

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2005**

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

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Frederick F. Tarolli, Superintendent
Mrs. Nancy Stiles, Business Manager/Treasurer
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
Mr. John Girton, Technology Coordinator

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion made by Cox seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn to Executive Session for a particular personnel matter and potential litigation at 7:02 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Harrington reconvened the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

RECONVENE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

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- III. ACTION ITEMS
1. Special Education Placements (1 additional)
6. Employee Matter

**DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

MINUTES:

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Fiester to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 as presented.
Yes-7, No-0

**MINUTES
2/16/05**

CALENDAR:

- March 2- Board of Education Work Session
- March 3- Special Board of Education Executive Session Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
- March 3- Music in Our Schools Concert-Auditorium -7:00 p.m.

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CALENDAR CONT'D:

- March 4- PTO Book Swap-Primary Gym
- March 8- Lobby Day-Albany

- March 8- High School Sports Awards-Gym-7:00 p.m.
- March 8- Jr. Honor Society Inductions Auditorium- 7:00 p.m.
- March 9-Safety & Security Mtg.-Board Room- 3:30 p.m.
- March 9-Budget Advisory Committee Mtg.- 6:00 p.m.
- March 10- DCMO BOCES Forum - Norwich
- March 11- High School Blood Drive- Auditorium Lobby-9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- March 15- Modified Sports Awards-Gym - 7:00 p.m.
- March 15- Special Board of Education Executive Session Mtg.- 5:30 p.m.
- March 16- Special Board of Education Executive Session Mtg.- 6:00 p.m.
- March 17- Special Board of Education Executive Session Mtg.- 6:00 p.m.
- March 18- Superintendent's Conference Day - No Classes
- March 18- PTO Movie Night
- March 23- Board of Education Meeting- Special Date -7:00 p.m.
- March 25- Good Friday - No Classes
- March 31- Budget Advisory Committee- 6:00 p.m.
- April 1 & 2- Footlights Production- Cinderella-Auditorium- 7:30 p.m.
- April 3- Footlights Production- Cinderella- Auditorium- 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

ROBIN COX - ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

- Mrs. Robin Cox, Primary School Teacher and Coach of one of the Odyssey of the Mind teams, informed the Board that the 5th grade team finished first at the recent regional competition and will be going on to the state competition. Mrs. Cox also commented on what a rewarding program the Odyssey of the Mind is. Mrs. Cox presented Mr. Coletta with the 5th grade team's first place trophy.

VINCENT COLETTA-ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

- Mr. Vincent Coletta, Intermediate School Principal, expressed appreciation for Mrs. Robin Cox's hard work with her Odyssey of the Mind team. Mr. Coletta and Mrs. Robin Cox informed the Board that there were 6 teams district-wide. The 9th grade high school team placed second and will also be going on to states.

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- Dr. Tarolli commented on the success of the recent Read Across America activities. Students, Board Members and Community members participated in reading to various classes at the elementary and intermediate schools.

**DR. TAROLLI -
READ ACROSS
AMERICA**

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on

**ACTION ITEMS:
SPECIAL EDUC.**

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

New Referral: Did Not Meet Criterion:

#040538;

Requested Review: #99017;

Preschool: Requested Review: #P030426;

Other: #98971;

Yes-7, No-0

PLACEMENTS

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper to approve the extension of a previously approved unpaid leave of absence requested by Mrs. Carol King, Bus Driver, through March 15, 2005.

Yes-6, No-0, Abstention-1(Harrington)

**UNPAID LEAVE
OF ABSENCE
EXTENSION-
CAROL KING-
BUS DRIVER**

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper to approve the request of Mrs. Angela Fiato-Brown, Teacher, for an unpaid leave of absence from March 2, 2005 through May 2, 2005.

Yes-7, No-0

**UNPAID LEAVE
ABSENCE-ANGELA
FIATO-BROWN,
TEACHER**

- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cooper, to approve the request of Mrs. Janet Welch, Aide, for an unpaid leave of absence March 28, 2005 through April 1, 2005.

Yes-7, No-0

**UNPAID LEAVE
ABSENCE-JANET
WELCH-AIDE**

- Mrs. Carol Stanbro, Primary School Principal and Curriculum Coordinator, reviewed the 5-Year Textbook Plan with the Board. The costs of the textbooks are estimations as the prices keep increasing. Each year the plan will be reviewed for price increases and needs and funds will be budgeted accordingly.

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Cooper to accept the 5-Year Textbook Plan as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**5 Yr. TEXTBOOK
PLAN**

- Motion made by Cox, seconded by Cooper, to approve the recommended budget transfers for the month ending 1/31/05.

Yes-7, No-0

**BUDGET
TRANSFERS**

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**CONTRACT FOR HEALTH &
WELFARE SERVICES**

- Motion made by Fiester, seconded by Cox, to authorize the Board President and Board Clerk to sign the contract for Health and Welfare Services between Binghamton City School District and Greene Central School.

Yes-7, No-0

EMPLOYEE MATTER

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by

Austin, seconded by Cooper to suspend without pay a support staff member for a period of two (2) months, beginning March 5, 2005 and ending on May 5, 2005.

Yes-6, No-0, Abstention-1 (Fiester)

WORK SESSION:

DISTRICT PLAN

OUTLINE & TIMELINE

- Dr. Tarolli reviewed the first draft of the District Plan Outline and Timeline with the Board. The Board discussed the items that should be included in the document and what the document should look like. Dr. Tarolli will revise the format to be more "calendar like" and add other items discussed. The Board will review the document again at an April 2005 meeting.

ALLOCATION OF RETURNED STATE AID

- After discussion, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Boeltz to authorize a transfer to the Debt Service Reserve of the returned state aid.

Yes-7, No-0

PROGRAM COMPONENT 2005-2006 BUDGET

- The Board reviewed the program component of the 2005-2006 budget.

BOARD OUTSTANDING ACTIONS LIST

- The Board reviewed and updated their Outstanding Actions List:
* Land Use Study Update - Mr. Marvin Ladner will check with BOCES to see if they can help. Report back date Spring 2005;
* Plan Timeline Outline - date changed to April 25, 2005;
* Bus Maintenance - date change to April 13, 2005;
* Delete - Discussion re Allocation of SED Restitution Money;

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

CAROLE STANBRO - UPK PROGRAM

- Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal, informed the Board that The UPK program will be looking for another agency partner for next year as Just Beginnings is not interested.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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- Motion made by Austin, seconded by Cox to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk

