

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 (arrived @ 7:02 p.m.)
Mr. Craig Ketzak
Mr. Robert Eldred

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. June Cooper

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Gary P. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager/Treasurer
Mr. Gordon Daniels, High 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 7:01 p.m.:
 - Special Education Placements;
 - Collective Bargaining - Greene Nutrition Network & GESPA;
 - The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person.

Yes-4, 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 Strenkert, to approve the following placements:

Annual Review: #94515;

Requested Review: #040520; #01024; #010253; #020351;

Entered Classified: #050621; #050617;

Yes-5, No-0

**SPEC. EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert to adjourn Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.

Yes-5, No-0

RECONVENE:

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

RECONVENE

ADDITIONS/

DELETIONS TO AGENDA - None.

MINUTES:

10/5/05

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz to approve the minutes of the Work Session meeting held on Wednesday, October 5, 2005. Yes-5, No-0

CALENDAR:

- October 21 - Early Dismissal Drill
- October 21 - 7:00 p.m. Touchdown Club Bonfire @ Blallflats
- October 24-28-School Board Recognition Wk.
- October 25- 7:00 p.m. Modified Sports Awards
- October 31- 7:00 p.m. Halloween Dance @ H.S. Gym-Grades 6-12 (7-10:00 p.m.)
- November 1- 7:00 p.m. JV & Varsity Sports Awards
- November 2- 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Work Session
- November 7 - Half Day for K-5 (Parent Conferences)
- November 11 - No School-Veterans' Day
- November 12 - Treasures and Treats Craft Fair - Elementary Buildings
- November 14 - Half Day for K-12
- November 16- 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
- November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Recess

PUBLIC COMMENT

FROM THE FLOOR:
SUPERINTENDENT
SMITH-SCHOOL BOARD
RECOGNITION WEEK

- Superintendent, Gary P. Smith, read a proclamation from the Governor declaring October 24th through October 28th as School Board Recognition Week. Superintendent Smith also thanked the School Board members for their hard work and dedication to Greene Central School. A cake was provided in celebration.

KRIS MCDERMOTT-
GTA RECOGNITION OF
SCHOOL BOARD

- Mrs. Kris McDermott, President of the GTA, thanked the Board for their hard work on behalf of the GTA and presented them with a candy treat box.

HOLLY MOHR - GESPA
RECOGNITION OF
SCHOOL BOARD

- Mrs. Holly Mohr as a representative of GESPA thanked the Board for all their hard work.

REPORTS/PRESENTATION:

AUDIT REPORT

- Mr. Pat Powers of D'Arcangelo & Co. presented the Audit Report for the school district for the year ended June 30, 2005. Mr. Powers outlined the new laws, which were enacted to improve fiscal accountability in schools. The law enhances claims auditing, modifies internal and external audit

- procedures and requires boards to establish audit committees. Mr. Powers reviewed the revenues and expenditures of the district. Mr. Powers indicated that, as for the past several years, it was a clean audit with no reportable conditions. Training of school board members was also discussed.

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Ketzak, to accept the Audit Report for the school year ending June 30, 2005.

**ACCEPT AUDIT
REPORT**

Yes-5, No-0

- Mr. Gordie Daniels, High School Principal, reviewed the 2000 Cohort Graduation/Drop-out Rates with the board. After tracking the students that comprised the 2000 cohort group, from entry in 9th grade to graduation, the drop-out rate was only 6.59%. 77 of the 91 students starting 9th grade graduated, or 83.69%.

**GRADUATION
COHORT RPT.**

- Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal, reviewed the LINKS 7 Plan with the Board. The LINKS Plan addresses school improvement, student achievement and professional development. The plan goals were set this year based not only on obtained objectives last year, but on the make-up of the various student groups involved and their projected successes. Representatives of the LINKS Team from each of the schools reviewed the goals and the justification for the goals at each level.

LINKS 7 PLAN

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert to approve the LINKS 7 Integrated School Improvement Plan for 2005-2008 as presented.

Yes-5, No-0

- Superintendent, Gary P. Smith, reported that he had discussed with Tim Crumb, BOCES Instructor, our insurance carrier and BOCES Administration regarding his concerns with the project. A contract between all parties is being drafted and as soon as it is signed, the conservation students can begin working on the nature trail project.

**NATURE TRAIL
PROJECT**

- The Enrollment Report for the period ending September 30, 2005 was noted.

**ENROLLMENT
REPORT**

- President, Christopher Cox, reported on a recent Chenango County School Boards Association meeting he attended. The meeting focused on upcoming legislation topics to be discussed/voted upon at the convention. Mr. Cox also announced the next meeting which will be held at the Silo Restaurant on November 4th at 6:00 p.m. The speaker will be David Little from NYS School Boards Association and the topic will be audit regulations.

**CHENANGO CTY
SCHOOL BOARDS**

- The Transportation Report for September 2005 was noted.

TRANSP. RPT.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2005

APPOINTMENTS:

BOARD MEMBERS TO
COMMITTEES

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Ketzak to appoint Board members to the following committees:

*Workers' Compensation Trustee:

Mr. Craig Ketzak

*Buildings & Grounds Committee:

Mr. Christopher Cox

*Classification Committee:

Mr. Richard Boeltz

*Sick Bank Committees:

Mrs. June Cooper

Yes-5, No-0

WINTER COACHING
ROSTER

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Ketzak, to appoint the following coaches to the Winter Coaching Roster for the 2005-2006 season:

Boys Basketball: Varsity Jeff Paske
J.V. Tim Paske
8th Grade Dave Gorton
7th Grade Rick Smith

Girls Basketball: Varsity Bill Case
JV Steve Klumpp
8th Grade Dave Gorton
7th Grade Gordie Daniels

Wrestling: Varsity Tim Jenks
JV Tom Stanbro

Volleyball: Varsity Michelle Schieve
JV Mary McBride
8th Grade Deb Krupp
7th Grade Angela Brown

Boys Swimming: Varsity Mike Platta
Modified John Buck

Bowling: Varsity Hal Kennedy

Cheerleading: Varsity Rebecca Willard

Yes-5, No-0

ODYSSEY OF THE
MIND COACHES

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Ketzak to approve the following individuals as Odyssey of the Mind Coaches and Volunteers for the 2005-2006 school year:

*Lorene Sanderson - Coach & Coordinator

*Sarah Roth - Coach

*Ben Eggleston - Coach

*Kier Merrill - Coach & Coordinator

*Traci Universal & Colin Evans - Co-coaches

*Kim Miranda - Unpaid parent volunteer

*Robin Cox & Barb Novitsky - Co-coaches

*Deb Turner & Kristi Trass -

co-coaches/unpaid parent volunteers

*Marie Scofield - Coach

Yes-5, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Ketzak to appoint Mr. Todd St. Germain to the Substitute Teacher Roster for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year.

**SUBSTITUTE
ROSTER**

Yes-5, No-0

- Discussion was had regarding what action to take regarding the board vacancy. When to hold a special election was also discussed.

BOARD VACANCY

- A motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz to hold a special election for the purpose of filling the board vacancy (date of vote until June 30, 2007) at the proposed bus vote on January 17, 2006.

Yes-4, No-1 (Eldred)

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

**GREENE
NUTRITION
NETWORK**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 204(a) of the New York State Civil Service Law, funds are hereby provided to implement the agreement between the Greene Central School District and the Greene Nutrition Network for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007 and authorize the Superintendent to sign the same.

Yes-5, No-0

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert to accept the Treasurer's Reports for September 2005 as presented.

**TREASURER'S
REPORTS**

Yes-5, No-0

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert, to accept the Budget Status Reports for September 2005 for the General Fund, Special Aid Fund and the School Lunch Fund.

**BUDGET STATUS
REPORTS**

Yes-5, No-0

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert to approve the recommended budget transfers for September 2005.

**BUDGET
TRANSFERS**

Yes-5, No-0

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert to approve the 2006-2007 Budget Calendar as as presented.

**BUDGET
CALENDAR**

Yes-5, No-0

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert to declare the attached list of items (technology equipment), *Exhibit A* as surplus and to dispose of the same.

SUPLUS ITEMS

Yes-5, No-0

**SNOW REMOVAL BID-
FENTON SALES**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz to award the bid for snow removal for the 2005/2006 school year to Fenton Sales, Service & Excavation at a rate of \$65.00/hour and \$.08/lb for salt for all sites contingent upon receiving an attachment stating the bid is based on a current average price of \$3.009/gal. And if the price increases, the district will be notified in writing of the increase.
Yes-5, No-0

**BUS PURCHASES:
& SET THE DATE,
TIME & PLACE OF
VOTE**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert to approve the purchase of three vehicles: (3) 66-passenger buses at a cost not to exceed \$270,000 and set the date, time and place of the vote as follows:
"Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the residents of Greene Central School District qualified to vote at school meetings in said district, will be held in the Auditorium Lobby of the Middle School/High School Building, South Canal Street, Greene, NY on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Yes-5, No-0

**BUDGET ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

- Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager, advised the Board that the Clerk has submitted a press release requesting community volunteers to serve on the committee. The deadline is Friday, October 28, 2005.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
CHRISTOPHER AUSTIN
WINTER COACHES &
BOARD VACANCY**

- Mr. Christopher Austin asked whether or not any evaluation of coaches had been done? Mr. Austin also stated that he had offered to return to the Board.

PRESIDENT COX

- President Cox responded to Mr. Austin's question regarding evaluation of coaches that it is a matter of personnel and cannot be discussed in public session. President Cox also stated that Mr. Austin's reinstatement to the Board of Education was not the Board's decision and that he had been notified of that decision from the proper individual.

**SUPERINTENDENT
GARY SMITH -
SCHOLAR ATHLETE**

- Superintendent, Gary Smith, and Mr. Gordie Daniels, High School Principal, informed the Board that WBNG Channel 12 was at the school today to interview Ian McCauley for his selection as a scholar athlete. Ian plays soccer and is also a swimmer.

- Mrs. Nanette Hoffman, a parent, distributed a letter to the Board and asked that the Board read/review it and respond to her following the Board meeting.

**NANETTE
HOFFMAN-
CORRESPONDENCE**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a particular person and a parental concern at 9:30 p.m.

Yes-5, No-0

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz to adjourn Executive Session at 9:58 p.m.

Yes-5, No-0

RECONVENE:

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

RECONVENE

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Boeltz to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Yes-5, No-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk