

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2005**

A Work Session Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:01 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
Mrs. June Cooper
Mr. Jim Strenkert
Mr. Robert Eldred
Mr. Craig Ketzak

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Gary P. Smith, Superintendent
Mr. Gordon 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
Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager/Treasurer
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger, Transportation Supervisor
Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
Mr. John Girton, Technology Coordinator

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert to adjourn to Executive Session for Special Education Placements, Parental Concern Letter, Employment history of a particular person, and Collective Bargaining at 7:03 p.m.

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 Boeltz, to approve the following placements:

Entered Classified: (transfer/student intake):

#050613; #050614;

Requested Review: #020304; #000138; #030405;
#010220; #96711; #99039;

Preschool: Declassified: #P040516;

Yes-6, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

RECONVENE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

- None.

**ADDITIONS/
DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

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MINUTES:
9/21/05

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Strenkert to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, September 21, 2005 with the following corrections:

Page 3: Thomas & Associates Project Update:
Third Paragraph: "checking some window caulking for "PCB's" which..."

Yes-6, No-0

CALENDAR:

- October 7 - Staff Development Day - No Classes
- October 7 - 7:00 p.m. Homecoming Football Game
- October 7 - Workers' Compensation Meeting (Ketzak will attend as an Alternate Trustee)
- October 8 - 2:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade
- October 8 - 8:00 p.m. Homecoming Dance
- October 10 - Columbus Day Holiday-School Closed
- October 12 - 3:30 p.m. Safety & Security Mtg.
- October 19 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Mtg.
- October 21 - Early Dismissal (15 minutes)

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

- None.

EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE -
KATHERINE L. BROWER

- The Superintendent has recommended that Katherine L. Brower be dismissed from service with the District. The employee was given notice of this meeting and submitted a written response to the recommendation. On motion of Cooper, seconded by Strenkert it is RESOLVED that the employment of Katherine L. Brower is hereby terminated effective immediately.

Yes-6, No-0

APPOINTMENTS:

ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE
ROSTERS

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Ketzak to approve the appointment of the following individuals to the approved Substitute Rosters for the 2005-2006 school year, effective October 6, 2005:

- John Bulkeley, Substitute Teacher;
- Jill Griffin, Substitute Teacher;
- Madeline Bay, Substitute Teacher;
- Kaitlin Porter, Substitute Teacher & Teaching Assistant;
- DeeLyte Detwiler, Substitute Bus Attendant & Teacher's Aide;
- Gary Jones, Substitute Bus Driver.

Yes-6, No-0

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
COMMITTEE REPORT &
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mr. Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds reported on recommendations from the Buildings & Grounds Committee:

- 1) Recommended changing the time of night setback of thermostats to 6:00 p.m. instead of 9:30 p.m. Setback would be to 60 degrees. There will be no change in the start up time in the morning. Depending on night activities, various parts of the building can be zoned at a higher temperature if needed. Mr. Ladner reported that a night setback in temperature can be programmed by the computer controlled

- heat system, however, there is a manual override which can be used.

2) Siemens' Reconfiguration. Mr. Ladner reported that the committee is recommending that the current computer program used to interface with the various computer systems within the maintenance area be upgraded to a windows program. Mr. Ladner estimates the approximate cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000. Siemens would set up the system and provide training within their current contract.

- The Board requested that Mr. Ladner request a written proposal from Siemens as to the updates needed and the cost of the same.

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Eldred, to approve the request of Mr. Tim Jenks, Head Wrestling Coach, to run a Youth Wrestling Program for grades 1 through 6 beginning November 14, 2005.

**YOUTH WRESTLING PROGRAM
REQUEST**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Strenkert to approve the following trip requests:
1) Field Hockey Annual Rome Tournament - September 30, 2005 and October 1, 2005;
2) Wrestling Annual Peru Tournament - January 6th & 7th, 2006;
3) Ski Club - to Greek Peak beginning January 10, 2006 for five weeks using Chenango Valley Bus Lines with driver approval from Mrs. Hunsinger.
4) 7th Grade Class Trip to Albany, NY - April 13, 2006;
5) 8th Grade Class Trip to Washington D.C.- April 26, 2006 through April 28, 2006.

**TRIP REQUESTS:
FIELD HOCKEY,
WRESTLING, SKI
CLUB, 7TH & 8TH
GRADE CLASS TRIPS**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the Senior Citizen Exemption Income Level for Greene Central School to remain at the current level of \$11,000 to \$16,700.

**SENIOR CITIZEN
EXEMPTION**

Yes-6, No-0

- Board member, Robert Eldred, reviewed the NYSSBA Proposed Amendments and Bylaws in preparation for the upcoming state meeting. The Board reviewed the six recommended amendment/bylaws and the rationale for School Boards support of the same.

**NYSSBA AMENDMENTS
& BYLAWS**

- The Board Member vacancy resulting from Mr. Christopher Austin's resignation was tabled by consensus of the Board until the October 19, 2005 meeting due to the recent receipt of a request from Mr. Austin to rescind his resignation.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
VACANCY**

- The Board reviewed the format for the Budget Committee and Budget Calendar. Through consensus of the Board, the same procedures as last year will be followed. An ad for interested community members (3 total- 2 parents and 1 community member) will be published

**BUDGET CALENDAR &
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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**REVIEW BOARD
OUTSTANDING
ACTIONS LIST**

- The Board reviewed its Outstanding Actions list.
- Land Use Study - BOCES: Mr. Ladner reported on an email from Tim Crumb, the BOCES Conservation program teacher, which outlined the conservation project proposed for the Nature Trail at the Elementary campus.
- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Strenkert to approve the Nature Trail Project to be performed by the DCMO BOCES Conservation students, pending the Superintendent's final determination after further review with our insurance carrier and Tim Crumb. An update to be given at the October 19, 2005 meeting. Yes-6, No-0
- School Board Amendments/Resolutions deleted.
- Clerk of the Works - change report back date to November 16, 2005.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

**CRAIG KETZAK-
RETENTION PONDS**

- Mr. Ketzak asked for an update on the retention ponds and whether anyone has signed off on the final corrective work that was done?
- Mr. Ladner stated that the changes to the last retention pond were performed last Friday. The retention ponds appear to be working correctly - not retaining any substantial water, however, he is unaware of whether there were any sign-offs as he was out of the district attending a conference until today. Mr. Ladner will seek a response from the Thomas Group as to the finishing work.

**TONI WALKER -
ENERGY SAVINGS**

- Mrs. Toni Walker requested that since the new windows will not be installed until next summer, in an effort to conserve energy, holes/gaps around existing egress windows in classrooms could be plugged to keep out the cold air.

**KRIS MCDERMOTT-
PARKING LOTS**

- Mrs. Kris McDermott, as a parent/staff member, stated that she appreciates the new parking areas. She also commented positively on the improvements to the ballflats parking area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz to adjourn to Executive Session for a matter pertaining to a particular person at 8:55 p.m. Yes-6, No-0
- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Strenkert to adjourn Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. Yes-6, No-0

RECONVENE:

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Strenkert to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk