

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2005**

A Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President, Kenneth Harrington, in the Board Conference Room of the 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. Richard Boeltz
Mr. Christopher Cox
Mrs. June Cooper
Mr. Robert Fiester
Mr. James Strenkert

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Frederick F. Tarolli, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Gordon Daniels, High School Principal
Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal
Mrs. Judy Gorton, Middle School Principal
Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal
Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager/Treasurer
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger, Transportation Supervisor
Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
Mrs. Cindy Ferguson, CSE Chairperson
Mr. John Girton, Technology Coordinator

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Fiester, to adjourn to Executive Session for a particular personnel matter and a contractual issue at 7:03 p.m.
Yes-7 No-0

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Harrington reconvened the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

RECONVENE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

- None.

**ADDITIONS/
DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

MINUTES:

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cooper to approve the minutes of the Work Session meeting held Wednesday, April 13, 2005, Special Meetings held Wednesday, April 6, 2005 and Thursday, April 7, 2005.

MINUTES 4/7/04

Yes-7 No-0

CALENDAR:

- May 2, 2005-7:00 p.m.-PTO Meet the Candidates Night-HS Library
- May 4-6, 2005- Staff Appreciation Day
- May 4, 2005-1:30 p.m.-High School Honor Society Inductions
- May 4, 2005-7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Work Session

CALENDAR:

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- May 10, 2005-7:30 p.m.-Budget Hearing Auditorium
- May 11, 2005 - 3:30 p.m.-Safety & Security Meeting
- May 14, 2005 - Jr. Prom
- May 16, 2005-Shared Decision Making Committee-6:30 p.m.-BOE Rm
- May 17, 2005-11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.-Budget Vote-Auditorium Foyer
- May 18, 2005-7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

MARVIN LADNER-

BALL FLATS CLEAN-UP

- Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, thanked the members of the community who helped with clean-up of the ball flats and repair of the baseball field damaged during the recent flooding.

TRANSPORTATION:

TRANS. REPORT

- The Transportation Department Report dated March, 2005 was noted.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

APPOINTMENTS:

GARY P. SMITH - SUPERINTENDENT

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Boeltz to approve the following resolution:
"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Greene Central School District hereby appoints Gary Smith, 120 Corona Avenue, Groton, NY 13073, as Superintendent of Schools for a term commencing July 1, 2005 and continuing through June 30, 2008; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopt and authorize as part of the term of appointment all those conditions set forth in the Superintendent's Employment Agreement between Greene Central School District Board of Education and Gary P. Smith dated April 25, 2005;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to execute said employment agreement."
 Yes-7, No-0

APPOINTMENTS-TENURE:

CYNTHIA FERGUSON-SCHOOL ADM.

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Cox, seconded by Fiester to make the following appointment of tenure:
 Name of Appointee: Cynthia Ferguson
 Tenure Area: School Administrator
 Date of Commencement of Service on Tenure: July 1, 2005
 Certification Status: Permanent
 Yes-7, No-0

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- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Fiester, seconded by Cox to make the following appointment of tenure:

TENURE: PETER FLANAGAN SOCIAL STUDIES

Name of Appointee: Peter Flanagan
Tenure Area: Social Studies
Date of Commencement of
Service on Tenure: July 1, 2005
Certification Status: Permanent

Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Boeltz to make the following appointment of tenure:

Name of Appointee: Robin Cox
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement of
Service on Tenure: July 1, 2005
Certification Status: Permanent

Yes-6, No-0, Abstain-1 (Cox)

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to make the following appointment of tenure:

Name of Appointee: Christine Hastings
Tenure Area: Education of Children
with Handicapping
Conditions-General

Date of Commencement of
Service on Tenure: July 1, 2005
Certification Status: Permanent

Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Boeltz, to make the following appointment of tenure:

Name of Appointee: Barbara Novitsky
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement of
Service on Tenure: July 1, 2005
Certification Status: Provisional

Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Fiester, to make the following appointment of tenure:

Name of Appointee: Theresa Perrone
Tenure Area: Music K-12
Date of Commencement of
Service on Tenure: July 1, 2005
Certification Status: Provisional

Yes-7, No-0

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APPOINTMENTS CONT'D:

- TENURE:** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Cox, seconded by Fiester, to make the following appointment of tenure:

**DANIEL TALBOT
MATHEMATICS**

Name of Appointee: Daniel Talbot

Tenure Area: Mathematics
Date of Commencement of
Service on Tenure: July 1, 2005
Certification Status: Provisional
Yes-7, No-0

**TENURE: RICHARD
TALLMAN -
ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION**

- Upon the recommendation of the
Superintendent, a motion was made by
Fiester, seconded by Boeltz, to make the
following appointment of tenure:

Name of Appointee: Richard Tallman
Tenure Area: Elementary
Education

Date of Commencement of
Service on Tenure: July 1, 2005
Certification Status: Provisional
Yes-7, No-0

**TENURE:
TRACIE UNIVERSAL-
SPEC. EDU.**

- Upon the recommendation of the
Superintendent, a motion was made by Austin,
seconded by Fiester, to make the following
appointment of tenure:

Name of Appointee: Tracie Universal
Tenure Area: Education of
Children with Handicapping
Conditions-General

Date of Commencement of
Service on Tenure: July 1, 2005
Certification Status: Provisional
Yes-7, No-0

**SHAWN FRENCH-
REMEDIAL READING**

- Upon the recommendation of the
Superintendent, a motion was made by
Boeltz, seconded by Austin to make the
following appointment of tenure:

Name of Appointee: Shawn French
Tenure Area: Remedial Reading

Date of Commencement of
Service on Tenure: July 1, 2005
Certification Status: Permanent
Yes-7, No-0

**UNPAID LEAVE OF
ABSENCE-RANDY SMITH
PHYS. ED. TEACHER**

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cox, to
approve the unpaid leave of absence request
of Mr. Randy Smith from his position as
Physical Education Teacher, for April 25,
2005.

Yes-7, No-0

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- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper to
approve the nominations of Mr. Joseph Eggleston
Eggleston and Mr. William Cline to the Nancy
Bromley Coaches Wall of Fame.

**COACHES' WALL
FAME -JOE
EGGLESTON &
BILL CLINE**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert
to appoint Mr. Mike Platta as the Girls' JV

**APPOINTMENT -
MIKE PLATTA-**

Softball Coach effective April 25, 2005 for the remainder of the 2005 season.
Yes-7, No-0

**GIRLS' JV
SOFTBALL COACH**

BUSINESS and FINANCE:

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cox to accept the Treasurer's Reports for March 2005 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

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

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cox to accept the Revenue & Budget Status Reports for March 2005 for the General Fund, Special Aid Fund and School Lunch Fund as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**REVENUE & BUDGET
STATUS REPORTS**

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cox to approve the budget transfers for the month ending March 31, 2005.

Yes-7, No-0

BUDGET TRANSFERS

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Boeltz to approve the Bus Maintenance Proposal from Leonard Bus Sales in the amount of \$175,383.

Yes-7, No-0

**BUS MAINTENANCE
RFP-LEONARD
BUS SALES**

- Karen Muckstadt and John Stiles from Thomas Group, Architects, were present and reviewed the bids received and their recommendations for the roofing and paving project.

**ROOFING &
PAVING BIDS**

- Upon the recommendation of the Thomas Group, Architects, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Boeltz to award the following contracts:

BID AWARDS

- (1) General Work to Park City Builders, Hamilton, New York for a Contract award in the amount of \$820,748.00;
- (2) Site Work to Contour Construction, Binghamton, New York for a Contract award in the amount of \$1,135,625.00;
- (3) Roofing Work to New Britain Roofing, Lowman, New York for a Contract award in the amount of \$1,096,700.00;
- (4) Plumbing Work to Orchard Earth & Pipe, Solvay, New York for a Contract award in the amount of \$132,925.00.

Yes-7, No-0

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**PROPERTY TAX
EXEMPTION**

- The Board reviewed the information regarding property tax exemption provided for in 485e Tax Exemption for real property in an economic development zone. The Board took no action at this time.

**PUBLIC ACCESS
TO DISTRICT
PROPERTY #3270**

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the first reading of Policy #3270 Public Access To District Property as read.
Yes-7, No-0

**BOCES BOARD
ELECTION**

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Strenkert, to cast its vote for the two vacancies on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Richard Dillon and Linda Zaczek.
Yes-7, No-0

**BOCES ADM.
BUDGET VOTE**

- BE IT RESOLVED, upon a motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cooper, the Greene Central School District Board of Education does hereby approve the proposed Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2005-2006 school year in the amount of \$1,733,294.
Yes-7, No-0

REPORTS:

ENROLLMENT REPORT

- The Enrollment Report for March, 2005 was noted.

**SCHOOL REPORT CARDS
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

- Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal, reviewed the Intermediate School Report Card. Students in 4th grade continue to score above the State benchmarks and above similar schools in both the ELA and Math. Mr. Coletta stated that increasing the number of sections at the 4th grade level thereby reducing class sizes has had an impact on the 4th grade scores in a positive way.

- Concerns expressed by Mr. Coletta are in the economically disadvantaged students' scores. He stated that when students start being tested at the 3rd grade level it will be easier to track students who are having difficulties before they take the 4th grade tests. Mr. Coletta also stated that class sizes, attendance and overall make-up of the grade level continue to play a part in the scores.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Mrs. Judy Gorton, Middle School Principal, reviewed the Middle School Report Card. Mrs. Gorton stated that ELA scores have been going down slightly over the last three years. However, even with the decline, we

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- still have some of the best scores in the area. She attributed the decline in the new state testing regulations, which eliminated some testing accommodations for students with disabilities. Reading the test to students is no longer permitted in some areas. Therefore, students reading below grade level are unable to read/comprehend a majority of the test. Mrs. Gorton stated that the ELA scores still are above the state level and this year's scores appear to be above last year's. The middle school focus on improving the students' with disabilities skills has made a difference.

- Middle School Math scores are down, but still above the state level. Mrs. Gorton stated that the Middle School will still be on the "Most Improved" list.

- Middle School Science scores where there were no testing restrictions, 92% of students passed. Of the in-house students, 100% passed.

- Mrs. Gorton is pleased overall with all the scores and the remediation/intervention services that are in place appear to be helping the targeted students.

- Mr. Gordie Daniels, High School Principal, reviewed the High School Report Card. Scores continue to be above similar schools. Mr. Daniels stated that mastery levels in ELA, Physics and U.S. History continue to go up. **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Mr. Daniels also noted that more students are being tested and the regents diploma rate is rising. Last year 70% of the graduating seniors received regents diplomas.

- The biggest improvement is the scores of students with disabilities. Mr. Daniels stated that the Special Education Department's hard work and the intervention services implemented are working.

- The Board reviewed the Board Goals, Objectives and Strategies quarterly report was reviewed. **BOARD GOALS, OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Cox to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk