

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2006**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:02 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  
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  
Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal  
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal  
Mrs. Kathy Langley, CSE Chairperson  
Mr. John Girton, Technology Coordinator  
Mr. Chris Fairbairn, Transportation Supervisor  
Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent Buildings & Grounds

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:03 p.m.:

- Matters pertaining to Special Education Placements;
- Employment matters pertaining to specific individuals

Yes-7, No-0

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

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

**Reevaluation:** #40506; #40507; #50601;  
**Reevaluation and Transition to School-Age:** #30447;  
**New Referral:** P050610;

Yes-7, No-0

**SPEC. EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:21 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXEC.  
SESSION**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- ADD/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** - Add: IV. REPORTS  
2. Chenango County School Boards Meeting Update
- APPROVE MINUTES 8/16/06** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cooper to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on September 6, 2006 with the following correction:  
**Page 3:** UPK Agreement - ... to authorize the *Board President* to sign the Agreement on behalf of the school district.  
Yes-7, No-0
- CALENDAR:**
- September 21-6:30 p.m.-Primary School Open House
  - September 22- 7:00 p.m.-Homecoming Football Game
  - September 23- 11:00 a.m.-Homecoming Parade
  - September 23- 8:00 p.m.-Homecoming Dance
  - September 26- 7:00 p.m.-High School Open House
  - September 28- 6:30 p.m.-Intermediate School Open House
  - September 29- 6:30 p.m.-Workers' Compensation Meeting
  - September 30- Apple Festival-Ball Flats
  - October 4- 7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Mtg.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** - None.
- TRANSPORTATION: TRANS. REQUEST-APPLE FEST** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert to approve the Request for Transportation of the First United Methodist Church for a shuttle bus between the ball flats and the Great American on September 30, 2006 for the Apple Fest.  
Yes-7, No-0
- TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT-OXFORD ACADEMY & CENTRAL SCHOOL** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the Transportation Contract between Greene Central School District and Oxford Academy and Central School District for the 2006-2007 school year and to authorize the Board President and Superintendent to sign the same.  
Yes-7, No-0
- REPORTS: ENROLLMENT REPORT** - The Opening Enrollment report for September 6, 2006 was noted. It was also noted that we have approximately 68 students less or a 5% decrease from last year's opening enrollment.

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ROBERT ELDRED**

- Board member, Robert Eldred, reported to the Board on the recent Chenango County School Boards meeting which he attended. Items discussed were:

- Fall dinner meeting @ Jericho, Bainbridge, NY
- Board Member of the Year - determined by years of service.
- Officers for next year.
- Discussion regarding the past flood and the possibility of developing a scrapbook containing information and pictures of school facilities to aid in any future catastrophes.
- Next meeting October 2, 2006.

- Superintendent Gary Smith announced that the speaker for the November dinner meeting is scheduled to be Dr. Richard Timbs, a retired District Superintendent from the Erie BOCES.

**EDUCATION & PERSONNEL**

- The Superintendent having reviewed the report of the School Physician regarding the fitness of Mr. Marc Madaio to operate a school bus and further having reviewed three statements from three different persons not related by either blood or marriage to the applicant pertaining to the applicant's moral character and reliability, and the Superintendent having certified to the Board of Education that the bus driver is of good moral character, reliable and qualified, and on the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Cooper to appoint Mr. Marc Madaio to the Civil Service Classification non-competitive bus driver for a probationary term commencing on September 21, 2006 and ending on September 20, 2007.

**APPOINTMENTS:  
MARC MADAIO-  
BUS DRIVER**

Yes-7, No-0

- The Superintendent having reviewed the report of the School Physician regarding the fitness of Mr. Gary Jones to operate a school bus and further having reviewed three statements from three different persons not related by either blood or marriage to the applicant pertaining to the applicant's moral character and reliability, and the Superintendent having certified to the Board of Education that the bus driver is of good moral character, reliable and qualified, and on the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Cooper to appoint Mr. Gary Jones to the Civil Service Classification non-competitive bus driver for a probationary term commencing on September 21, 2006 and ending on September 20, 2007.

**GARY JONES-  
BUS DRIVER**

Yes-7, No-0

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**LINDA TETER-  
PART-TIME TYPIST** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to appoint Linda Teter as a part-time (.5 FTE) Typist for a one year probationary period beginning September 21, 2006 and ending September 20, 2007.  
Yes-7, No-0

**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 2006-2007 school year:

- o Gair Adams - Substitute Teacher, Teaching Assistant effective September 21, 2006;
- o Tina Alikakos -Substitute Teacher effective September 21, 2006;
- o Carol Hoyt - Substitute Teacher effective September 21, 2006;
- o William Brower - Substitute Teacher, Teaching Assistant effective September 21, 2006;
- o Martina Beardsley - Substitute Cafeteria Worker effective September 21, 2006;
- o Richard Davis - Substitute Cafeteria Worker effective September 21, 2006;
- o Patricia Massage - Substitute Typist effective July 1, 2006;

Yes-7, No-0

**LIFEGUARD ROSTER** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Cooper to appoint the following individuals to the Lifeguard Roster for the 2006-2007 school year:

* Kristen Blabac	* Kris McDermott
* Sue Silvernail	* Randy Smith
* Sue Carlin	* Jennifer Petrie
* Mike Platta	* Mark Yeager
* Danielle Schultz	* Kate Ludwig
* Brandon VanHosen	

Yes-7, No-0

**SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT** - Terry Heller, High School Principal, reviewed a Summer School Report which set forth the number of students taking and passing summer school courses over the past four years. Mr. Heller stated that students continue to be successful at summer school.

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence by Mary Bryce, Teacher's Aide, from September 5, 2006 through October 6, 2006.

**UNPAID LEAVE  
OF ABSENCE-  
MARY BRYCE-  
AIDE**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert to approve the adoption of the textbook American Government Brief Version, Prentice Hall 2005, for use in 12<sup>th</sup> grade government classes.

**TEXTBOOK  
ADOPTION-  
GOVERNMENT**

Yes-7, No-0

- Superintendent Gary Smith explained to the Board that it had been brought to his attention that 9<sup>th</sup> grade earth science students were not meeting the 1200 hours of lab time using the current teaching schedule which allows for students to have a lab once every 6 days. All other high school science courses with a lab have lab time 3 out of 6 days. Mr. Smith recommended that the earth science students have lab time 3 out of 6 days, consistent with other science curriculums. This change would increase Mr. Rich Karl's schedule to 6 periods a day and increase Mr. Ethan Leet, part-time physic's teacher's schedule from 4 classes to 4 ½ classes.

**HIGH SCHOOL  
SCIENCE  
SCHEDULE**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert to increase the lab time for earth science students to every other day (3 out of 6), which will increase Rich Karl's teaching schedule to 6 periods a day and Ethan Leet's teaching schedule to 4 ½ classes per day (.90 FTE).

Yes-7, No-0

- Superintendent Gary Smith reviewed the document setting forth the Board Goals, Objectives and Strategies with the Board. Questions regarding the strategies for development of the budget were discussed. Also the establishment of duties and procedures for board member committees were discussed.

**BOARD GOALS**

These items will be added to the Board Outstanding Actions List.

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to adopt *Policy #1360 Code of Ethics for School Board Members*, as presented.

**POLICY #1360  
REVIEW**

After discussion and pending further research And discussion, Austin withdrew the motion to Adopt *Policy #1360*.

- POLICY #7530 SPORTS REVIEW** - The Board reviewed and discussed *Policy #7530 Sports and the Athletic Program* to insure that the policy states the intent of the Board. Discussion was had regarding safeguards to insure proper board notification throughout the process of any athletic team cuts and/or acceleration of athletes are in place.
- BUSINESS & FINANCE:**
- TREASURER'S REPORT** - Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Eldred to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2006 as presented.  
Yes-7, No-0
- BUDGET STATUS REPORTS** - Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Eldred to accept the Budget Status Reports for August 2006 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund and Federal Grants as presented.  
Yes-7, No-0
- BUDGET TRANSFERS** - Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Eldred to approve the recommended budget transfers for August 2006 as presented.  
Yes-7, No-0
- SURPLUS EQUIPMENT** - Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Eldred to approve the attached list (Exhibit "A") of computer equipment as surplus and to dispose of the same.  
Yes-7, No-0
- AUDIT UPDATE** - Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, informed the Board that the year-end audit is nearing completion and Mr. Pat Powers will present the audit at an October board meeting.
- FLOOD DAMAGE UPDATE** - Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds updated the Board on flood damage claims. Mr. Ladner stated that the district has received an installment from the insurance company toward the \$15,000 expected for contents on ball flats facilities and \$15,000 on structure for the concession stand. FEMA will then cover anything over and above. Mr. Ladner recommended that the school discuss with the village regarding the facilities set forth in the master plan for the ball flats, and that we work toward the goals of that plan rather than just replacing the concession stand structure.
- GEOHERMAL STUDY** - Mr. Marvin Ladner reviewed the response he received from Siemens regarding the possibility of a preliminary assessment of energy savings projects including a

- geothermal study to be performed by them at no cost to the district.

The consensus of the Board was to proceed with the "no cost" preliminary assessment by Siemens and then after a review of the assessment, a decision on whether or not to proceed will be made.

- None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Ketzak, to adjourn to Executive Session for Collective Bargaining - GESPA at 9:02 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:42 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXEC.  
SESSION**

Yes-7, No-0

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Yes-7, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk