

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 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.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Christopher Cox, President
Mr. Richard Boeltz, Vice-President
Mr. Craig Ketzak
Mrs. June Cooper
Mr. Robert Eldred
Mr. Jim Strenkert
Mr. Christopher Austin

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. Chris Fairbairn, Transportation Supervisor
Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent 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 7:05 p.m.:
 - Matters Pertaining to Special Education Placements;
 - Employment Matters Related to Specific Individuals.

Yes-7, No-0

- 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:

Requested Review: #710123417;

Annual Review: #710005685; #710005438; #710123413; #710123595.

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

Yes- 7, No-0

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

- None.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

**SPEC. EDUC.
PLACEMENTS**

**ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

RECONVENE

**ADDITIONS/
DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

**APPROVE MINUTES
5/8/07 INCLUDING
PUBLIC HEARING,
BUDGET VOTE ON
5/15/07**

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on May 8, 2007, which included the Public Budget Hearing, and the minutes from the May 15, 2007 Budget Vote as presented.
Yes-7, No-0

CALENDAR:

- May 17 – Concert & Spring Showcase - Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Primary & High School Musicians
7:00 p.m. Intermediate Musicians
- May 18 – Chorus Fundraiser in the H.S. Cafeteria
- May 23 – Primary School Year-End Programs
- May 24 – 8:00 a.m. Moving Up Day - Auditorium
- May 25 – No School
- May 28 – Memorial Day Holiday
- May 30 – 7:30 p.m.-High School Sports Awards
- June 1 & 2 – Sherburne Pageant of Bands
- June 4 – Chenango County School Boards Meeting - Greene
- June 5 & 6 – NYS Testing Social Studies – Middle School
- June 5 – 7:00 p.m.- Middle School Choral Concert
- June 5 – 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting (special date)
- June 7-10 – Senior Trip
- June 11 – 8:15 a.m.- 8th Grade Awards Ceremony
- June 11 – 6:30 p.m. – DCMO BOCES Graduation – Norwich High School
- June 12 – Middle School Year-End Trips
- June 13 – 22 – Regents Exams
- June 17 – 7:00 p.m.- Baccalaureate – Zion Church
- June 20 – 7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Meeting
- June 22 – 6:00 p.m.-Senior Dinner Dance – Golf Course
- June 23 – 10:00 a.m. - Graduation

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mrs. Holly Mohr, as a representative of GESPA, thanked the Board for the goodies on Staff Appreciation Day. She also thanked Mrs. Stanbro for the goodies at the Primary School and the PTO for the pens.

**REPORTS:
STAFFING CHANGES
2007/2008**

- Superintendent, Gary Smith, reviewed proposed staffing changes for the 2007/2008 school year with the Board:
***Increasing foreign language offerings at Middle School:** discussions on the possibility of offering a second year of foreign language at the Middle School have run into some scheduling issues. Further investigation into the possibilities needs to occur.
***LTA in middle school special education:** After review, the middle school special education number of students is declining and therefore, at this time, there is no need for an additional LTA at the Middle School level for special education.
***Librarian at the Intermediate School:** The Board reviewed information, which set forth what the duties and projects would be for a Librarian at the Intermediate School. The recommendation is to hire a Librarian for the Intermediate School and keep the current Aide to be

- shared between the Primary and Intermediate Schools. This would provide the same model as the other campuses in the district.

- Superintendent, Gary Smith, reviewed the current School Report Card. Mr. Smith reviewed the various sections of the document which provides 3 years worth of data on testing scores in the district from elementary through regents scores.

**SCHOOL REPORT
CARD**

- Mr. Smith highlighted several areas including:
 - drop out rate – varies throughout the document;
 - enrollment is declining;
 - suspension rate is below 5% which is good;
 - all staff are qualified and teaching within their subject area;

Overall, the district is in good standing and staff and students are doing an excellent job. Mr. Smith explained that there is always room to improve. He also stated that by 2013-2014 all students need to score at a level 3 or 4 and pass 5 regents exams, so there is plenty of hard work ahead for everyone.

- The Enrollment Report for the period ending April 30, 2007 was noted.

**ENROLLMENT
REPORT**

EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL:

- The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Board Actions:

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to appoint the following individuals as Summer Kindergarten Program employees:
 - Kris McDermott – Head Teacher/Coordinator
 - Marion Cassella – Teacher
 - Shannon Cornell – Teacher
 - Michelle Evans – Teacher
 - Chris Mack – Teacher
 - Rick Tallman – Teacher
 - Juli Zelsnack – Teacher
 - Pam Gerst – Teacher’s Aide
 - Cynthia Yeager – Teacher’s Aide
 - Anita Bertoline – Teacher’s Aide (one –year)

**APPOINTMENTS:
SUMMER
KINDERGARTEN
PROGRAM**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to appoint the following individuals as summer custodial workers:
 - Joseph Eggleston – effective May 21, 2007 through September 1, 2007;
 - Brandon Eggleston – effective May 21, 2007 through September 1, 2007;
 - Benjamin Kimble – effective May 21, 2007 through September 1, 2007.

**SUMMER
CUSTODIAL
WORKERS**

Yes-7, No-0

INSTRUCTIONAL SICK BANK WITHDRAWAL-MINDY GLOVER-TEACHER - Upon the recommendation of the Instructional Sick Bank Committee, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Mindy Glover, Teacher, for the withdrawal of thirteen and one-half (13 ½) days from the Instructional Sick Bank. Said days to cover the period of June 5, 2007 (pm) through June 22, 2007.
Yes-7, No-0

CREATE POSITION-LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST - Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to create a Library Media Specialist position effective with the 2007-2008 school year.
Yes-6, No-1 (Ketzak)

ABOLISH TEACHER'S AIDE POSITION - A student with an IEP requiring a 1-1 aide has left the district and the teacher's aide assigned to the student is no longer needed; therefore, a motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz to abolish a Teacher's Aide position effective May 18, 2007.
Yes-7, No-0

INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR REVISION - Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to revise the 2006-2007 instructional calendar as follows:
June 15th – half day for Elementary students K-5;
June 21st – half day for Elementary students K-5;
June 22nd – No students attending Elementary K-5.
Yes-7, No-0

FACILITY USE REQUEST – SUPT. OF BLDG. & GROUNDS MEETING - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the Facilities Use Request for the Southern Tier Chapter of Superintendents' of Buildings & Grounds Association to use classrooms and auditorium at the High School/Middle School campus on July 30 & 31, 2007 as requested. An insurance certificate is on file.
Yes-7, No-0

TRIP REQUEST-5th GRADE TO GREENWOOD PARK - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Boeltz to approve the overnight camping trip request by Mrs. Beach's 5th grade class to go to Greenwood Park on June 7 & 8, 2007.
Yes-7, No-0

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST-CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the Transportation Request of the Greater Greene Chamber of Commerce for a shuttle bus on July 28, 2007 during the annual craft fair to shuttle vendors from the ballflats to the main street.
Yes-7, No-0

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGES - Motion made by Austin seconded by Boeltz to approve the Board meeting date changes as follows:
*Tuesday, June 5, 2007 (instead of Wednesday, June 6, 2007);
*Tuesday, July 3, 2007 (instead of Wednesday, July 4, 2007 which is a holiday).
Yes-7, No-0

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- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the Treasurer's Reports for April 2007 as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

- Board member, Christopher Austin, left briefly from 8:25 to 8:27.

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Cooper, to accept the Budget Status Reports for April 2007 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital Budgets as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to adopt the attached Resolution (Exhibit "A") to authorize the issuance of bonds for new bus purchases. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting "aye".

Yes-7, No-0

- The Board reviewed a copy of the textbook plan for school years 2006/2007 through 2010/2011. This was for information purposes only.

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report for April 2007 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Austin, to approve Greene Central School's inclusion in the FLOOD RELIEF ACT OF 2007 and requests the Chenango County Board of Supervisors enact a Resolution authorizing the inclusion of Greene Central School District in the program.

Yes-7, No-0

- Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, reviewed the results of a recent Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting. Items discussed were:

1. Concession Stand on Ballfalls: turnover of the ballflats and the FEMA claim for reconstruction of the concession stand was discussed. Avoiding the state education process for replacement of the structure by using a "discovered building" process was also discussed. A "discovered building" process would allow the district to proceed with bidding without going through the SED process. Once the building is completed, the property could be transferred to the Village without an SED inspection and money from FEMA for the building would still be received. Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, discussed this with Lew Ford, Safety Inspector at BOCES, and he indicated that other districts have done the same thing. This matter will be investigated further and will be brought back for Board review at a later date.

2. Summer Employment: Three individuals were approved earlier on the Agenda for summer employment to help with mowing, painting, etc.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
TREASURER'S
REPORTS**

**REVENUE
STATUS RPTS.**

**BUS BAN
RESOLUTION**

TEXTBOOK PLAN

**INTERNAL
CLAIMS AUDITOR
REPORT**

**2007 FLOOD
RELIEF ACT**

**BLDG & GRNDS.
CMTTE. MTG.**

1. Equipment to include in the upcoming capital project was also discussed.
2. Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reported that three Proposals for the Clerk of the Works position for the portion of the current project to be done this summer were received. The Committee is recommending that Marvin Ladner be appointed as Clerk of the Works. The Board requested that a contract be prepared for their review prior to appointment.

**PROPOSED CAPITAL
PROJECT**

- Superintendent Gary Smith reviewed answers to questions that the Board posed at the last meeting:

1. Number of potential games which could be played on a new turf field. Mr. Jeff Paske, Athletic Coordinator indicated that 60 out of 63 potential contests could be played.
2. Current heating costs. Middle School/High School heating costs approximately \$210,000 current. The Elementary campuses approximately \$76,500.
3. Maintenance costs. Approximately \$40,921.00 which is for maintenance from outside agencies, not current employees.
4. Research on older/established geothermal systems has not been received yet.

The Board then discussed other concerns or information requests regarding the project. These items included:

- Need comparisons on what a new heating system will do for the district down the road. Cost breakdowns are also needed for each of the campuses.
- Parts of the project that are not eligible for EXCEL aid, are we in a position to do two separate referendums?
- Can we keep lighting fixtures that were just recently replaced if they are in good shape, rather than replacing all fixtures just because we need to work on the ceilings?
- Of Thomas & Associates 22 1/2% contingency, what portion is their fee? Can their fee be reduced?

This matter will be added to the June 5, 2007 agenda for further discussion.

**BOARD OUTSTANDING
ACTIONS LIST REVIEW** - The Board reviewed their Outstanding Actions List for updates.

- EXCEL Aid Project Scope – change date to 6/5/07
- Business Operations-Self Assessment – change date to 7/07
- Buildings & Ground 5 Year Plan – deleted
- Energy Consumption Report – change date to 6/5/07.

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- None.

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 9:48 p.m.:
 - Employee matters related to a specific individual.Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:29 p.m.
Yes- 7, No-0

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

**PUBLIC
COMMENT:**

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

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Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk