

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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  
Mrs. June Cooper  
Mr. Jim Strenkert  
Mr. Craig Ketzak

**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Robert Eldred

**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. Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal  
Mrs. Cynthia Ferguson, CSE Chairperson  
Mr. John Girton, Technology Coordinator  
Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent Buildings & Grounds  
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger, Transportation Supervisor

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn to Executive Session for matters leading to the appointment of particular persons at 7:02 p.m.

Yes-5, No-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RECONVENE:**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

- V. EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL
  - 4. Appointment(s) - 1 additional
  - 5. Board Vacancy Discussion
- VI. BUSINESS AND FINANCE
  - 7. Medicare Part D

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

**MINUTES:**

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Strenkert to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held on Wednesday, August 31, 2005 and the Work Session meeting held on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 with the following corrections:  
*Page 1 - Cynthia Ferguson, CSE Chairperson was present.*

Yes-5, No-0

**MINUTES  
8/31/05 &  
9/7/05**

- CALENDAR:**
- September 22-6:30 p.m. Primary School Open House
  - September 24- 9:00-4:00 p.m. Applefest on Ball Flats
  - September 27- 7:00 p.m. High School Open House
  - September 29- 6:30 p.m. Intermediate School Open House
  - September 30- PTO Movie Night - *I Robot* - Auditorium
  - October 5- 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
  - October 7- Staff Development Day-No Classes
  - October 7- 7:00p.m. Homecoming Football Game
  - October 7- 6:30 p.m. Worker's Compensation Alliance Dinner and Meeting
  - 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 Meeting - Primary School Library

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
FROM THE FLOOR:  
CORINNE SKORAS-  
SOCIAL WORKER**

- Ms. Corinne Skoras, K-12 Social Worker, introduced herself to the Board.

**JIM UNKEL -  
STATUS OF  
RETENTION PONDS**

- Mr. Jim Unkel asked for an update on the status of the retention ponds at the primary campus.

- President Cox stated that an update would be given by the architects later in the meeting.

**PRESENTATION:  
RETIREMENT PLAQUE-  
CAROLE CROSSLEY**

- Superintendent, Gary Smith, and President Cox presented a plaque to Mrs. Carole Crossley, a bus monitor, in appreciation for her twelve plus years of service to the district.

**COMPASS LEARNING-  
PATRICK DEVANNEY**

- Mr. Patrick Devanney from Compass Learning made a presentation of the Odyssey educational software. This program will take the place of the CCC system currently used at the Primary and Intermediate schools.

Mr. Devanney discussed the three components to the Compass Learning program.

- 1) Curricular - Provides engaging and stimulating learning environment with a variety of instructional approaches to support multiple learning styles. Individualized instruction may be assigned in the curriculum areas of the teacher's choice. The program is also

- easily integrated into classroom instruction.
- 2) Continuous assessment, which is aligned with state standards, standardized tests and provides feedback to students and teachers. This feature will allow for individualized instruction and assignments based on assessment of student achievement.
- 3) Reports can be obtained through the Odyssey Manager, which can report summaries of assignments and objective-based results. Achievement data for differentiating instruction and a comprehensive overview of student achievement can also be obtained. The reporting system can retrieve data to meet NCLB requirements.

Mr. Devanney also reported that there would be in-service training for staff on the system. He also stated that there are neighboring districts who currently use the program and would be a good source of support as well as the support information that is embedded within the program. Integration into the classroom and training will be an on-going process.

- Scott Duell, Karen Muckstadt, John Stiles and Mike O'Conner from Thomas & Associates updated the Board on the current project.

**THOMAS & ASSOC  
PROJECT UPDATE**

- Financially, the project is progressing well. The unencumbered balance to date is \$1,058,343.43.
- A recent change from State Ed. will require checking some window caulking for PCV's which when exposed could be hazardous, but costs should still be well within the project.
- The status of the retention basins was discussed. Additional work on grading and providing additional drainage pipes in the bottom of one of the basins is underway. It is hoped that these changes will allow the retention basins to function correctly.
- A portion of the corrective work will be included in the original contract costs and some will need to be an additional cost to the district.
- Whether or not to install fencing around the retention basins will be decided by the district after the basins are operating correctly and the possible need for additional safety precautions are reviewed. It is anticipated that the site work on the basins will be completed by Friday, September 21, 2005.

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TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE REPORT

- Mr. Richard Boeltz, Transportation Committee member, reported to the Board items discussed at the last meeting.
- Due to the number of students involved, and time constraints, an additional BOCES bus is required.
- Running a limited second bus run on Thursdays to accommodate afternoon BOCES students (approximately 19 students) has been a challenge due to the numerous different directions that the students need to go.
- The new bus loop at the elementary campus is allowing for the buses to move in and out in a more timely fashion. This also allows the buses to arrive at the Middle/High School campus more promptly.

TRANSPORTATION  
REPORT

- The Transportation Report for July/August 2005 was noted.

TRANSPORTATION  
REQUEST-APPLEFEST

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz to approve the Transportation Request from the Applefest Committee for a bus to shuttle people from the Ballflats to the Great American parking lot on Saturday, September 24, 2005.  
Yes-5, No-0

MODIFICATION OF  
DISTRICT BUS ROUTES

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak to modify the previous district bus routes as follows:
  - 1) New - Add AM Broome BOCES bus run;
  - 2) Reinstate - Add another PM Chenango BOCES bus run;
  - 3) New - Add regular driver for Duck bus route.Yes-5, No-0

SPECIAL EDUCATION IEP  
REVIEW DISCUSSION

- Mrs. Cynthia Ferguson, CSE Chairperson, reviewed with the Board current practices regarding review of IEP's, differing legal points of view on how school boards should review IEP's, and an overview of what other districts are doing.
- Areas discussed:
  - Committee review versus entire board;
  - Format and distribution of CSE minutes;
  - Electronic media for disseminating information;
  - Confidentiality issues.
- Until further review and discussion, by consensus of the Board, it was decided that minutes from the CSE meetings regarding each individual student would be included in board packets and the IEP's would be available in the District

- Office for any board member that wanted to review the information prior to the meeting.

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert to create a regular bus driver position beginning September 22, 2005 for a one-year probationary period ending September 21, 2006.

**CREATE  
POSITION-BUS  
DRIVER**

Yes-5, No-0

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence made by Mrs. Dawn Howell, Cafeteria Worker, for ten (10) days, February 20, 2006 through March 3, 2006.

**UNPAID LEAVE  
OF ABSENCE-  
DAWN HOWELL-  
CAFETERIA**

Yes-5, No-0

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence made by Mrs. Patricia Wicks, School Nurse/Teacher, for three (3) days, October 4, 2005, October 14, 2005 and October 17, 2005.

**UNPAID LEAVE  
OF ABSENCE-  
PATRICIA WICKS  
SCHOOL NURSE/  
TEACHER**

Yes-5, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz to make the following probationary appointment:

**APPOINTMENT(S)  
SUNNIE REARDON  
PE TEACHER**

Name of Appointee: Ms. Sunnie Reardon  
Tenure Area: Physical Education  
Date of Commencement  
Of Probationary  
Service: October 26, 2005  
Expiration Date of  
Appointment: October 25, 2008  
Certification Status: Initial

Yes-5, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, to appoint Ms. Jessica Teal as a school Bus Driver effective September 22, 2005 for a one-year probationary period ending September 21, 2006.

**BUS DRIVER-  
JESSICA TEAL**

Yes-5, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, to appoint the following individuals to the approved Substitute Roster for the 2005-2006 school year effective September 22, 2005:

**SUBSTITUTE  
ROSTERS**

Mr. William Cline - Substitute Teacher  
Mr. Stephen Boel - Substitute Teacher  
Ms. Jacqueline Atwood - Substitute Teacher  
Dr. Joyce Knapp - Substitute Teacher  
Ms. Roxanna McGovern - Substitute Teacher's  
Aide, Custodian and Bus Attendant

Yes-5, No-0

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**APPOINTMENT(S) :**

**CO-CURRICULAR**

**ROSTER K-12**

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, to appoint the individuals set forth on Attachment "A" as Co-Curricular Advisors and Staff Assignments for the 2005-2006 school year. Yes-5, No-0

**REBECCA UTTER-**

**CALICE - S.S.**

**DEPARTMENT CHAIR**

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz to appoint Mrs. Rebecca Utter-Calice as the Social Studies Department Chair for a three-year term expiring on June 30, 2008. Yes-5, No-0

**MATTHEW BUTLER-**

**MODIFIED BOYS**

**SOCCER ASST.**

**COACH**

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz to appoint Mr. Matthew Butler as a Modified Boys Soccer Assistant Coach for the 2005 fall season. Yes-5, No-0

**DEBORAH KRUPP-GIRLS**

**MODIFIED SWIMMING**

**ASST. COACH**

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, to appoint Mrs. Deborah Krupp as a Girls Modified Swimming Assistant Coach for the 2005 fall season. Yes-5, No-0

**BOARD VACANCY**

**DISCUSSION**

- Superintendent, Gary P. Smith, outlined for the Board what options were available to fill the vacant seat on the Board as a result of Mr. Christopher Austin's recent resignation. Mr. Smith listed the following options:

- 1) Hold a special election.
- 2) Board can appoint an individual to fill the vacancy until the next election (May 2006).
- 3) Leave the position vacant until the next election.
- 4) The District BOCES Superintendent can appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

- The Board briefly discussed the various options. Upon consensus of the Board, a decision will be tabled until the October 5, 2005 meeting.

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, to accept the Treasurer's Reports for July 2005 and August 2005 as presented. Yes-5, No-0

**BUDGET STATUS  
REPORTS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, to accept the Budget Status Reports for August 2005 for the General Fund and School Lunch Fund.

Yes-5, No-0

**BUDGET  
TRANSFERS**

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

Yes-5, No-0

**SUPLUS ITEMS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz to declare the attached list of items (books and test kits and manuals), *Exhibit B* as surplus and to dispose of the same.

Yes-5, No-0

**FUNDING OF  
RESERVES**

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Strenkert to approve the funding of the following reserves:  
Unemployment Reserve - \$20,000; Capital Reserve - \$400,000; and Employee Benefit Reserve - \$499,563.

Yes-5, No-0

**AUDIT UPDATE**

- Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager, reported that our audit is nearing completion and Pat Powers of D'Arcangelo, will attend the October 19, 2005 meeting to present the audit to the Board.

**MEDICARE PART  
D RESOLUTION**

- Robert Eldred, duly appointed trustee of the Health Insurance Consortium, requested that in his absence Nancy Stiles, Business Manager, report that at the meeting of September 16, 2005, the Consortium received a report from the Consultant concerning Medicare Part D. The Consultant recommended that each Consortium member District participate in Medicare Part D through the prescription drug plan established by Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield and approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Retiree Drug Subsidy Center, a division of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The Consultant recommended this approach because of its ease of administration and lower initial expenses. After discussion and questions, all trustees present agreed with the recommendation of the Consultant and each member Board was urged to vote in favor of the recommendation.

- Upon a motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, it is RESOLVED, that the District shall participate in the Medicare Part D retiree drug reimbursement benefit through the Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield government approved prescription drug plan. It is further

- RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall forthwith submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Consortium Administrator who shall advise Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield of the board's action.

Yes-5, No-0

**REPORTS:**

**BLDG & GRNDS**

- Board Member, Craig Ketzak, updated the Board on a recent Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting.

Items discussed were:

1) Energy Conservation - temperatures in the buildings will be set back earlier in the evenings. Depending upon activities occurring, the building temperature can be adjusted by zones.

2) The committee also is recommending retaining The Clerk of the Works position and individual for next summer.

3) Exterior maintenance of the campuses was also discussed.

4) Mr. Ladner also reported that Tim Crumb from DCMO BOCES Conservation Program would like to have the Greene students in the conservation program do class lab work in the wooded area at the elementary campus as part of an ongoing land use study.

After discussion, it was suggested that Tim Crumb submit a Project Outline to the Board of what activities he is planning on doing with the students.

5) Current boiler systems were also discussed.

Mr. Ladner reported that our current boilers are in good shape and require no changes that would result in a significant fuel savings. Mr. Ladner reported that future plans are to convert the current system from steam to hot water.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**BILL MERWARTH-  
DRAINAGE  
BASINS**

- Mr. Bill Merwarth cautioned the Board to be sure to keep the drainage basins mowed to prevent the possibility of creating a wetland area which would further be regulated by the State.

**GORDIE DANIES-  
SPORTSMANSHIP  
HONOR**

- Mr. Gordie Daniels announced that the New York State Public High School Athletic Association honored Greene High School as one of four high schools in New York State who have developed proactive approaches in keeping sportsmanship in the forefront with their students. Mr. Daniels stated that Mrs. Sue Silvernail deserves special recognition for her efforts in developing

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- an exemplary proactive sportsmanship program.

- Superintendent, Gary P. Smith, commented on letter received regarding traffic pattern concerns at the elementary campus. More signage will be erected and education of drivers will continue.

**SUPT. GARY  
SMITH-TRAFFIC  
AT ELEMENTARY**

- Mr. Jim Unkel asked if the outside basketball basketball hoops at the Intermediate building were going to be re-installed as they are still laying by the parking lot?

**JIM UNKEL-  
BASKETBALL  
HOOPS-INTERM.  
SCHOOL**

- Mr. Ladner stated that they will not be re-installed and that they will be moved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person at 8:48 p.m.

Yes-5, No-0

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**RECONVENE:**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 10:58 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Yes-5, No-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk