Through consensus, the board agreed to have the board members who serve on the Budget Committee and the Board President make up the Audit Committee.

**BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- The Clerk advised the Board that only two community members had volunteered to serve on the committee. The deadline was November 15, 2005.

- After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the article requesting volunteers be published again in the Chenango American. A call to the PTO for volunteers will also be made. The new deadline will be December 6, 2005.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
**NANCY AMELL -**  
**SIDEWALK GATE**

- Mrs. Nancy Amell addressed the Board regarding why the gate in the middle of the fence, which separates the parking lot from the bus parking, is not open during school evening functions? Mrs. Amell also wondered why there is not handicap designated spots next to the building (where the buses park in front of the auditorium entrance)? She stated that her elderly parents like to attend school functions, however, it is too far for them to walk from the parking lot to the building.

**PRESIDENT COX**

- President Cox indicated that the Board would look into the matter.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss employment matters pertaining to a particular individual at 10:05 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

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- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Cooper  
to adjourn Executive Session at 10:10 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

**RECONVENE:**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at  
10:11 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert  
to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk