

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2005**

A Work Session of Education meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President, Kenneth Harrington, in the Board Conference Room, High School/Middle School complex, South Canal Street, Greene, NY.

CALL TO ORDER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Kenneth Harrington, President
Mr. Christopher Austin, Vice-President
Mr. Christopher Cox
Mrs. June Cooper
Mr. Richard Boeltz
Mr. Jim Strenkert
Mr. Robert Fiester (arrived @ 7:15 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Frederick F. Tarolli, Superintendent
Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal
Mrs. Judy Gorton, Middle School Principal
Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal
Mrs. Cynthia Ferguson, CSE Chairperson
Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager/Treasurer
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger, Transportation Supervisor
Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert to adjourn to Executive Session for a particular personnel matter, negotiations, and a student matter at 7:02 p.m.

Yes-6, No-0

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Harrington reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

RECONVENE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

- None.

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DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

MINUTES:

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Cooper to approve the minutes of the Regular Business meeting held on Wednesday, March 23, 2005.

Yes-7, No-0

**MINUTES
3/23/05**

CALENDAR:

- April 8 - Chenango County School Boards Assn. Dinner Mtg.-6:00 p.m.
- April 12- BOCES Facilities Presentation-Chenango Campus-6:00 p.m.
- April 13 - Board of Education Regular Meeting (date change)-7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Room
- April 18- Board of Education Candidate Petitions Due-5:00 p.m. Business Office
- April 18-22- Spring Recess
- April 25- Board of Education Regular Meeting(date change)
- May 2 - PTO Meet the Candidates Night-7:00 p.m.-High School Library
- May 4-6 - Staff Appreciation Week
- May 4 - Board of Education Work Session
- May 10 - Public Budget Hearing - 7:00 p.m. Auditorium

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CALENDAR CONT'D: - May 11-Safety & Security Meeting-3:30 p.m.

- May 17 - Budget Vote- 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- May 20 - Student Council Talent Show- 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

- None.

BUSINESS & FINANCE:

**BUDGET ADOPTION
2005-2006**

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to adopt the 2005/2006 budget as presented by the budget committee in the amount of \$17,431,865.
Yes-7, No-0

TAX REPORT CARD

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Cooper to approve the Property Tax Report Card for Greene Central School for the 2005-2006 school year.
Yes-7, No-0

BUDGET LETTER

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Fiester to approve the budget letter as presented.
Yes- 7, No-0

**ESTABLISH RESERVE
FOR ERS**

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Cooper to establish the ERS Reserve for NYS Employee Retirement contributions.
Yes-7, No-0

**ESTABLISHMENT OF
CAPITAL RESERVE
FUND**

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Fiester to approve the following:
"Shall the Board of Education establish a capital reserve fund under the provision of Education Law Section 3361(1)? The purpose of the fund is for construction, repair and reconstruction of capital improvements and the acquisition of equipment. The ultimate amount of the fund shall be \$800,000. The probable term shall be twenty years. The source from which funds will be obtained can include any or all of the following: unappropriated fund balances from the general fund as determined by the Board of Education; State Aid related to expenditures from the capital reserve fund; interest income related to investment of monies in the fund; and any other additional monies thereafter authorized by the voters of the district."
Yes-7, No-0

**SURPLUS ITEM
BEVERAGE AIR MILK
COOLER**

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Cooper to declare the beverage air milk cooler #450 located in the intermediate building be declared surplus and dispose of the same.
Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert to approve the Bond Resolution set forth as "Exhibit A" attached hereto for the purchase of school buses in the amount of \$302,000.
Roll call vote was taken:

Christopher Cox	Voting	Aye
Robert Fiester	Voting	Aye
Christopher Austin	Voting	Aye
Richard Boeltz	Voting	Aye
Jim Strenkert	Voting	Aye
June Cooper	Voting	Aye
Kenneth Harrington	Voting	Aye

Yes-7, No-0

- Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager, reported to the Board that only one proposal was received for bus maintenance from Leonard Bus. Due to the large increase, Leonard is reviewing their proposal. Mrs. Stiles recommended that the Board postpone making a decision until the revised proposal is received and the Transportation Committee has an opportunity to review it.

**BUS MAINTENANCE
BID**

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cooper, to authorize the Board President to sign the Extension of Benefits Agreement, which continues health insurance benefits from April 2, 2005 through March 31, 2006 with the Broome-Tioga-Delaware Health Insurance Consortium.

**HEALTH INSURANCE
EXTENSION**

Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the following placements:

**ACTION ITEMS:
SPECIAL EDUC.
PLACEMENTS**

Requested Review: #030414

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to accept the resignation of Mrs. Lisa Loveless, French Teacher, effective June 30, 2005.

**RESIGNATIONS:
LISA LOVELESS-
FRENCH TEACHER**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cox, to approve the annual Girls' Leadership trip to Albany, NY on May 2, 2005 co-sponsored by the Greene American Legion and Greene Central School.

**TRIP REQUEST-
GIRLS'
LEADERSHIP**

Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Fiester, seconded by Cooper, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year:

**APPOINTMENTS:
SUBSTITUTE
ROSTER**

- Mrs. Sarah Glassman - Substitute Typist effective March 29, 2005;
- Ms. Sandra Acevedo - Substitute Teacher effective April 14, 2005;
- Ms. Aubrey Lester - Substitute Teacher's Aide K-5 effective April 14, 2005;
- Mrs. Jeanne Bennett - Substitute Teacher's Aide effective April 14, 2005.
- Mr. Paul Roe - Greene Legion Commander as an Unpaid volunteer chaperone for May 2, 2005.

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- Mr. Dick Mertz - Greene Legion Adjutant as Unpaid volunteer chaperone for May 2, 2005.
Yes-7, No-0

**UNPAID LEAVE OF
ABSENCE-PAT WICKS**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Cox, to approve the request of Mrs. Pat Wicks,

SCHOOL NURSE School Nurse Teacher, for an unpaid leave of
TEACHER Absence for April 12, 2005.
Yes-7, No-0

NON-PUBLIC - Motion made by Cox, seconded by Boeltz, to
TRANSPORTATION- approve the non-public transportation of the
CENTRAL BAPTIST following students to Central Baptist
Christian Academy for the 2005-2006 school
year:
Megan Gates, Ray Benjamin Kiebel,
Steven Kiebel, Daniel Lyford, Nathaniel
Lyford.
Yes-7, No-0

MIDDLE SCHOOL - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Fiester
ARCHERY UNIT to approve participation in a middle school
archery unit presented by Mark and Lori
Marcin, owners of Archery Experts Unlimited,
on South Chenango Street and GCS middle
school PE teacher as part of the middle
school physical education program. Said
unit to run April 4, 2005 through April 15,
2005.
Yes-7, No-0

WORK SESSION:

STATE MATH CURRICULUM

CHANGES

- Mrs. Beth Daniels, Math Department
Chairperson, presented the recent changes
made by the State to the Math curriculum.
Changes consist of:
(1) 3-8 testing: federally mandated; tests
will be given in March with some carry over
to the following year; specific course work
at each grade level.
(2) Three high school exams (one at the end
of each year); courses renamed: Algebra,
Geometry, Algebra 2/Trigonometry; and
students must complete first exam within the
first two years of high school.
(3) Reorganization of topics: many topics
will be pushed down to lower grade levels
(Algebra and integers, transformational
geometry, use of calculators, absolute
value, multiplication and division
readiness);
(4) Stressing the relationship of math to
other curriculum areas.

Mrs. Daniels also addressed needs to
following the new state standards:
* Calculators at elementary level;
* More graphing calculators at middle and
high school;
* Training of staff for some of the new
topics;

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- Mrs. Daniels stated that she supports the
changes. The Math Department will need to work
on rewriting parts of the curriculum over the
summer in order to be prepared for the start of
school next year. Mrs. Daniels also stated
that the new guidelines will be more specific
on what is to be taught at each grade level,
which will help others to more easily follow the
curriculum.

- Mrs. Cynthia Ferguson, CSE Chairperson, presented the current Federal EDEA Grants. Mrs. Ferguson outlined the amount of each of the special education grants and what specific items they fund.

FEDERAL IDEA GRANTS

- Dr. Tarolli reviewed the districts Planning Outline, which was developed to help track specific district plans and their timelines for review and Board approval.

PLANNING OUTLINE

- The Board reviewed its Outstanding Actions List. Items covered at this meeting were deleted. Added items were: Archery Unit Report and Goals Quarterly Update Report.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

PUBLIC COMMENT VINCENT COLETTA-STAFF POSITIONS

- Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal, thanked the Board for keeping the proposed staffing positions in the budget.

- Mrs. Cynthia Ferguson, CSE Chairperson, commented on a conference regarding problem solving in the classroom before situations escalate to discipline issues. Mrs. Judy Gorton, Middle School Principal, and Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal and several other staff members also attended the conference.

CYNTHIA FERGUSON-CONFERENCE

- President Harrington commented on the recent Chenango County School Boards meeting that he and Mrs., Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal, attended regarding early childhood development and areas in which a school social worker can be of assistance.

CHENANG COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS' MEETING

- Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, requested that a Building and Grounds Committee meeting be set. He also informed the Board that on Friday, April 15, 2005, he will be meeting with the insurance adjuster regarding a possible claim for damaged equipment at the ballflats as a result of the recent flooding.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MTG.

ADJOURNMENT:

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- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cox to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk

