

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by President, Richard Boeltz, in the Board of Education conference room, High School/Middle School complex, 40 South Canal Street, Greene, N.Y.

CALL TO ORDER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Richard Boeltz, President
Mr. Ethan Day, Vice-President
Mrs. Karen Hendershott
Mr. Timothy Crumb
Mr. James Strenkert

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Helen Hunsinger
Mrs. Tammie McCauley

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. James Walters, High School Principal
Mr. Timothy Calice, Middle School Principal
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal, Director of PE and Athletics
Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal
Ms. Ramona Luetttger, Director of Special Services

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for a particular personnel matter at 6:08 p.m.:
Yes-5, No-0 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. **ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. **RECONVENE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:05 p.m.:
 - Special Education Placements
 - Negotiations Update
 - Confidential Personnel MatterYes-5, No-0 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Day, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the following placement(s):
#710023222; #710023125; #710023335; #710023047.
Yes-5, No-0 **SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS**

- Ms. Ramona Luetttger, Director of Special Services, shared a report with the Board setting forth the programming and number of Aides/LTA's used for Special Education programs.

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.
Yes-5, No-0 **ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**

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- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**ADDITIONS/
DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

- None.

**APPROVE MINUTES
12/17/14**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on December 17, 2014 as presented.

Yes-5, No-0

CALENDAR

- January 14 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 4:00 p.m.

- January 18 – PTO Brooks Barbeque Fundraiser

- January 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- January 21 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

- January 24 – ACAMT All-County Music Festival – 4:00 p.m.

MS/HS Gymnasium

- January 26 – ½ Day for High School Students ONLY (p.m. ELA Regents)

- January 26-29 – Regents

- January 28 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 4:00 p.m.

- January 30 – Staff Development Day

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
SHELLY RICHARDS-
INTRODUCTION
SCOTT YOUNGS-
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

- Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal, introduced Richelle Lawrence appointee for 2nd grade position.

- Mr. Scott Youngs asked if the budget committee meeting is open to the public.

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, stated that it is a Board Committee meeting for preliminary work only and is not open to the public.

**JAMES WALTERS-
STEM INITIATIVE**

- Mr. James Walters, High School Principal, shared a STEM Jobs publication with the Board. The information is being shared with interested students. Mr. Ethan Leet, Physics teacher, took a group of students to Raymonds yesterday. The robotics competition is moving forward with plans for a March competition.

**SHELLY RICHARDS-
THANK YOU**

- Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal, stated that Dedra Ingraham wanted to thank the Board and district for the help they provided to the Carr/Shaffer family.

REPORT(S):

- None.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

- **The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following board action:**

RESIGNATION(S):**SUE CARLIN -
ELEMENTARY PE
TEACHER**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Strenkert, to accept the resignation to retire of Sue Carlin, Elementary PE Teacher, effective June 30, 2015 with appreciation.

Yes-5, No-0

**TOM STANBRO-
M.S. TECHNOLOGY
TEACHER**

- Motion made Day, by seconded by Strenkert, to accept the resignation to retire of Tom Stanbro, Middle School Technology Teacher, effective June 30, 2015 with appreciation.

Yes-5, No-0

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- Motion made by Day, seconded by Strenkert, to accept the resignation to retire of Melissa Bush, Elementary Teacher, effective October 23, 2015 with appreciation.

**MELISSA BUSH -
ELEMENTARY
TEACHER**

Yes-5, No-0

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Strenkert, to accept the resignation to retire of Myrna Sullivan, LTA, effective January 31, 2015 with appreciation.

**MYRNA SULLIVAN
LTA**

Yes-5, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Hendershott, seconded by Day, to make the following conditional probationary appointment:

**APPOINTMENT(S):
RICHELLE LAWRENCE
ELEMENTARY
TEACHER**

Name of Appointee: Richelle Lawrence
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement
Of Probationary Service: February 9, 2015
Expiration Date of
Probationary Appointment: February 8, 2018
Certification Status: Childhood & Early Childhood
Education – Initial

Yes-5, No-0

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed the results of a recent Board Transportation Committee meeting as it relates to bus purchases for 2015/16. The Committee recommended purchasing 2 – 65 seat propane buses (with camera systems), 1 – ½ ton suburban and 1 – mini-van at a cost not to exceed \$300,450.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MTG.**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to establish Tuesday, March 3, 2015 as the date for a bus vote to be held in the auditorium lobby of the High School/Middle School Auditorium, 40 S. Canal Street, Greene, NY from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. to vote upon the following proposition:

**ESTABLISH DATE,
TIME & PLACE FOR
BUS VOTE**

- Proposition: Bus Purchase

"Shall the Greene Central School District be authorized to purchase two (2) 65 passenger propane school buses, one (1) half-ton suburban, and one (1) mini-van at a cost not to exceed \$300,450 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said school district shall be issued?"

Yes-5, No-0

- A letter received for the Village of Greene regarding the District's request for a credit of \$2,803.23 which was calculated as the sewer portion of the district's water bill during a period of high usage (543,000 gallons) due to a broken water pipe. The Village agreed to credit the district \$1,000. Discussion was had regarding ways to more closely monitor water usage and detect problems in a more timely manner. Superintendent Retz and Board member, Jim Strenkert, will try to attend a Village Board meeting on Monday to discuss this matter further.

**VILLAGE LETTER-
CREDIT FOR BROKEN
WATER PIPE**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, shared the School Lunch Fund Program's current financial position with the Board. Mr. Rubitski commented that every year it becomes more and more difficult to run the program and end the year with a

**SCHOOL LUNCH FUND
PROGRAM UPDATE**

- positive fund balance. This current year is anticipated to finish with a \$13,800 deficit. The program currently has some savings to help offset the deficit, but the savings will only last a short time if it is continually used to help fund the program. Ways to cut expenses are being explored and more information will be forthcoming.

POOL EQUIPMENT

- Over the Christmas break the equipment upgrades were made. The only equipment not in yet is a new printer and a Meet Manager software. Training on the new equipment is scheduled for next week. The Board will need to approve another transfer of funds to cover the cost of the additional equipment.

CAPITAL PROJECT

- The early project paperwork has been sent to SED with an expected turnaround time of 8 weeks. The early project is still scheduled to be bid in the spring and work to begin over the summer. Work on the second package is continuing with an anticipated SED submission in March.

MINIMUM WAGE

- Minimum wage went up January 1st to \$8.75 per hour. This will affect substitute rates for non-teaching positions, which were approved at the Reorganizational Meeting. Increases in minimum wage were noted at that time and included in approvals.

**OUTSTANDING BOARD
ACTIONS LIST**

<u>Bd. Directed</u>	<u>Task To Be Completed</u>	<u>Responsibility Of</u>	<u>Report Back</u>
3/7/07	Policy/Procedure Manual	Board and Superintendent	Ongoing
12/17	iPad Classroom Use Update		Ongoing
1/7	Non-Resident Policy		Summer 2015

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

- Superintendent, Jonathan Retz, reported on the following:

1. Non-Resident Policy – Superintendent Retz stated that upon further review of the district's Non-Resident Policy, it does provide that students who move during the school year will be allowed to finish the school year without paying tuition. Review of this policy will be added to the Outstanding Action List for future review.

2. Board Self-Evaluation – An action plan regarding the results of the Board's self-evaluation results has been developed and shared with the Board. Specific goals will be set as part of the action plan.

3. Efficiency Plan – At a recent CSA meeting, it was decided to move ahead with a regional efficiency plan including all districts within our BOCES. Guidance has not been provided by the state, therefore format and what does and doesn't apply are still unclear. The Board needs to certify a plan by March.

4. NYSCOSS– Superintendent Retz informed the Board that he is Chairperson of a NYSCOSS Committee and has also been selected to serve on the Commissioners' Advisory Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
SCOTT YOUNGS**

- Scott Youngs stated that he was hearing rumors about Raymond being interested in buying the school.

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- Superintendent Retz responded that there is no truth to the rumors that Raymond is interested in buying the school. A number of years ago he met with some representatives of Raymond, but their space needs involved parking not physical building space. They did however, rent some classroom space from us two years ago during their renovation project.

- Beth Daniels, High School Teacher, stated that she appreciated having the updated pool equipment.

**BETH DANIELS –
POOL EQUIPMENT**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn to Executive Session for a particular personnel matter at 8:26 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes-5, No-0

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:26 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Yes-5, No-0

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

RECONVENE

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Yes-5, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk