

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING &
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Vice-President, Richard Boeltz, 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 (arrived @ 6:42 p.m.)
Mr. Richard Boeltz, Vice-President
Mr. Craig Ketzak
Mrs. June Cooper
Mr. Robert Eldred
Mr. Jim Strenkert
Mr. Christopher Austin

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Gary P. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
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 Buildings & Grounds

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 6:36 p.m.:
 - Matters Pertaining to Special Education Placements;
 - Employment Matters Related to Specific Individuals.
- Yes-6, No-0

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

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

**SPEC. EDUC.
PLACEMENTS**

Requested Review: #710125125;

Annual Review: #710040116; #710040166; #710090184;
#710060200; #710060209; #710021741; #710021860;
#710021938; #710112005; #710022130; #710123082;
#7100125019; #710125125; #710005927; #710006461;
#710006636; #710006866; #710007156; #710019772;

Triennial: #710123027; #710123375; #710125105;

Preschool: #00P060712; #00P060708;

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Cooper, to adjourn Executive Session at 6:59 p.m.
- Yes- 7, No-0

**ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

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RECONVENE

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**ADD/DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

- None.

**APPROVE MINUTES
4/25/06**

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Cooper, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on April 25, 2007 as presented.
Yes-7, No-0

CALENDAR:

- May 10 –7:30 p.m.-MS/HS Band Concert-Auditorium
- May 12 – 8:00p.m.- Jr. Prom (Golf Course)
- May 15 – District Vote 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.-Auditorium
- May 15 – K-5 Science Night-Intermediate School
- May 15 –6:00-7:30 Intermediate School Book Fair
- May 16 – 7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Meeting
- May 17 – Concert & Spring Showcase - Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Primary & High School Musicians
7:00 p.m. Intermediate Musicians
- May 23 – Primary School Year-End Programs
- May 24 – 8:00 a.m. Moving Up Day - Auditorium
- May 25 – No School

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None.

REVIEW BOARD OUTSTANDING ACTION

**LIST: BOARD
COMMITTEE DUTIES/
PROCESS**

- The Board discussed the structure and function of the Board standing committees. Upon consensus of the Board, it was decided to leave the committees as they are for one year and then review again. It was suggested that a predetermined meeting day/time should be developed so that when Board members sign up for committees they have an idea of whether or not they will be available to attend meetings. There will no longer be a Special Education Committee due to the fact that the entire Board serves as the committee.

EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Board Actions:

**RESIGNATION-
ELIZABAETH
VANDERWEYDE, BUS
ATTENDANT**

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Vanderweyde, Bus Attendant, effective May 18, 2007.
Yes-7, No-0

**APPOINTMENTS:
COACHING ROSTER**

- Upon the recommendation of the Athletic Coordinator, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to appoint the following individuals to the Coaching Roster for the 2007 spring season:

- Ben Eggleston – Unpaid Volunteer Assistant Coach – 7th grade Girls' Softball beginning May 9, 2007;
- Shelbe Hamiton – Unpaid Volunteer Assistant Coach – Varsity Girls' Softball beginning May 9, 2007.

Yes-7, No-0

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- Upon the recommendation of the Non-Instructional Sick Bank Committee, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Dawn Hedrick, Cafeteria Worker, for the withdrawal of five (5) days from the Non-Instructional Sick Bank. Said days to cover the period April 30, 2007 through May 4, 2007.

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the Transportation Request made by UPK to the Discovery Center in Binghamton on June 12, 2007.

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the following year-end Transportation Requests for Tuesday, June 12, 2007 made by the middle school:

- 6th Grade-Midway Lanes & Lunch
- 7th Grade – Greenwood Park
- 8th Grade- Skate Estate

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the second readings and adoption of the following policies:

#7612.1 Medication (delete Prescriptive from title)

#7231 Non-Resident Students

#7771 Hearing Officer Expense Reimbursement

#2400 Sexual Harassment

#2410 Anti-Discrimination

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the unpaid leave of absence request of Patricia Wicks, School Nurse Teacher, for two days, May 7, 2007 and May 15, 2007.

Yes-6, No-1(Ketzak)

At 7:20 p.m., the Board moved to the Auditorium for the Public Budget Hearing portion of the meeting.

HEARING CALLED TO ORDER:

Temporary Chairman, Robert Larkin, called the meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m.

There were approximately 10 residents of the Greene Central School District.

- District Clerk, Donna M. Utter, read the Notice of the meeting.

- Temporary Chairman, Robert M. Larkin, introduced the Board of Education members.

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
SICK BANK
WITHDRAWAL-
DAWN HEDRICK-
CAFETERIA WORKER**

**TRANS. REQUESTS:
UPK-DISCOVERY
CENTER**

**6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES
YEAR END TRIPS**

**SECOND READINGS/
ADOPTION POLICIES
#7612.1; #7231;
#7771; #2400; #2410**

**UNPAID LEAVE OF
ABSENCE- PAT WICKS
SCHOOL NURSE**

CALL TO ORDER

**NOTICE OF
MEETING**

**INTRODUCTION OF
BOARD MEMBERS**

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**2007-2008 BUDGET
PRESENTATION**

- Mr. Gary P. Smith, Superintendent, presented the 2007-2008 school budget. Mr. Smith explained that originally Greene was one of the districts which received 10% extra in state aid and the Governor originally tied the extra 10% to a contract for excellence, setting forth specific student performance programs that the additional money could be used for. The Governor finally dropped the contract for excellence provision except for those schools who were listed on the schools in need of improvement list. This resulted in Greene being able to use the extra 10% received in state aid as they deemed appropriate. Mr. Smith reviewed each portion of the budget, explaining any increases or decreases in the amounts. The reason for the majority of the budget increases are due to an increase in the cost of health insurances, retirement costs, gas and fuel oil prices, the DCMO BOCES building project, and the increase in CSE student needs.

- Mr. Smith explained that the budget represents an increase in spending of 8.92% over last year, however due to the extra state aid, there will be no increase in the local tax levy. Mr. Smith cautioned that the tax levy is only an average and based on assessments, individual tax levy's could increase or see a reduction compared to last year.

- Mr. Larkin asked if the DCMO BOCES Administrative charge, which represents a \$320,869 increase in the Administrative portion of the budget, would be an every year expense?

- Mr. Smith explained that the charge is in regard to their voter approved building project which has been bonded for 20 years. The expense will be with the district for the duration of the project, however we will receive aid on that portion which will result in a cost of approximately \$50,000 each year to the district. Mr. Smith also stated that due to the timing of reimbursement of the aid this year, we will be paying more up front, but collecting more at the end of the 20 year payment period.

- Mr. John Carlin asked about the fund balance, which is used to help offset the taxes each year and what that amount is?

- Mr. Smith explained that in the revenue portion of the budget, there is a line item for the fund balance of \$488,000. This amount has been constant over the past 5 or so years.

- District Clerk, Donna M. Utter, presented five (5) duly signed petitions for school board membership to Temporary Chairman, Mr. Robert Larkin, making them available to the community for review.

**QUESTION & ANSWER
PERIOD:
ROBERT LARKIN-
BOCES ADM. EXPENSE**

**JOHN CARLIN-FUND
BALANCE**

**PETITIONS FOR
SCHOOL BOARD**

- Temporary Chairman, Robert Larkin, introduced the school board candidates:

1. Mr. Christopher Austin
2. Mr. Timothy J. Regan
3. Mr. Christopher D. Cox
4. Mrs. Helen Hunsinger
5. Mrs. June Cooper

**INTRODUCTION OF
PERMANENT
CHAIRMAN-JOHN
CARLIN**

- Temporary Chairman, Robert Larkin, introduced Mr. John Carlin, Permanent Chairman, who will be assuming that role at all future public hearings.

- Mr. Larkin also thanked members of the school board and employees of the school district for maintaining a safe environment for students of the community to learn in and for another successful school year.

ADJOURNMENT

- Temporary Chairman, Mr. Robert Larkin, adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

- President Cox announced that the regular board meeting would continue at 8:15 p.m. in the board conference room.

**PRESENTATION:
FUTURE CAPITAL
PROJECT**

- Superintendent Gary Smith gave an over view of where we are at with a proposed capital project. The state is distributing EXCEL Aid to districts who are interested in doing capital projects targeting specific areas – safety and security; handicap accessibility; energy conservation, programs and technology. Greene's portion of EXCEL Aid would be \$1,050,000, which would generate \$22,000,000 based on our aid ration of 95%. Greene is looking at a capital project totaling approximately \$35,000,00. The local share of such a project would be paid by EXCEL Aid and capital reserve transfers.

- Mr. Smith explained that the administrators reviewed their needs and developed a list. The list has not been prioritized as many of the items are interconnected. Some of the items on the list which were reviewed are:

High School/Middle School:

- Heating system replacement – possible geothermal;
- Water and sewer mains
- Bathroom facility upgrades;
- Construct new Middle School Entrance, relocate MS office and Guidance office to first floor, construct new corridor connection under overpass;
- New access drive around building 4;
- HS office reconfigure entry;
- Synthetic turf on multi-purpose field;
- Replace ceilings and lighting;
- Generator for back up power source;
- New master clock system;
- Asbestos abatement throughout buildings.

Primary School:

- Heating system replacement;
- Water and sewer mains;
- Reconfigure building entrances to enhance security;
- Bathroom facility upgrades;
- Outdoor lighting;
- Remove wainscoting in corridors;
- New bleachers in the gym;
- Asbestos abatement;

Intermediate School:

- Heating system replacement;
- Water and sewer mains;
- Reconfigure building entrances to enhance security;
- Upgrade campus playfields and add additional play fields;
- Additional parking adjacent to ballfields;
- Outdoor lighting;
- Enlarge gym and renovate for new locker rooms;
- Remove wainscoting in corridors;
- Asbestos abatement;

- Mr. Scott Duell from Thomas Associates, reviewed the proposed list of items and estimated costs associated with them.

- Mr. Duell also reviewed the SEQRA timeline. It is hoped that a referendum vote in early fall 2007 can be accomplished. To meet this deadline, the board would need to make a decision on the scope of the project by the beginning of June.

- Board members requested a report setting forth the cost savings for the geothermal heating system from a school district who has had a similar system in place for a number of years.

- They also requested a report regarding the number of possible games that could be played on the proposed new turf field and what impact that would have on scheduling/use of the remaining fields at the Primary/Intermediate campus.

- The board will review the materials received and discuss this item further at the next meeting, May 16, 2007.

- Board members received information regarding the EXCEL Aid for capital projects and 5-year capital facilities plan for their review.

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor Reports for January 2007, February 2007, and March 2007 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve declaring the attached list (Exhibit "A") of outdated computer/AV equipment as surplus and to dispose of the same through a recycling program.

Yes-7, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
EXCEL AID INFO.**

**INTERNAL CLAIMS
AUDITOR REPORTS**

**DECLARE SURPLUS
COMPUTER/AV
EQUIPMENT**

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- SURPLUS FILMSTRIPS** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve declaring various filmstrips that are dated 1960's and 1970's from Miss Scofield's social studies room as surplus and to dispose of the same.
Yes-7, No-0
- HEALTH CONSORTIUM MEETING** - Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reported on a recent Health Consortium Meeting that he attended. Mr. Rubitski reported that it was the usual end of the year meeting. They announced a premium increase and that our rate for next year will increase 9%.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** - None.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 10:08 p.m.:
- Employee matters related to a specific individual.
- Yes-7, No-0
- ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:56 p.m.
Yes- 7, No-0
- RECONVENE** - President Cox reconvened the meeting at 10:57 p.m.
- ADJOURNMENT** - Motion made by Ketzakz, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk