

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2005**

A Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 (arrived @ 7:06 p.m.)
Mrs. June Cooper
Mr. Richard Boeltz (arrived @ 7:02 p.m.)
Mr. Jim Strenkert
Mr. Robert Fiester

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Frederick F. Tarolli, Superintendent
Mr. Gordie Daniels, High School Principal
Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal
Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal
Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager/Treasurer
Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
Mr. John Girton, Technology Coordinator

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Strenkert to adjourn to Executive Session for a particular personnel matter, negotiations and a student matter at 7:01 p.m.
Yes-5, No-0

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Harrington reconvened the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

RECONVENE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

ADDITIONS/

- VI. BUSINESS and FINANCE
7. Transfer of Funds and Purchase of Equipment

**DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

MINUTES:

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper to approve the minutes of the Work Session Board meeting held on Wednesday, February 2, 2005.
Yes-7, No-0

**MINUTES
2/2/05**

CALENDAR:

- February 17 -6:00 p.m.-Budget Cmtte. Mtg.
- February 21-25 - Winter Recess
- February 28 -6:00 p.m. Budget Cmtte. Mtg.
- March 3 - 6:00 p.m. - Special Board of Education Mtg.-Executive Session
- March 3 - 7:00 p.m.-Music In Our Schools Concert-Auditorium
- March 8 - Lobby Day- Albany

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- March 9 - 6:00 p.m.-Budget Cmtte. Mtg.

- March 10 -6:00 p.m.-BOCES Forum- Chenango Campus
- March 11 - 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.-High School Blood Drive- Auditorium Lobby
- March 23- 7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Meeting Special Date
- March 31 - 6:00 p.m.-Budget Cmtte. Mtg.
- April 1 & 2 - 7:30 p.m.-Footlights Production Cinderella-Auditorium
- April 3- 3:00 p.m.-Footlights Production Cinderella-Auditorium

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

MARY GELL - PTO

- March 4th - PTO Book Swap

CALENDAR ITEMS

- March 18th - Family Movie Night featuring "The Incredibles".

DONNA POSSEMATO-

FULL-TIME PE

TEACHER

- Mrs. Donna Possemato, Intermediate School Physical Education teacher, requested that the Board consider reinstating the half-time physical education teacher to full-time. Mrs. Possemato informed the Board that it is very difficult to teach afternoon classes alone. She stated that she has to set up and tear down equipment by herself. She also stated that the third grade has gym one class at a time, as she cannot handle any more students than one class at one time and therefore, the third grade students do not get to interact with other students outside of their classroom.

LILA PAGE -

REINSTATE LIBRARY POSITION AT PRIMARY LEVEL

- Mrs. Lila Page, High School Librarian, requested that the Board consider reinstating the Elementary Librarian. Mrs. Page handed out information, which addressed her concerns with the current limited use of the library and library resources available. Fewer books are being signed out, which indicates fewer students are reading due to the fact that they have limited access to the library and the librarian's services. Mrs. Page also handed out an article regarding the benefit library use has on student success.

MARY LAKE - SED RESPONSE

- Mrs. Mary Lake, Primary Teacher, shared a a copy of a letter she received from SED in response to her previous letter regarding state testing.

KRIS MCDERMOTT-GTA PRESIDENT

- Mrs. Kris McDermott, GTA President, addressed the Board regarding the positions which the GTA would like to see reinstated:
 *Full time elementary PE Teacher;
 *Elementary Librarian;
 *High School Business Teacher;
 *Music Teacher;
 *Five sections in each elementary classroom.

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- President, Kenneth Harrington, shared the NYS School Board Association membership plaque, which the Board recently received.

KENNETH HARRINGTON-PLAQUE

- The Transportation Report for January 2005 was noted.

**TRANSPORTATION:
TRANSPORTATION
REPORT**

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cooper to approve the Transportation Request made by Greene Community Nursery School to go to the Discovery Center on March 16, 2005.
Yes-7, No-0

**TRANSPORTATION
REQUEST-GREENE
COMMUNITY
NURSERY SCHOOL**

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Boeltz, to accept the results of the Bus Proposition Vote held on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 (Yes-99, No-18).
Yes-7, No-0

**ACCEPT RESULTS
OF BUS VOTE**

- Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal and Grant Coordinator, reviewed the district's current Federal Grants. Mr. Coletta's report outlined the amount and each grant's purpose.

**PRESENTATION:
FEDERAL GRANTS**

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Austin, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the following placements:
Requested Review: #000122; #04057;
Entered Classified: #040541;
Preschool-Requested Review: #P030412;
Yes-7, No-0

**EDUCATION AND
PERSONNEL:
SPECIAL EDUC.
PLACEMENTS**

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Fiester, seconded by Boeltz, to appoint Mrs. Nicole Mills as an Aide, effective February 17, 2005 for a one year probationary period ending February 16, 2006.
Yes-7, No-0

**APPOINTMENTS:
NICOLE MILLS-
AIDE**

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Boeltz, to appoint the following individuals to the Spring 2005 Coaching Roster:

**SPRING
COACHING
ROSTER**

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| Baseball: | Varsity | Dave Gorton |
| | V. Ass't. | Nick Mastropietro |
| | JV | Jim deHaan |
| | Modified 7 th | Jeremy Eggleston |
| | Modified 8 th | Brent Kim |
| Softball: | Varsity | Gordie Daniels |
| | Var. Ass't. | Chuck Hissin |
| | JV | Rick Smith |
| | Modified 7 th | Angie Brown & Tracie |
| | Universal | |
| | Modified 8 th | Debbie Bates |

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| - Track: | Varsity | Justin Pisanello |
| | Ass't. | Rebecca Philippone |
| | Ass't. | Erin Zych |
| | Modified | Brandy Stone & Sue Silvernail |
| Boys' Tennis: | Varsity | Rich Karl |

Yes-7, No-0

SUBSTITUTE ROSTER

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

- Mrs. Carole DeJager - Substitute LTA and Aide;
- Ms. Kelly Meagley - Substitute Aide;
- Ms. Shawna Evans - Substitute Aide.

Yes-7, No-0

UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE- WESLEY TALLETT-BUS DRIVER

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Mr. Wesley Tallett Bus Driver, for an unpaid leave of absence from March 28, 2005 through April 1, 2005 based on the availability of a substitute.

Yes-7, No-0

UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE- LINDA

MCGRATH, AIDE

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cooper to approve the request of Mrs. Linda McGrath, Aide, for an unpaid leave of absence from February 28, 2005 through March 4, 2005.

Yes-7, No-0

UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE - DEBRA KNOWLTON, AIDE

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cooper to approve the request of Mrs. Debra Knowlton, Aide, for an unpaid leave of absence from March 8, 2005 through March 11, 2005.

Yes-7, No-0

UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE- REBECCA BURROWS, AIDE

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cooper to approve the request of Mrs. Rebecca Burrows, Aide, for an unpaid leave of absence for five (5) days, to be determined at a later date.

Yes-7, No-0

2ND READING & ADOPTION OF POLICY #7232

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Fiester to accept the second reading of Policy #7232 *Education of Homeless Children and Youth* and move adoption of the same.

Yes-7, No-0

ACCEPT BOARD GOALS, OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Fiester, to accept the Board Goals, Objectives and Strategies as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

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- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the recommended Board meeting date changes as follows:

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGES

- *3/3/05 @ 6:00 p.m. Special BOE Meeting- Executive Session Only (Middle School Library);
- *3/15/05 @ 5:30 p.m. Special BOE Meeting- Executive Session Only (Board of Education Room);
- *3/16/05 @ 6:00 p.m. Special BOE Meeting- Executive Session Only (Board of Education Room);
- *3/17/05 @ 6:00 p.m. Special BOE Meeting-

Executive Session Only (Board of Education Room);
 *3/23/05 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Business BOE Meeting (Board of Education Room);
 *4/4/05 @ 7:00 p.m. Special BOE Meeting- Executive Session Only (Silo Restaurant);
 *4/5/05 @ 7:00 p.m. Special BOE Meeting- Executive Session Only (Silo Restaurant);
 *4/6/05 @ 7:00 p.m. Special BOE Meeting- Executive Session Only (Silo Restaurant);
 *4/13/05 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Work Session BOE Meeting (Board of Education Room);
 *4/25/05 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Business BOE Meeting (Board of Education Room);

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Boeltz, to approve Harcourt Math, Harcourt 2002 and Harcourt Horizons-New York, Harcourt 2004 as new math and social studies textbooks to be used in grades 3,4 and 5.

**TEXTBOOK
ADOPTION-
GRADES 3,4&5**

Yes-7, No-0

BUSINESS and FINANCE

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Boeltz, to accept the Treasurer's Reports for January 2005.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE
TREASURER'S REPORTS**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Boeltz, to accept the General Fund, Special Aid Fund and School Lunch Fund Revenue and Budget Status Reports for January 2005.

BUDGET STATUS

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Boeltz, to approve the recommended budget transfers for the month ending January 31, 2005.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Yes-7, No-0

- The Board reviewed the Administrative and Capital components of the 2005-06 budget.

**ADMINISTRATIVE &
CAPITAL BUDGET**

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cooper to approve the recommended substitute rates for the 05/06 and 06/07 school years as follows:

SUBSTITUTE RATES

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| | 05/06 | 06/07 |
| Aide, Cafeteria, Custodial | \$6.75 | \$7.15 |
| Typist | \$7.00 | \$7.40 |

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| - Maint/Grounds Worker | \$7.00 | \$7.40 |
| Sub Driver | \$9.75 | \$10.00 |
| Transportation Office | \$6.75 | \$7:15 |
| Teacher (cert & non-cert.) | \$65/day | \$65/day |
| Teacher (NYS retired) | \$75/day | \$75/day |
| Teacher (GCS retired) | \$100/day | \$100/day |
| Teaching Assistant | \$55/day | \$55/day |

Yes-7, No-0

**USE OF RETURNED
STATE AID**

- The Board discussed options for the funds that were returned after State Ed discovered their error.

*Place the money into a debt service reserve to

be drawn out in increments yearly to help reduce the tax levy.

*Funds cannot remain in the fund balance as only 2% can be carried forward.

*Place funds into the capital reserve to offset future building projects (heating).

*Funding positions that were previously cut - one year solution, then alternative funding for the positions would need to be found or would require an increase in the budget/tax levy.

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Fiester to deposit the returned state aid into a debt service reserve fund.

Yes-3, No-4 (Austin, Strenkert, Boeltz, Harrington)

Motion was defeated.

- After further discussion, it was decided by consensus of the Board to add this item to the next Board meeting agenda for further discussion.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND
PURCHASE OF EQUIP.**

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Fiester, to authorize the transfer of \$2600 from A211050001 (K-12 bid supplies) to A202020004 Middle School Office Equipment (\$1300) and A281020005 High School Guidance Equipment (\$1300).

Yes-7, No-0

REPORTS:

ENROLLMENT REPORT

- The Enrollment Report ending 1/31/05 was noted.

**5TH GRADE TEST
RESULTS**

- Mr. Coletta reviewed the recent 5th grade state social studies test scores with the Board. Overall, the students are performing well. Special Education students did well with 75% Scoring in the "3" range. However, Mr. Coletta commented that based on the required number (95%) of students to be tested, if one more student had not taken the test, the school would have been listed as a school in need of improvement.

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PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

**MARY GELL - HIGH
CLASSROOM NUMBERS AT
2ND & 5TH GRADE**

- Mrs. Mary Gell, as a parent, requested that the Board reinstate the needed teaching positions at the 2nd and 5th grade level to keep the class sizes smaller.

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Fiester **ADJOURNMENT** to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk