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GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2005**

A Work Session Board 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. Richard Boeltz
Mr. Jim Strenkert
Mrs. June Cooper
Mr. Christopher Cox
Mr. Robert Fiester

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Frederick F. Tarolli, Superintendent
Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal
Mr. Gordie Daniels, High School Principal
Mrs. Judy Gorton, Middle School Principal
Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger, Transportation Supervisor
Mrs. Cynthia Ferguson, CSE Chairperson
Mr. Marvin Ladner, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

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, negotiations and a student matter at 7:03 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Harrington reconvened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

RECONVENE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

ADDITIONS/

- III. ACTION ITEMS

3. Appointments

Ms. Diane Daughtry - Substitute addition

Ms. Elizabeth Pluta - Social Studies Internship

**DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

MINUTES:

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Cooper to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**MINUTES
1/19/05**

CALENDAR:

- February 9, 2006-6:00 p.m.-Budget Committee Meeting
- February 15, 2006-11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Bus Vote-Auditorium Lobby
- February 16, 2006-7:00 p.m.-Board of Education Meeting
- February 17, 2006-6:00 p.m.-Budget Committee Meeting
- February 21-25, 2006 - Winter Recess
- March 8, 2006 - Legislative Lobby Day

CALENDAR:

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PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

**EILEEN SCHUCHMAN -
TSUNAMI RELIEF**

reported

- Mrs. Eileen Schuchman, Intermediate School Student Council Advisor,

that the Intermediate School students along with the Student Council raised \$1,000 for the Tsunami Relief.

NANCY OLIVER - LIBRARY

- Mrs. Nancy Oliver, elementary teacher, addressed the Board regarding the need to reinstate the librarian position at the elementary level. Mrs. Oliver explained that research is incorporated into all the curriculums and due to the limited number of days that the High School librarian is at the elementary schools it is very difficult to do research projects with the students.

Mrs. Oliver stated that three-quarters of the student population (elementary as well as high school) are affected by the elimination of the librarian position at the elementary level.

**CAROLE EHLERS - SKI
CLUB**

- Mrs. Carole Ehlers, a parent, addressed the Board regarding the high school policy on academics and participation in extra-curricular activities. Mrs. Ehlers explained that because Ski Club is not a school-sponsored activity and parents pay for their students to participate; the academic policy should not apply. Mrs. Ehlers asked that the Board review this policy as it applies to Ski Club.

**DR. TAROLLI -
SED RESTITUTION**

- Dr. Tarolli announced to the Board that a letter had been received from the State Education Department stating that "due to an SED error" we were incorrectly required to pay back over five years ago, approximately \$400,000 in state aid from our building projects. Dr. Tarolli stated that the sum of \$372,043 has already been wired to the school district's bank. The Board must now decide what to do with the restitution received from SED.

**ACTION ITEMS:
SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

motion

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a

was made by Fiester, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the following placements:

Triennial Review: #000112; #010220;
#010228;
New Referral: Did Not Meet Criterion:
#040525;
New Referral: #040536;
Requested Review: #94570; #020329;
Yes-7, No-0

RESIGNATION:
BETH KOERTS - AIDE - Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cox to accept the resignation of Mrs. Beth Koerts from her position as an Aide, effective January 28, 2005.
Yes-7, No-0

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- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cox, to accept the resignation of Ms. Mary Downs from her position as Social Studies Teacher, effective February 8, 2005 with appreciation for her service.
Yes-7, No-0

RESIGNATION-
MARY DOWNS-
S.S. TEACHER

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cox, to accept the resignation to retire of Mrs. Eileen Schuchman from her position as Guidance Counselor, effective June 30, 2005, with appreciation for her many years of service to the district.
Yes-7, No-0

EILEEN
SCHUCHMAN-
GUIDANCE
COUNSELOR

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cooper, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Roster for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year:
Ms. Mindy Glover - Substitute Teacher effective 1/20/05;
Ms. Lynn Shepard - Substitute Teacher effective 2/3/05;
Ms. Sarah Tennant - Substitute Teacher, LTA and Aide effective 2/03/05;
Ms. Diane Daughtry - Substitute Teacher, LTA and Aide effective 2/3/05;
Mr. Matt VanHeusen - Substitute Teacher, effective 2/3/05;
Ms. Sandra Jones - Substitute Bus Attendant, Effective 2/2/05;

APPOINTMENTS:
SUBSTITUTE
ROSTER

Yes-6, No-1(Austin)

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cooper to appoint Miss Elizabeth Pluta as a Social Studies Intern, effective February 9, 2005
PLUTA
and not to exceed June 24, 2005.

SOCIAL STUDIES
INTERNSHIP-
ELIZABETH

Yes-6, No-1(Austin)

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Mrs. Carol King, Bus Driver, for an unpaid leave of absence February 7, 2005 through February 28, 2005.
Yes-6, No-0, Abstention-1(Harrington)

LEAVE OF
ABSENCE-
CAROL KING-
BUS DRIVER

- Information regarding the transportation of a special education student was noted.

SPECIAL EDUCATION
TRANSPORTATION

WORK SESSION:

- Mrs. Carole Stanbro and several primary school teachers (Carroll Cannarella, Julie Zelsnack, Mary Lake, Bobbi Jones, Tricia Pichette and Rick Tallman) presented the Orton-Gillingham Reading Program.

The program is phonics based and focuses on early reading skills. The teachers demonstrated at each grade level K-2 how various sensory and visual aids are used to perfect reading skills. The Board members experimented with sand, bumpy boards and paper tents which were used to practice correct letter formation, vowel sounds, etc. The teachers explained that each grade level builds on the skills learned at the previous grade level.

WORK SESSION:

**ORTON-GILLINGHAM
READING PROGRAM**

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WORK SESSION:

**EDUCATION OF HOMELESS
CHILDREN AND YOUTH
POLICY #7232**

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Boeltz to accept the first reading of Policy #7232 *Education of Homeless Children and Youth* as read.
Yes-7, No-0

**JANUARY 2005 REGENTS
RESULTS**

- Mr. Gordie Daniels, High School Principal, reviewed the January 2005 regents results with the Board. Overall, students did very well. Students with disabilities are doing well. Mr. Daniels stated that the Academic Intervention Services (AIS), high school staff and the special education department are helping more students be successful and the regents' scores are reflecting that.

**BOARD GOALS, OBJECTIVES
AND STRATEGIES DOCUMENT
REVIEW**

- The Board reviewed the Board Goals, Objectives and Strategies document. The following questions were asked:
Page 1, #1 - LINKS - no follow-up date;
*Dr. Tarolli indicated that in the March 2005 update, there would be a date.

Page 8, #3 - *What is the budget for unemployment?*

*Mrs. Stiles will need to answer this question upon her return.

Page 11, #2 - Newsletter - recommendation That the district look into going back to monthly publications.

*Dr. Tarolli indicated that the Budget Committee would review this recommendation.

**BOARD OUTSTANDING
ACTIONS LIST**

- The Board reviewed and updated their Outstanding Actions List:

*Delete - Orton Gillingham Program Presentation;

*Change - Date for State Math Curriculum Changes to April 13th meeting;

*Add - Discussion re Allocation of SED Restitution Money 2/16/05

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

**KRIS MCDERMOTT -
DUPLICATE MAILINGS**

- Mrs. Kris McDermott, teacher/parent, asked if duplicate mailings of information for families who have more than one student in the district could be avoided?

Mr. John Girton will look into what can be done computer program wise to address duplicate mailings.

**DR. TAROLLI - WELCOME
JOHN GIRTON**

- Dr. Tarolli announced that Mr. John Girton, Technology Coordinator, will now be attending all the Board meetings as part of the administrative group.

**MARY LAKE - TESTING
CONCERNS**

- Mrs. Mary Lake apologized to the Board for her comments concerning testing made at a previous Board meeting. She stated that she has expressed her feelings/comments in a letter to Commissioner Mills and shared that letter with the Board.

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PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED:

- Mrs. Eileen Schuchman, Intermediate School Student Council Advisor, informed the Board that Greene Community Services, through the assistance of Board member, June Cooper, matched the \$1,000.00 raised by the Intermediate School for the tsunami relief.

**EILEEN SCHUCHMAN-
TSUNAMI RELIEF**

- Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal, commended Mrs. Eileen Schuchman for her outstanding work with the Student Council in the Intermediate School and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement. She also was congratulated by Superintendent, Tarolli.

**VINCENT COLETTA-
EILEEN SCHUCHMAN
RETIREMENT**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion made by Cox seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn to Executive Session for a particular personnel matter at 9:10 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Harrington reconvened the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

RECONVENE

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cox to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk

