

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:02 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
Mr. Timothy Crumb
Mr. James Strenkert
Mrs. Karen Hendershott
Mrs. Tammie McCauley
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation & Buildings & Grounds Superintendent

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:03 p.m.:
 - CSE Placements
 - Confidential Personnel Matter

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to approve the following placements:
#710123420; #710123498; #710022186; #710022277;
#710123525; #710022476; #710023008; #710022621;
#710022420; #710123631; #710022303; #710023374;
#710022794; #710023348; #710023120; #710023295;
#710023288; #710023112; #710023237; #710022855;
#710023199; #710022789.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

Yes-7, No-0

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

RECONVENE

- EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL

Delete: 3. Create Elementary Position (previously done)

**ADDITIONS/
DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

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**APPROVE MINUTES
6/3/15**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Day, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on June 3, 2015 as presented.
Yes-7, No-0

CALENDAR

- June 16-25 – Regents Exams
- June 19 – ½ Day K-5 – 11:00 Dismissal – Lunch will be served
- June 21 – Baccalaureate – 7:00 p.m. -Auditorium
- June 24 – ½ Day K-5 – 11:00 Dismissal – No Lunch
- June 27 – Graduation – 10:00 a.m.
- July 1 –BOE Reorganization Meeting–Special Start Time 6:00 pm
- July 3 – Offices Closed - (July 4th Holiday)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
MARIE SCOFIELD-**

- Marie Scofield, GTA President, thanked Mr. Boeltz and Mr. Strenkert for their many years of service on the Board of Education. She also thanked Mrs. Hunsinger for attending and presenting the plaques to the retirees at the retirement tea. The retirees recently honored had a combined 159 years of service to the district.

JAMES DEHAAN

- James deHaan, teacher, parent and tax payer, asked when the Board decided to fill the 3rd grade teacher position.

- Superintendent Retz stated that it has not been filled other than with a substitute.

SUE PROSCIA

- Sue Proscia, Bus Driver, thanked Rich Boeltz and Jim Strenkert for serving on the Board. Broome Tioga BOCES held their Graduation on June 4th, which she attended, and stated that she was disappointed that no one else from GCS attended. Mrs. Proscia also asked that in the future, field trips should not be scheduled on ½ days due to bussing issues.

**REPORTS:
ENROLLMENT REPORT**

- The Enrollment Report for the period ending May 31, 2015 with an ending enrollment of 1071 students was noted.

**TRANSPORTATION:
TRANSPORTATION
REQUEST – JRC**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to approve the Transportation Request of the JRC for the use of three buses and fuel for their summer program. The drivers will be paid by the JRC.
Yes-7, No-0

**JRC SUMMER BUS
ROUTES**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to approve the JRC Summer Bus Routes as presented.
Yes-7, No-0

**TRANSPORTATION
REQUEST – GREENE
LABOR DAY PICNIC
ASSOC.**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to approve the Transportation Request of the Greene Labor Day Picnic Association for the use of a school bus to be used as a shuttle bus, two volunteer drivers and a small bus to be parked on the ball flats for the "Stuff a Bus" on Labor Day, September 7, 2015.
Yes-7, No-0

**AUTHORIZE
AGREEMENT:**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, after due consideration by the Board of Education, and extensive settlement negotiations, it is hereby
RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized to sign the settlement agreement with an employee resolving the outstanding employment charges brought pursuant to Education Law §3020-a.
Yes-7, No-0

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

- The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following board action:

**RESIGNATION(S):
LORI EATON – AIDE**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to accept the Resignation of Lori Eaton, Teacher's Aide, effective June 30, 2015 with appreciation.

Yes-7, No-0

**APPOINTMENT(S):
SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hunsinger, to appoint Kevin Rounds as a Substitute Custodial Worker effective June 18, 2015 for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year.

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

**LIFE GUARDS
2015-2016**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hunsinger, to appoint the following individuals as Life Guards for the 2015-2016 school year:

*LeAnna Whitman	*Angela Fiato
*Maureen McDermott	*Margo McDermott
*Audrey Platta	*Kurt Hendershott
*Nathan Halsteter	*Tim Paske
*Jennifer Petrie	*Mike Platta
*Kris McDermott	*Jennifer Griffin
*Sunnie Williams	*Ryan Starliper
*Christine McCabe	

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

**CREATE/INCREASE
POSITIONS**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to create the following positions effective July 1, 2015:
 - Foreign Language Teacher increase from .6 FTE to 1.0 FTE
 - Math Teacher (7-12)
 - Physical Education Teacher increase from .4 FTE to .8 FTE
 - Social Worker
 - Technology Teacher increase from .4 FTE to 1.0 FTE

Yes-7, No-0

- Superintendent Retz stated that the current 3rd grade class will have 4 sections. He also stated that committees made up of the appropriate administrator and team of teachers are screening applicants and setting up interviews. These committees will make recommendations on who they feel are the best qualified candidates for each position.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
REVENUE & BUDGET
STATUS REPORTS**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to accept the Budget Status Reports for May 2015 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital budgets as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**TREASURER' REPORT
FOR ACTIVITY FUNDS**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Extracurricular Accounts for May 2015 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**INTERNAL CLAIMS
AUDITOR REPORT**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Strenkert, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report for May 2015 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**OPERATIONAL
REPORT-DISTRICT
INFO. TECH. UPDATE**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed an Information Technology report update with the Board. He highlighted the following items:

- Fountas & Pinell Apps for the I-pad
- Desktops and Laptops being updated to Office 2013
- (Laptops are being updated during the week of June 15th and will be complete by the last day of school. Turnaround time on laptops has been quick with little inconvenience to staff end of the year duties. Desktops will be completed over the summer.)
- Introduction of Chromebooks
- New I-pad software management system
- Purchase/installation of additional document cameras
- Update Windows Serve to 2008 for HVAC system
- Roll out of online Plan Books

**OPERATIONAL RPT.-
BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS UPDATE**

Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed and Buildings and Grounds report with the Board. The updated included items already completed – auditorium lighting, heating and cooling, lift station at the Intermediate building, and bus lift. Items to be completed over the summer include: sealcoating at all buildings including the bus garage (high school will be done before graduation), demolition and rebuilding of baseball dugout, PA system at Intermediate school, capital construction project items, and Siemens controls HS/MS power failure items.

SUBSTITUTE RATES

- Current Substitute Rate information was shared with the Board for discussion and possible adjustment at the Reorganizational meeting.

**DISTRICTS' REGIONAL
EFFICIENCY PLAN**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, shared information regarding the recently prepared and submitted Efficiency Plan.

**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		Spring 2015
4/28/15	Budget Presentation/BOCES Budget		TBD

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

- The Superintendent reported on the following items

1. Business First Annual Ranking – Superintendent Retz shared information received regarding the Business First Annual School Ranking information. This is the 4th year in a row that Greene has ranked in the top 4 for the Binghamton region. Greene outranked 92% of schools within our region. In Math, Greene ranked 68th out of 431 schools in the state (top 15%) and for Science, 58th out of 431 (top 13%). This information will be shared with local press.

2. Chad Noelle – A 2011 graduate is a NCAA Division I National Champion in the 1500 meter run. There was an article in the Press & Sun and also a U-Tube video of the race.

3. Driver Ed – The district values this program for students and continues to try to find someone to head this program. There are no options currently through BOCES.

4. Pool Fund – Superintendent Retz reported that the actual balance in the pool maintenance fund is \$75,090. This is down from \$101,350 in 2011. The district takes a conservative

- approach to use of these funds in order to maintain this fund for as long as possible. Additional, general fund monies are used on a regular basis to address needs.

- Alisha Eggleston, Math Department Chairperson, thanked the Board for reinstating one of two math positions lost in prior years.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
ALISHA EGGLESTON**

- Carolyn Hunter, asked if walkie-talkies that were going to be supplied in the Intermediate school as there is no working PA System have been received yet.

CAROLYN HUNTER

- Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal, stated that they have been handed out to designated staff today.

- Board Vice-President, Ethan Day, thanked the outgoing Board members, Jim Strenkert and Rich Boeltz. He stated that between them they have 26 years of service on the Board and both have been and will continue to be active in the district. Mr. Day stated that he has valued the skills and knowledge that they have brought to the Board. On behalf of the Board he stated they will be missed and wished them the best.

ETHAN DAY

- Deb Krupp asked if the U-Tube video of Chad Noelle's race could be linked from the website. She stated that it is a great accomplishment for a former Greene athlete.

DEB KRUPP

- Brian Milk also thanked Rich Boeltz and Jim Strenkert for their service to the district. He also stated that in the Business First Report, Greene was ranked 14 spots ahead of the next school in our area and thanked all of our teachers for their part in the success of Greene's students.

BRIAN MILK

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by ,Crumb to adjourn to Executive Session for negotiations update at 8:15 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by McCauley, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:14 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

RECONVENE

- Motion made by McCauley, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk