

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:06 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 (arrived @ 6:11 p.m.)  
Mr. Craig Ketzak (arrived @ 6:40 p.m.)  
Mrs. June Cooper  
Mr. Robert Eldred  
Mr. Christopher Austin  
Mr. Jim Strenkert (arrived @ 7:03 p.m.)

**ROLL CALL**

**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  
Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal  
Mr. John Girton, Technology Coordinator  
Mrs. Kathy Langley, CSE Chairperson  
Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds  
Mr. Chris Fairbairn, Transportation Supervisor

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

**WORK SESSION:**

- Superintendent Gary Smith and President Cox reviewed the purpose of the work session. As stated in the Superintendent's Contract, the Board of Education and the Superintendent will develop a mutually agreeable pay for performance plan for the Superintendent.

- Superintendent Gary Smith reviewed some possible goals which he had outlined for the Board's review. Through discussion, the consensus of the Board was that personal goals which the Superintendent feels he should do as part of performing his duties should not be included in the pay for performance plan.

Goals which the Board agreed with included:

1. Gather community support for a proposed capital project to be placed before the voters in Fall 2007.
2. Nurture the administrative staff in order to build a strong leadership team.
3. Work toward a positive budget vote on May 15, 2007.
4. Continue to perform among the top five in the DCMO region on state assessments.
5. Finalize contract negotiations with all five units by June 30, 2007.
6. Greater vision for the future in terms of technology.
7. Ideas to draw people to the district. Promote the quality of our district.
8. Decrease the drop out rate.

**SUPERINTENDENT  
GOALS**

- The possible goals will be revised and distributed to the Board for review at their meeting on March 21, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** - Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:00 p.m.:

- Matters pertaining to Special Education Placements;
- Employment matters pertaining to specific individuals;

Yes-6, No-0

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

**Transfer/Intake:** 710022140;  
**Requested Review:** #710123450; #710123393; #710125028; #710022138; #710123237; #710040174;  
**New Referral:** #710021971; #710125303;  
**Preschool:** #00P040518;  
Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

**RECONVENE** - President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**ADD/DELETIONS** - Add: III. REPORTS  
2. Chenango County School Boards Mtg. Report  
3. Legislative Breakfast Report  
V. BUSINESS & FINANCE  
6. Donation of Musical Instruments

**APPROVE MINUTES 1/17/06** - Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on January 17, 2007 as presented.  
Yes-7, No-0

**CALENDAR:**

- February 9- Health Insurance Consortium - 6:30 p.m.
- February 12-16 - Kindergarten Registration
- February 13 - 7:00p.m.-11<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night- Auditorium
- February 19-23 - Recess
- February 21- Budget Cmte. Mtg.-9:00 a.m.
- February 26- 6:00p.m.-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation- Auditorium
- February 27 - Lobby Day - Albany

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- February 28-Board of Education Mtg.-6:00 p.m.
- March 1- 7:00p.m.-Music in Our Schools Concert-Auditorium
- March 6- 11:00a.m.-8:00p.m.-Bus Vote-Auditorium Lobby
- March 6- 7:00p.m.-Junior Honor Society Inductions-Auditorium
- March 7- 7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Meeting
- March 12, 13 & 14- 4:00-8:00p.m.-Dollars for Scholars Phone-A-Thon
- March 21- 6:00p.m.-Board of Education Meeting
- March 22-24(7:30p.m.) & 25(3:00p.m.)-Footlights Presentation of Oliver
- March 29- 7:00p.m.-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night-Auditorium
- March 29-6:30-8:00p.m.-Family Math Night-Interm. Building

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**REPORTS:**

- Mr. Terry Heller, High School Principal, reviewed the results of the January 2007 Regents. Overall, the students continue to do well. Mastery levels continue to be an area where improvement can be made.

**REPORTS:  
JANUARY 2007  
REGENTS  
REPORT**

- President Cox reported on the recent Chenango County School Board's meeting. They are continuing to review their mission statement and what the organizations goals and purpose are beyond their meetings and the legislative breakfast. They are looking for feedback on the format of the recent legislative breakfast. President Cox reminded the Board that the next CCSBA meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup> at Bainbridge, where there will be a presentation of Smart Boards.

**CCSBA MTG.  
REPORT**

- President Cox reported on the recent Legislative Breakfast held at the Silo. It was the first time that federal representatives as well as local legislators were present. The Governor's proposed budget and concerns regarding the amount of money going down state, strings attached to extra money, and unfunded mandates were discussed. Legislators indicated that they are hopeful for an on time budget. President Cox stated that specific concerns can be addressed on Lobby Day when Board members go to Albany to meet with representatives.

**LEGISLATIVE  
BREAKFAST**

**EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:**

- A motion was made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz to approve the resignation of Beth Bronson from her position as a Teacher's Aide, effective February 16, 2007 with appreciation. Yes-7, No-0

**RESIGNATIONS:  
BETH BRONSON-  
TEACHER'S AIDE**

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the 2007-2008 academic calendar as recommended by DCMO BOCES. Yes-7, No-0

**2007-2008  
ACADEMIC  
CALENDAR**

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- TRIP REQUEST-  
NYC-CHORUS/BAND/  
FOOTLIGHTS** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert to approve the rescheduled NYC trip by members of the Chorus/Footlights/Band to see Beauty and the Beast on January 31, 2007. Oneonta Bus Lines will provide the transportation upon approval of their driver by Greene's Transportation Supervisor.  
Yes-7, No-0
- APPOINTMENTS:  
ALBERT LAPORTE-  
BUS DRIVER** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert to appoint Albert LaPorte as a bus driver effective February 8, 2007 for a one-year probationary period ending February 7, 2008.  
Yes-7, No-0
- JEFFREY MILLER-  
CONSULTANT SCHOOL  
PSYCHOLOGIST** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert to appoint Jeffrey Miller as a consultant school psychologist effective February 8, 2007 to cover a leave of absence.  
Yes-7, No-0
- SANDY PARKINSON-  
SENIOR FOOD SERVICE  
WORKER** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert to change Sandy Parkinson's title and compensation to Senior Food Service Worker effective September 1, 2006.  
Yes-7, No-0
- SUBSTITUTE ROSTER** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert to appoint Mark Yeager to the Substitute Teacher Roster for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.  
Yes-7, No-0
- NON-INSTRUCTIONAL  
SICK BANK-KATHY  
PRUDEN** - Upon the recommendation of the Non-Instructional Sick Bank Committee, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the request of Kathy Pruden for the withdrawal of up to twenty (20) days from the non-instructional sick bank. Said twenty (20) days to cover February 9, 2007 through March 15, 2007.  
Yes-7, No-0
- UNPAID LEAVE-  
SANDRA MARSHALL** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak to approve the four (4) day unpaid leave request of Sandra Marshall, Teaching Assistant, for March 6, 2007 through March 9, 2007  
Yes-7, No-0

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UNPAID LEAVE-  
MARY BRYCE**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak, to approve the extension of the unpaid leave request of Mary Bryce, Teacher's Aide, through March 28, 2007.

Yes-7, No-0

- Mrs. Carolyn Hunter, Science Chairperson, informed the Board of a K-5 Science Exhibit on May 15, 2007 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Intermediate gym. Mrs. Hunter explained that this would give the students an opportunity to voluntarily display and/or demonstrate various science projects, labs or activities that they have experienced throughout the school year. Eventually, it is hoped that this will be a K-12 event.

**K-5 SCIENCE  
EXHIBIT**

- Mrs. Carolyn Hunter and Ben Eggleston, elementary science teachers, presented to the Board a project that the science department is looking to develop. The science department is seeking permission to use and develop the nature trail located behind the primary school as a more educational resource to be used by students K-12. They hope to involve students and community members in the project, which could include a trail map with markers and a trail guide including information about marked areas.

**NATURE TRAIL  
SCIENCE K-12  
REQUEST**

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the science department continuing to develop and define the nature trail science project.

Yes-7, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:**

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Ketzak, to approve the Extra Curricular Activity Fund Treasurer's Reports for December 2006 as presented.

**TREASURER'S  
REPORTS**

Yes-7, No-0

- Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed the next portion of the budget which was previously reviewed by the Budget Committee and tentative dollar amounts set for the following budget line items:

**BUDGET CMTTE.  
REPORT**

- Operation of Plant
- Maintenance of Plant
- District Transportation
- Transportation Garage Building

Mr. Rubitski explained the the dollar amounts for each line item and the reasons for any increase/decrease.

- Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed an introduction letter received from MAGNY defining their internal audit proposal and scope of work.

**INTERNAL AUDIT  
PROCESS**

- The Board expressed concern over the amount of duplicate information and documentation that has already been prepared and reviewed through the Comptroller's Audit and our own Auditor. The Audit Committee will be invited to attend a meeting with the internal auditor to discuss the scope and operations of the internal auditor.

**FACILITY USE  
REQUEST-STEP UP  
& DANCE**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request by Step Up & Dance to use the High School Auditorium, chorus and board room on June 1, 2007 through June 3, 2007 for a dance recital. Yes-7, No-0

**SURPLUS ITEMS**

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Strenkert to declare the following books listed on Exhibit "A" attached as surplus and to dispose of the same. Yes-7, No-0

**DONATION OF  
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, to accept the donation of musical instruments from the Children's Ministry of Berean Bible Church with appreciation. Yes-7, No-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn to Executive Session for:

- Employment matters related to specific individuals;
- Collective bargaining - All groups at 8:43 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Austin, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:23 p.m. Yes-7, No-0

**RECONVENE**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

-Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Austin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Yes-7, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk