

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 @ 7:05 p.m.)
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. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:05 p.m.:
 - Matters pertaining to Special Education Placements;
 - Employment matters pertaining to specific individuals;Yes-6, No-0

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

**SPECIAL EDUC.
PLACEMENTS**

Requested Review: #710022027; #710022028;
#710123080; #710125217;

Update information only: #710005685;

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.
- Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXEC.
SESSION**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

RECONVENE

- Add: III. REPORTS
 - 4. Concession Stand UpdateDelete: IV. EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL
 - 3. Unpaid Leave - Sandra Marshall

ADD/DELETIONS

**APPROVE MINUTES
1/3/06**

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Ketzak, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on January 3, 2007 as presented.
Yes-7, No-0

CALENDAR:

- January 23-26 - Regents Exams-High School
- January 26 -Staff Development Day-Middle School Only-No Classes
- January 27 -Legislative Breakfast-Silo 9:30 a.m.
- January 29 -Staff Development Day-No Classes
- January 31-Budget Cmte. Mtg.-9:00 a.m.
- February 7-Board of Education Mtg. - 6:00 p.m. (special time)
- February 9- Health Insurance Consortium - 6:30 p.m.
- February 12-16 - Kindergarten Registration
- February 19-23 - Recess
- February 21- Budget Cmte. Mtg.-9:00 a.m.
- February 28- Board of Education Mtg.- 7:00 p.m. (Date Change from February 21)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
MITCH ANDERSON -
POWER TEAM ASSEMBLY**

- Mr. Mitch Anderson addressed the Board regarding concerns he had with the Power Team's evening performances, which were very different from the student assembly. Mr. Anderson stated that he felt the students should have been told the evening performance was a "religious crusade" and not the same message/performance they received at the school assembly.

**SUPERINTENDENT
GARY SMITH**

- Superintendent Gary Smith responded that legally, the school could not refuse the use of our facilities for their evening performance based on their religious message or views. Mr. Smith also stated, the student assembly presented a very different and appropriate message for students and was well received by students and staff.

**REPORTS:
ENROLLMENT REPORT**

- The Enrollment Report ending December 29, 2006 was noted.

**TRANSPORTATION
REPORTS**

- The Transportation Reports for November, 2006 and December 2006 were noted.

**CHENANGO COUNTY
SCHOOL BOARDS MTG.**

- President Cox reported to the Board on a recent Chenango County School Board meeting he attended. The group is reviewing their purpose, mission and functionality. The next meeting is February 5th at the Eaton Center in Norwich and the following meeting

- in March will be at Bainbridge with a "Smart Boards" presentation.

- Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, stated the project has been approved, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee needs to meet to discuss the FEMA settlement and the next phase. A meeting was scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

**CONCESSION
STAND**

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

- A motion was made by Eldred, seconded by Ketzak to approve the resignation to retire of Ruth Coppola from her position as bus driver, effective February 1, 2007 with appreciation.

Yes-7, No-0

**RESIGNATIONS:
RUTH COPPOLA-
BUS DRIVER**

- The Superintendent having advised the Board that an appointment is necessary in relation to an appointment of a substitute, coach, or employee, and the Board having passed a policy in relation to the safety of children and the prospective employee(s) having filed a statement regarding criminal convictions, and the Superintendent having forwarded to the State Education Department an application for conditional appointment, and the fingerprints of the prospective employee(s), and upon recommendation of the Superintendent, it is RESOLVED, that the following appointment is hereby made upon the motion of Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak, Barbara and Jim Amell as Odyssey of the Mind coaches for the 2006-2007 school year, conditional upon receipt of security clearance from the State Education Department.

Yes-7, No-0

**APPOINTMENTS:
BARB & JIM
AMELL-ODYSSEY
OF THE MIND
COACHES**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak to appoint Chrys Porter as an Odyssey of the Mind Parent/Coach Volunteer for the 2006-2007 School year.

Yes-7, No-0

**CHRYS PORTER-
VOL. COACH-
ODYSSEY OF THE
MIND**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak to appoint Michelle Marker as an Odyssey of the Mind Parent/Coach Volunteer for the 2006-2007 School year.

Yes-7, No-0

**MICHELLE
MARKER-VOL.
COACH, ODYSSEY
OF THE MIND**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak, to appoint Karen Heatherman as a parent member to the Committee on Special Education.

Yes-7, No-0

**CSE CMTE.
PARENT MEMBER-**

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- UNPAID LEAVE-
WICKS, PATRICIA** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper to approve the one (1) day unpaid leave request of Patricia Wicks, School Nurse Teacher, for January 29, 2007. Yes-6, No-1 (Ketzak)
- UNPAID LEAVE-
RAPP, HEATHER** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper to approve the extension of the unpaid leave request of Heather Rapp, Teacher, through January 25, 2007. Yes-7, No-0
- UNPAID LEAVE-
MARTIN, M. SUSAN** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper to approve the unpaid leave request of M. Susan Martin, Teacher, through March 23, 2007. Yes-7, No-0
- UNPAID LEAVE-
PERRONE, THERESA** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper to approve the unpaid leave request of Theresa Perrone, Teacher, for one (1) day February 16, 2007. Yes-7, No-0
- UNPAID FAMILY
LEAVE-
EVANS, MICHELLE** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper, to approve the unpaid family leave request of Michelle Evans, Teacher, from February 2, 2007 through June 22, 2007. Yes-7, No-0
- BUSINESS & FINANCE:
TREASURER'S REPORT** - Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Strenkert to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2006 as presented. Yes-7, No-0
- REVENUE & BUDGET
STATUS REPORTS** - Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Strenkert to accept the Budget Status Reports for December 2006 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, Federal Grants and Capital Budgets as presented. Yes-7, No-0
- DCMO BOCES UNIT
COST METHODOLOGY** - Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Strenkert to approve the 2007/08 Unit Cost Methodology for DCMO BOCES Shared Services. Yes-7, No-0
- BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT** - Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reported on a recent Budget Committee meeting. The committee reviewed budget line items for Chief School Administrator, Business Administration, Legal and School Bus Bond Notes (BANS) and set tentative budgets for each line item. The Board reviewed those line items and the total Administration portion of the budget. Mr. Rubitski reported that so far, the 07/08 budget increase is at approximately 9.3%.

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COMPTROLLER'S**

- Superintendent Gary Smith reported to the Board the final Report of Examination from the Office of the State Comptroller has been received. The Clerk, Donna Utter, presented the Report to the Board. A Notice of the audit has been published informing the public the audit is complete and available as public record for inspection by all interested persons. The district is required to file within 90 days a written response to the audit findings, which will include a corrective action plan. Mr. Smith stated this will be implemented through the Audit Committee and then presented to the entire Board for their review.

- Mrs. Heather Kriesel was present to answer any questions regarding the St. Patrick's Day Parade information. Superintendent Gary Smith stated that participation in the parade was included for the Board's information only as it is within the distance that requires only the Superintendent's approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
HEATHER
KRIESEL-ST.
PATRICK'S DAY
PARADE**

- Mrs. Robin Cox addressed the Board both as a parent and former coach of an Odyssey of the Mind team. Mrs. Cox stated that she hopes the Board continues to support the Odyssey of the Mind program and stated her concerns regarding students who are forced to drop from Odyssey of the Mind teams due to pressure from athletic coaches to attend practices on time, especially at the modified level. This forces the students to make a choice between two worthwhile activities.

**ROBIN COX-
ODYSSEY OF
THE MIND**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk