

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2007**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:11 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 @ 6:35 p.m.)
Mr. Craig Ketzak
Mrs. June Cooper
Mr. Robert Eldred
Mr. Christopher Austin (6:45 p.m. out/returned 6:50 p.m.)
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

BOARD WORK SESSION:

- President Cox stated that the purpose of the Work Session was to review and complete the previously developed Board Self-Evaluation document.

- Board member, Robert Eldred, noted the following items:

- Would like to see more work sessions devoted to productive work on a single topic;
 - Priority/Review list of upcoming items that the Board is required to review and/or take action on (i.e. tenure appointments, completed budget, etc.);
 - Presentations that are meaningful;
 - Committee meetings tied into Board meetings (before or after);
 - A spot on the Agenda for additions to be added to a future Agenda;
 - Superintendent's Report as an Agenda item (brief discussion/report on agenda items and his support/non-support for the same);
- Mr. Eldred stated that after visiting several other schools and BOCES board meetings, Greene's process and meetings are more advanced than most others.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

- President Cox went through each section of the Self-Evaluation document and each board member indicated how they scored the board's achievement on each statement. The range for assessing the Board was from "beginning to achieve" to "fully achieved".

- At 7:00 p.m., President Cox moved on to the regular Agenda items and stated that completion of the Board Self-Evaluation document would be at the end of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, 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-7, 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 Cooper, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the following placements:

Transfer/Intake: #710060076;

Requested Review: #710005685-Board withdrew and did not approve; #710006148; #710007772-withdrew the referral; #710018878;

New Referral: #710006381-not eligible for CSE, given 504 Accommodation Plan; #710021967;

Preschool: #00P050511; #00P060701-not eligible for special education services.

Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

RECONVENE

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

**ADD/DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

- None.

**APPROVE MINUTES
12/20/06**

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Ketzak, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on December 20, 2006 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

CALENDAR:

- January 10 - Budget Cmtte. Mtg. 9:00 a.m.
- January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
- January 17 - Board of Education Mtg.
- January 23-26 - Regents Exams-High School

- January 29 - Staff Development Day-No Classes
- February 7 - Board of Education Mtg. -6:00 p.m.
- February 19-23 - Winter Recess

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS:

- Mrs. Chris Paske presented the Board with an update on the Wellness Committee's accomplishments/progress this school year. Mrs. Paske reported on the following:
 - * Middle School/High School Health Fair - held during PE classes. There were 13 booths and overall it went well.
 - * Cafeteria "Greenery Line" is going well. They continually run out of items.
 - * Mission Meltaway - this weight-loss program had 22 staff members participate and over the 8 weeks of the program, a total of 85 pounds was lost.
 - * Intramural programs are running at the Intermediate School with children signing up by grade level to participate. Each month a different grade level participates.
 - * Mrs. Sue Silvernail is holding a walking program after school.
 - * Articles have been published in the Newsletters.
 - * Currently doing a faculty and student cafeteria survey.
- Mrs. Paske stated that overall, the Wellness Committee's ideas and projects have gone well and the staff, students and community seem to be receptive to the ideas. Mrs. Paske stated that any ideas for the program are more than welcome.

**REPORTS:
WELLNESS
COMMITTEE-
CHRIS PASKE**

- The Board reviewed and noted the Fall Sports Report prepared by the Athletic Coordinator, Jeffrey Paske.

**FALL SPORTS
REPORT**

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert to appoint Frederick Eggleston as a part-time custodial worker effective January 4, 2007 for a one-year probationary period ending January 3, 2008.

**APPOINTMENTS:
FREDERICK
EGGLESTON-
PART-TIME
CUSTODIAL
WORKER**

Yes-5, No-2(Ketzak & Eldred)

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to table the appointment of Barb and Jim Amell as paid Odyssey of the Mind Coaches for the 2006-2007 season until the January 17, 2007 meeting.

**ODYSSEY OF THE
COACHES-TABLED**

Yes-6, No-1(Austin)

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

- Anita Bertoline, Teacher's Aide to serve as a Substitute Teacher/LTA on an as-needed basis effective January 4, 2007;
- Jessica Parrish - Substitute Custodial Worker effective January 4, 2007;
- Barbara Keathly - Substitute Teacher effective January 4, 2007;
- Sherry Stahl - Substitute Typist effective January 4, 2007;
- Delfia Wallis - Substitute Teacher effective January 4, 2007;
- Lucas Smith - Substitute Teacher effective January 4, 2007.

Yes-7, No-0

UNPAID FAMILY LEAVE OF ABSENCE- KELLY BROWNING - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper to approve the unpaid family leave of absence request of Kelly Browning from her teaching position for thirteen (13) days, January 4, 2007 through January 23, 2007.
Yes-7, No-0

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Eldred, to change the February 21, 2007 meeting to February 28, 2007.
Yes-7, No-0

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE DAY REQUEST - Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Austin, to approve the Middle School's request to change the school calendar and have a Conference day on January 26, 2007 for the purpose of scoring the ELA state exams. This would be a non-session day for students.
Yes-7, No-0

BUSINESS & FINANCE: TRANSPORTATION CMTTE. MEETING - Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reported on a recent Transportation Committee meeting held for the purpose of bus purchases. Mr. Rubitski shared additional information regarding whether or not the board passed a standardized bus purchase resolution indicating that the district would purchase one type of bus exclusively. The standardized bus purchase resolution was rescinded February 2, 2002 and competitive bidding recommended for future purchases. Also our maintenance contract with Leonard Bus Sales is awarded yearly and does not contain language concerning type of bus purchased.

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- Mr. Rubitski also reported that state contracts for bus purchases were reviewed against current bids and Blue Bird and Leonard appear to be in line with the state contracts.

- Upon the recommendation of the Transportation Committee, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Boeltz to purchase three vehicles: two (2) Blue Bird buses (one 66 passenger and one 60 passenger with wheelchair capability) and one Suburban passenger vehicle and to competitively bid the maintenance contract for the 2007/2008 school year and to set the date, time and place of the vote as follows:

**BUS PURCHASE
& SET DATE &
TIME OF VOTE**

"Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the residents of the Greene Central School District qualified to vote at school meetings in said district, will be held in the Auditorium Lobby of the Middle School/High School Building, South Canal Street, Greene, NY on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. upon the following proposition:
Shall the Greene Central School District be authorized to purchase one 66 passenger school bus, one 60 passenger school bus with wheelchair capability, and one Suburban passenger vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$197,500 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said school district shall be issued?"

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to declare the attached list of books, Exhibit "A", as surplus and to dispose of the same.

SURPLUS BOOKS

Yes-7, No-0

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- The Board continued with the completion of the Board Self-Evaluation document. At the conclusion, the Board decided that the answers to the questions would be tabulated and any that scored as "partially achieved" or lower would be placed on a list for further review by the Board.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Yes-7, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk