

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2007**

A 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
Mr. Craig Ketzak
Mrs. June Cooper
Mr. Robert Eldred
Mr. Christopher Austin

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jim Strenkert

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Gary P. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. Terry Heller, High School Principal
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal
Mr. John Girton, Technology Coordinator
Mrs. Kathy Langley, CSE Chairperson
Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:02 p.m.:
 - Matters Pertaining to Special Education Placements;
 - Employment Matters Related to Specific Individuals.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Yes-6, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special on Special Education, and after review by the Board, a motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Austin, to approve the following placements:

**SPEC. EDUC.
PLACEMENTS**

Requested Review: #710006254; #710006865; #710006784;
#710006882; #710007194; #710011913; #710018920;
#710040120; #710090189; #710123180; #710123428;
#71023039; #710125061;

Annual Review: #710006865; #710006784; #710006882;
#710007194; #710011913; #710018920; #710021943;
#710022138; #710040119; #710040120; #710090189;
#710123057;

Triennial: #710006254; #710123180; #710123202;
#710123077;

Preschool: #00P060707.

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

**ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE**

Yes- 6, No-0

RECONVENE

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

**ADD/DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

- IV. REPORTS
5. Chenango County Health Department Information

**APPROVE MINUTES
3/21/06**

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Ketzak, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on March 21, 2007 as presented.
Yes-6, No-0

CALENDAR:

- April 5, 10,11, 12- Kindergarten Screening
- April 6 – Good Friday – No School
- April 11 – 7:00 p.m. - Board of Education Special Mtg. (if approved)
- 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 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 16 – 7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Meeting
- May 17 – 7:00 p.m.-Intermediate Concert-Auditorium

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mrs. Holly Mohr publicly commended all those involved with the recent Footlights production. Everyone did a fabulous job. Mrs. Mohr also thanked Mr. John Girton and the custodial staff for helping with a handicapped individual who attended the play and needed to use a handicap accessible restroom in building two.

**PRESENTATION:
DCMO BOCES
CERTIFICATE**

- Mr. Dave Blom presented board member, Robert Eldred, with a certificate for completing the School Board Academy. The academy provides training for all new school board members.

**REPORTS:
BOCES ADM. BUDGET
DAVE BLOM**

- Mr. Dave Blom from DCMO BOCES reviewed the BOCES Administrative Budget with the Board. Mr. Blom explained that the budget is based on each individual district's service requests and is assessed on the basis of each districts' RWADA (resident weighted average daily attendance). BOCES also may not maintain a fund balance from year to year which requires the building of a completely new budget each year from new revenues. The Administrative Budget is up an average of 3.4%. Mr. Blom also explained the fees included in the budget pertaining to the voter approved building project.

**TRANSPORTATION
REPORT**

- The Transportation Report for February 2007 was noted.

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WORKERS' COMP.
MEETING**

- There were no board members present at the recent Workers' Compensation Meeting, but the Clerk, Donna Utter, attended and stated that it was the usual business meeting with no changes required pertaining to the new legislation recently passed.

- Superintendent Gary Smith reported on the recent CCSBA Annual Spring meeting. Mr. Smith explained that there was a panel discussion moderated by Alan Pole which addressed the school-to-business connection. A representative from NBT who was present stated that NBT was very eager to participate in the school-to-business program. Follow-up on this initiative will be discussed at future meetings.

**CCSBA ANNUAL
SPRING MEETING**

- Superintendent Gary Smith reviewed a letter drafted by Mrs. Kathy Pruden, RN, School Nurse, to be sent home with Students in grades 6-12 regarding an upcoming immunization clinic. The immunizations available are Meningococcal, HPV, Varicella, and DtaP. Chenango County had given Mrs. Pruden flyers explaining each of the immunizations to attach to the letter. Due to the sensitivity of some of the wording in the explanation flyers, the Board through consensus, requested that the letter and information be mailed home to the parent/guardian.

**CHENANGO COUNTY
HEALTH DEPT.-SHOT
CLINIC**

- Superintendent Gary Smith recommends the following action items for approval:

**EDUCATION &
PERSONNEL:**

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Cooper, to extend an unpaid leave of absence request for Shirley Kenyon, Bus Driver, for an additional seven (7) days, April 3, 2007 through April 13, 2007.

**UNPAID LEAVE OF
ABSENCE-SHIRLEY
KENYON-BUS DRIVER**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Cooper, to hold an additional Board meeting on April 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and move the May 2, 2007 meeting to May 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. with a break for the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. and then returning to the Board meeting.

**BOARD MEETING
SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Yes- 6 , No-0

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Cooper to approve non-public transportation requests to Central Baptist for the following students for the 2007-2008 school year:

**NON-PUBLIC
TRANSP. REQUEST
CENTRAL BAPTIST**

Joshua Detwiler – grade 5
Shaneese Detwiler – grade 10
Joanathan Detwiler – grade 10
Megan Gages – grade 9
Daniel Lyford – grade 11
Nathaniel Lyford – grade 8

Yes-6, No-0

**APPOINTMENTS:
SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS** - Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, a motion was made by Ketzak, seconded by Cooper, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year:

- o Jessica Mirabito – Substitute Teacher effective April 5, 2007;
- o Elizabeth Buchser – Substitute Teacher effective April 5, 2007;
- o Alice Shear – Substitute Cafeteria Worker effective April 5, 2007.

Yes- 6, No-0

**FOOTLIGHTS
CO-ADVISOR-
NICOLE CLINE** - Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Cooper, to approve the appointment of Nicole Cline as the Footlights Co-Advisor for the musical, effective April 5, 2007.

Yes-6, No-0

**POLICY #5730
TRANSPORTATION FOR
EXTRACURRICULAR
EVENTS** - Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Cooper, to approve the second revised reading and adoption of revised *Policy #5730 Transportation For Extracurricular Events*, as read.

Yes-6, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
AUDIT COMMITTEE** - The Audit Committee reported on their recent meeting to review and edit the letter of response to the Comptroller's audit. A copy of the letter was shared with the Board.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES** - A motion was made by Ketzak, seconded by Cooper, to approve the Audit Committee meeting minutes dated March 28, 2007.

Yes-3, No-0

**RESPONSE TO
COMPTROLLER'S
AUDIT** - Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Cooper, to approve the action plan in response to the Comptroller's audit as prepared and recommended by the Audit Committee.

Yes-6, No-0

**G.C.S. BUDGET
DISCUSSION** - Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, started by thanking the members of the budget committee for their hard work in putting together the budget. He then reviewed the entire budget with the board noting percentage increases and decreases for each line item in the budget. Some questions were raised which will require follow-up before the April 11th meeting.

- Superintendent Gary Smith explained that the additional state aid and how it may be spent has been changed. For those schools, such as Greene, who are not on any of the schools in need of improvement lists, the additional state aid received over 10% can be used however the districts decide.

- Superintendent Smith presented a print out setting forth what impact various state aid percentages would have made on the tax levy as well as transfers from reserves.

- The board reviewed the various scenarios and discussed what should be done with the extra state aid. The Budget Committee recommended: funding reserves, looking at needed programs to be added, taking care of some maintenance items and refunding some monies to the taxpayers.

- Further information regarding board questions and a wish list of possible items to be included will be discussed at the April 11th board meeting, which is devoted totally to discussion on the budget.

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Ketzak, to declare the attached list (Exhibit "A") of library books as surplus and to dispose of the same. **SURPLUS LIBRARY BOOKS**

Yes-6, No-0

- Superintendent's Evaluation forms due to the Board President by the April 11th meeting.

**BOARD OUTSTANDING
ACTION LIST:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
EVALUATION**

- May 8th board meeting was set to continue the discussion on the board committees duties/process.

**BOARD COMMITTEE
STRUCTURE DISC.**

- Mrs. Kris McDermott, GTA President, stated that if there is extra monies available, she would like to see the elementary librarian position reinstated. She also suggested assistant coaches be added back in that were cut last year and new furniture purchases for elementary classrooms.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
KRIS MCDERMOTT-
BUDGET MONIES**

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk