

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007**

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

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Gary P. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. Terry Heller, High School Principal
Mrs. Judy Gorton, Middle School Principal
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal
Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal
Mr. John Girton, Technology Coordinator
Mrs. Kathy Langley, CSE Chairperson
Mr. Chris Fairbairn, Transportation Supervisor
Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

CALENDAR:

- April 16 – Board of Education Petitions Due
- April 16-20 – Spring Recess – No School
- April 25- 7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Mtg./BOCES Vote (special date)
- April 27 – Albany Trip for 7th Grade
- May 1 – 7:00 p.m. –PTO Meet the Candidates Night – High School Library
- May 2 – 1:30 p.m.-Honor Society Inductions-Auditorium
- May 4 –7:00 p.m.-Talent Show-Auditorium
- May 8 –6:30 p.m.-Public Hearing & Board of Educ. Mtg. (special date if approved)
- May 10 –7:30 p.m.-MS/HS Band Concert-Auditorium
- May 15 – District Vote 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.-Auditorium
- May 15 – K-5 Science Night
- May 16 – 7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Meeting
- May 17 – 7:00 p.m.-Intermediate Concert & Music in Our Schools Concert-Auditorium
- May 24 – 8:00 a.m.- Moving Up Day - Auditorium

CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

2007-2008 BUDGET:

- Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed a print out which showed the amounts of budget revenues, including 14.2% in state aid, needed to meet a budget set at \$20,553,140. There were three budget revenue scenarios

2007-2008 BUDGET

- listed:

- 1) No transfer from reserve accounts – resulting in a 2.6% tax levy increase;
- 2) A \$150,260 transfer from reserves – resulting in a 0% tax levy increase; and
- 3) A \$265,260 transfer from reserves – resulting in a 2% tax levy decrease.

- Mr. Rubitski explained that a budget amount of \$20,553,140 represents a 7.92% increase in the budget for 2007-2008 compared to the 2006-2007 budget. Mr. Smith also stated that we received approximately \$260,000 in additional state aid.

- Mr. Rubitski then reviewed a prioritized list of additional items for funding consideration, which was prepared by the administrators. The list consisted of:

- 1) Maintenance – finish seal coating of blacktop (\$20,000);
- 2) Furniture replacement across campuses (\$50,000);
- 3) Gymnasium Floor-full strip & restore (\$5,000);
- 4) Career Skills Program (start-up costs) (\$10,000);
- 5) Assistant Swimming/Diving Coach-Boys & Girls (\$6,000);
- 6) Librarian for Primary/Intermediate Campus (\$40,000);
- 7) Foreign Language Teacher (\$40,000)
- 8) LTA (replace an aide) (\$12,000-\$20,000)

For a total of an additional \$191,000. The specifics for each item were discussed.

- Superintendent Gary Smith explained that the first four items on the list would be a “one time shot”. The remaining four items would have future commitments. The additional monies would also increase the budget, the percent of increase and the revenue needed to offset the increase.

- The following questions from the previous meeting regarding budget items were discussed:

- 1) Reserves – the only reserve with a cap would be the capital reserve (\$800,000). Mr. Rubitski provided the current reserve balances for the board’s review.
- 2) Social Security reserve is appropriately funded.
- 3) Potential retirees over the next 3 years – possible pay-outs: \$150,000 (07/08); \$150,000 (08/09); \$200,000 (09/10).
- 4) Occupational Education & Career Academy – approximately 90 students in the occupational education program and 17 attending career academy. In our DCMO BOCES we have the most students attending and therefore, pay the larger share of costs.
- 5) Testing Code #2810 – the PLAN test which is administered to all 10th grade students to indicate their career interests. The number of tests ordered and increased/decreased cost is based on enrollment numbers for the 10th grade.
- 6) Diesel Fuel – BOCES has a list of potential bidders for diesel fuel, so we should be able to obtain competitive pricing.

- Mr. Rubitski refigured the revenues needed and the resulting reserve transfer and budget increase. If the additional \$191,000 is added to the current budget of \$20,553,140 resulting in a budget of \$20,744,140, this would represent an 8.92% increase over the 06/07 budget, requiring a reserve transfer of \$341,260, keeping the tax levy increase at 0%.

- President Cox suggested that the additional monies could be approved in the budget, but how to use those monies could be decided at a later date.

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to adopt the 2007-2008 budget in the amount of \$20,744,140 representing a 8.92% increase over the 2006-2007 budget and keeping the tax levy increase at 0%.

Yes-6, No-1(Ketzak)

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert to accept the Property Tax Report Card with the resulting changes of increasing the budget amount to \$20,744,140.

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the budget letter with the change in the budget increase to 8.92%.

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to accept the external audit action plan as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Cooper, to accept the minutes from the April 4, 2007 meeting as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

- Mrs. Lila Page, High School Librarian, requested that the board consider keeping the Aide position in the Intermediate library even with the possible addition of a librarian due to the volume of students and clerical work involved in the day to day operation of the library.

- President Cox responded that the matter will be reviewed and all possibilities considered before any decisions are made.

- Mrs. Holly Mohr stated that as a parent of a high school student, she feels that the library at the high school needs to be available at all times due to the research and computer use needed by high school students. She stated that her daughter was lucky to have internet access at home where she could complete needed research. Mrs. Mohr also stated that there is a lot of clerical work to be

**2007-2008 BUDGET
ADOPTION**

TAX REPORT CARD

BUDGET LETTER

**EXTERNAL AUDIT
ACTION PLAN**

MINUTES 4/4/07

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
LILA PAGE-LIBRARIAN**

**HOLLY MOHR-
LIBRARIAN POSITION**

- done in a library and it would be a shame to have a librarian spending time doing clerical work that could be spent with students.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk