

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2006**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 7:52 p.m.)  
Mr. Richard Boeltz, Vice-President  
Mr. Craig Ketzak  
Mrs. June Cooper  
Mr. Jim Strenkert  
Mr. Robert Eldred  
Mr. Christopher Austin

**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 Buildings & Grounds

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:06 p.m.:
- Matters pertaining to Special Education Placements;
  - Employment matters pertaining to specific individuals;
  - Matters pertaining to negotiations - GESPA;
- 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 Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to approve the following placements:

**Requested Review:** #000098971;

**Preschool Requested Review:** #00P040518;

Yes-6, No-0

**SPEC. EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.
- Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXEC.  
SESSION**

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

**RECONVENE**

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ADD/DELETIONS TO  
AGENDA**

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**APPROVE MINUTES  
10/18/06** - Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cooper, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on October 18, 2006 as presented.  
Yes-6, No-0

**CALENDAR:**

- November 3 - CCSBA Fall Meeting-Bainbridge
- November 3 - Health Insurance Consortium Mtg.- Binghamton
- November 6 - Half Day Grades K-5 - Afternoon Parent Conferences
- November 10 - Veterans' Day-School Closed
- November 11 - Treasures & Treats Craft Show 9-3:00 p.m.
- November 13 - Half Day Grades K-5 - Afternoon Parent Conferences
- November 15 - 7:00p.m. Board of Education Mtg.
- November 22-24- Thanksgiving Recess
- November 28- Fiscal Oversight Training 5-9 p.m. @ DCMO BOCES
- December 6- 7:00p.m.-Board of Education Mtg.
- December 14- Fiscal Oversight Training 5-9 p.m. @ DCMO BOCES

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** - None.

**PRESENTATION:  
BOOK DONATION PRGM-  
MICHELLE MERWARTH** - A presentation on the Primary Library Book Donation Program was given by Mrs. Michelle Merwarth. She explained that the purpose of the program is to help supplement her library budget, and to provide additional reading incentives for primary school children. Students and staff can purchase a book from the donation list and then donate the book back to the library. A special bookplate with the child's name, grade and school year is placed inside the front cover and the student has the opportunity to be the first one to sign out the book. Mrs. Merwarth explained that this gives the children "ownership" in their library. This program is run two times each year (October & March).

**EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:  
RATIFICATION OF  
GESPA AGREEMENT** - In accordance with Section 204-a of the New York State Civil Service Law, motion made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert, that funds are hereby provided to implement the agreement between Greene Educational Support Professional Association (GESPA) and the Chief Executive Officer of the Greene Central School District for the period of

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- July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007, and authorize the Superintendent to sign the necessary documents to complete the agreement.  
Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy #1360 Code of Ethics for School Board members as read.  
Yes-6, No-1(Eldred)

**POLICY #1360  
CODE OF ETHICS  
FOR SCHOOL  
BOARD MEMBERS**

- The Board discussed whether there was a need for individual policy manuals. After discussion, the Board consensus was that the most current policies would be available on the website and therefore, each member would not need a policy manual. It was suggested that one manual be kept in the board room if anyone needed it.

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to appoint Theresa Winsor as the Substitute Caller for K-5 Teachers/LTAs effective November 1, 2006.  
Yes-7, No-0

**APPOINTMENTS:  
SUBSTITUTE  
CALLER**

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to appoint Christine Bixby as a Bus Attendant effective November 2, 2006 for a one year probationary period ending November 1, 2007.  
Yes-7, No-0

**CHRISTINE  
BIXBY-BUS  
ATTENDANT**

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to appoint Melissa Bush as the Middle School Yearbook Co-Advisor for the 2006-2007 school year and sharing in the stipend for that position.  
Yes-7, No-0

**MELISSA BUSH  
M.S. YEARBOOK  
CO-ADVISOR**

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to appoint the following individuals as Odyssey of the Mind coaches effective November 2, 2006:

**ODYSSEY OF THE  
MIND COACHES**

- Michelle Poirer - Coach
- Becky Burrows - Coach
- Todd St. Germain - Coach
- Denise Ross - Coach
- Barb Amell - Unpaid Volunteer Parent Coach
- Jim Amell - Unpaid Volunteer Parent Coach

Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to appoint Dante Acunto as a Substitute Teacher, K-12, effective November 2, 2006.  
Yes-7, No-0

**SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHER**

- KIM BOWEN-  
SENIOR TYPIST** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to provisionally appoint Kim Bowen as a Senior Typist effective November 18, 2006. One year probationary period will commence upon required placement on the Civil Service examination list.  
Yes-7, No-0
- ASST. BOWLING  
COACH-DONNA UTTER** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to appoint Donna Utter as the Varsity Bowling Assistant Coach effective November 2, 2006.  
Yes-7, No-0
- UNPAID LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE- SARA  
WILLIAMSON** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Sara Williamson for an unpaid leave of absence from her Position as an LTA from January 22, 2007 through May 16, 2007.  
Yes-7, No-0
- UNPAID LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE- LORENE  
SANDERSON** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Lorene Sanderson, Teacher, for an unpaid leave of absence from November 9, 2006 through December 6, 2006.  
Yes-7, No-0
- UNPAID LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE- MARY BRYCE** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Mary Bryce, Aide, to continue her current unpaid leave of absence through November 29, 2006.  
Yes-7, No-0
- INSTRUCTIONAL SICK  
BANK WITHDRAW -  
BARBARA NOVITSKY** - Upon the recommendation of the Instructional Sick Bank Committee, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the withdrawal of nine and one-half (9.5) days from the Instructional Sick Bank by Barbara Novitsky, Guidance Counselor. Said withdrawal will cover the period October 27, 2006 through November 9, 2006.  
Yes-7, No-0
- NON-INSTRUCTIONAL  
SICK BANK WITHDRAW  
REBECCA WILLARD** - Upon the recommendation of the Non-Instructional Sick Bank Committee, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the withdrawal of twenty (20) days from the Non-Instructional Sick Bank by Rebecca Willard, Typist. Said withdrawal will cover the period November 1, 2006 (p.m.) through December 5, 2006 (a.m.)  
Yes-7, No-0

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**TRIP REQUESTS:  
7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
TO ALBANY, NY**

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the Class of 2012's (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) trip request to go to Albany, NY on April 17, 2007 contingent upon approval by Greene's Transportation Supervisor of the charter bus drivers.

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the Class of 2011's (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) trip request to go to Washington, DC on April 3, 2007 through April 5, 2007 contingent upon approval by Greene's Transportation Supervisor of the charter bus drivers.

Yes-7, No-0

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TO  
WASHINGTON, DC**

- Motion made by Ketzak, seconded by Eldred, to approve a wrestling trip to compete in the Peru Invitational on January 5, 2007 through January 7, 2007.

Yes-7, No-0

**WRESTLING TRIP  
PERU, NY**

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the Youth Wrestling Program beginning November 13, 2006 for students in grades 1-6.

Yes-7, No-0

**YOUTH  
WRESTLING  
PROGRAM**

- The Board reviewed their Outstanding Actions List for additions/deletions:

**OUTSTANDING  
ACTIONS LIST**

**Delete:** Policy #1360 Recommendations;

**Change Dates:** Board Self-Evaluation Process/Document to report back on 11/15/06; Condition of Athletic Fields to report back on 12/6/06;

- Superintendent Gary Smith reported to the Board that the Village/Town received their grant In the amount of \$150,000 to be used for their River Walk project on the ballflats.

**TOWN/VILLAGE  
GRANT**

- Mr. Ladner reported that the Buildings & Grounds Committee met with the Mayor, Town Supervisor and a representative from the Greene Picnic Association to discuss ideas for the ballflats and replacement of the concession stand.

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the facility use request of the Berean Bible Church to use the auditorium for a Power Team Crusade, January 10, 2007 through January 14, 2007. They have appropriate insurance.

Yes-7, No-0

**FACILITY USE  
BEREAN CHURCH**

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:**

**TREASURER'S  
REPORTS**

- Motion made by Eldred, seconded by Strenkert, to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the Extra-Curricular Activity Funds for September 2006.

Yes-7, No-0

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- SNOW REMOVAL BID** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert, to award the bid for snow removal for the 2006-2007 school year to Fenton Sales, Service & Excavating at a rate of \$70.00/hr and \$.10/lb for salt to maintain all district sites.  
Yes-7, No-0
- BUDGET CALENDAR:** - This item was approved at the previous October 18, 2006 meeting.
- SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to leave the Senior Citizen Exemption Income level for Greene Central School at the current level of \$11,000 to \$16,700.  
Yes-7, No-0
- BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING** - Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, presented a spreadsheet setting forth a preliminary Administrative budget amount as established by the committee at their recent meeting in the amount of \$9,775.00. Mr. Rubitski explained that money for board conferences is included. A change in attorneys' fees resulted in a lower amount than this year. Mr. Rubitski also explained that the preliminary figures are a starting point on each of the preliminary budgets that the committee develops and presents to the Board. Changes may need to be made as the budget is developed.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:  
TERI WINSOR- GESPA** - Mrs. Teri Winsor addressed the Board on behalf of GESPA to thank them for their time and efforts in settling the GESPA contract.
- MELISSA BUSH- M.S.  
SCIENCE FIELD TRIPS** - Mrs. Melissa Bush, 6<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher, requested that at the Board develops the budget for next year, that they consider reinstating field trips. Mrs. Bush explained that field trips enhance the educational process by providing learning experiences for students which may not otherwise be available to them.
- ADJOURNMENT** - Motion made by Austin, seconded by Boeltz to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk