

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:04 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

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation/Building & Grounds Supervisor

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:05 p.m.:
 - Special Education 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 Hendershott, to approve the following placement(s):
#710123631; #710023296; #710023304; #710023295;
#710023313; #710023275; #710023312; #710023325;
#710022862; #710022280; #710123525; #710022304;

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

Yes-7, No-0

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

RECONVENE

- None.

**ADD./DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hunsinger, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on September 17, 2014 with the following amendment:
Page 2 – Annual Audit Report-West & Company –
Add: "Board member Tammie McCauley asked about the Extraclassroom Activity Funds. As noted in the report, there is \$2,500 in interest income which should be disbursed to the clubs. Mark Rubitski said he would look into this."

**APPROVE MINUTES
9/17/14**

Yes-7, No-0

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- October 10 – Workers' Comp Consortium Mtg – 6:30 p.m.
- October 13 – Columbus Day – No School
- October 15 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- October 22 – BOCES Educational Forum – 4:00 p.m.
- October 25 – Wellness Fair - 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. High School Gym/Cafeteria
- October 25 – PTO Kids Day Out – 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- October 24 – Staff Development Day
- October 31 – Community Halloween Dance – 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
JACKIE BARTON**

- Jackie Barton stated that the sports program is a big part of the Greene Central School experience for students and she questioned an administrative decision last year to suspended Coach Paske for not participating in the homecoming parade. She stated that no other coach had been suspended for not participating. She also asked if the positions held by Mr. Jordon Lilley, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds and Transportation Supervisor, are Civil Service positions, if Mr. Lilley possess the Civil Service credentials for the positions, and are they two separate full time positions. She stated that she did not feel that both positions were being adequately performed. She also asked that the Board not renew the Superintendent's contract.

SCOTT YOUNGS

- Mr. Scott Youngs asked what would be done with the \$2500 in interest earned by the Extracurricular Activity accounts.
- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, answered that it is generally allocated to the various accounts annually.
- Mr. Youngs also stated that he felt there was a lack of accountability and felt that the tone and manner used by Mr. Rubitski toward a Board member at the last meeting was inappropriate.

**REPORT(S):
ENROLLMENT REPORT**

- The Enrollment Report for the opening of the school year 2014-2015 with a total enrollment of 1064 was noted.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

- The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following board action:

**APPROVE LINKS 16
PLAN**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to adopt the LINKS¹⁶ Plan as presented and to authorize the Superintendent and Board President to sign the same on behalf of the district.
Yes-7, No-0

**APPOINTMENT(S):
SPECIAL EDUCATION
LIAISON – 2014-2017-
COLIN EVANS**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to appoint Colin Evans as Special Education Liaison for 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17.
Yes-7, No-0

**CAITLIN AXTELL-
FOOD SERVICE
WORKER**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to appoint Caitlin Axtell as a Food Service Worker full time for a one year probationary period beginning October 2, 2014 ending October 1, 2015.
Yes-7, No-0

**TIA LEE – FOOD
SERVICE WORKER
PART-TIME**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to appoint Tia Lee as a Food Service Worker part-time for a one year probationary period beginning October 2, 2014 ending October 1, 2015.
Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to appoint the following individuals as Life Guards for the 2014-2015 school year:

Katelyn Shear	Emily Bertram
Maureen McDermott	Margo McDermott
Audrey Platta	Ryan Markham
Nathan Halsteter	Tim Paske
Brent Kim	Jen Petrie
Mike Platta	Kris McDermott
Jen Griffin	Sunnie Williams
Ryan Starliper	Sue Carlin

Yes-7, No-0

LIFE GUARD ROSTER

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to appoint the following individuals as Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator and/or Coach for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Diane Evans – Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator/Coach Elementary
- Mary McBride – Odyssey of the Mind Coach

Yes-7, No-0

**ODYSSEY OF THE
COORDINATOR/
COACH**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to accept the resignation of Sharon Zimmer, Custodial Worker, effective September 5, 2014.

Yes-7, No-0

**RESIGNATION(S):
SHARON ZIMMER-
CUSTODIAL WORKER**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hunsinger, to accept the Audit Committee's September 17, 2014 meeting minutes (attached Exhibit "A") with a change to indicate Tim Crumb was absent from the meeting as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
AUDIT COMMITTEE
MEETING 9/17/14**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, commented on the Budget Status reports that general fund appropriations under account #1981 was split from #1983 and that is the reason for the large negative number. The entries and balances will be adjusted by the next report. He also stated that NYS has not approved the Title Grant Budget and therefore those accounts have negative balances until the budget is set and revenues received.

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to accept the Budget Status Reports for August 2014 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital Budgets as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**BUDGET STATUS
REPORTS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hunsinger, to accept the Internal Claims Audit Report for August 2014 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**INTERNAL CLAIMS
AUDIT REPORT**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by McCauley, to declare the following Physics textbooks as obsolete and to dispose of the same:

- Conceptual Physics, Paul Hewit, 2004 (62 student books and 1 teacher edition);
- Physics: Principles and Problems, Merrill, 1990 (28 student books).

Yes-7, No-0

**OBSOLETE
TEXTBOOKS**

**NYS PROPERTY TAX
FREEZE**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, explained that in the 2014-15 State budget, there is a property tax freeze credit for NYS homeowners for 2014-15 and 2015-2016 school years. Homeowners are eligible only if the school district complied with the property tax cap and for 2015-16 submit an approved efficiency plan. Eligible homeowners will receive a tax rebate check from New York State.

**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
6/18	iPad Classroom Use Update	5 th Grade & Staff	TBD

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

- Superintendent, Jonathan Retz, reported on the following:

1. Homecoming – Superintendent Retz thanked Mrs. Wendy Myers for her work on the homecoming events. Everything went smoothly and it was a nice event.

Mrs. Myers was present and stated that she has asked Student Council members to get student feedback. So far, she has only heard positive comments. Working on the skits and banners during the school day did involve more students.

2. Remote Scoreboard – Superintendent Retz developed an agreement for groups wishing to use the remote scoreboard. The Board reviewed the sign-out form and was in agreement to proceed.

3. October 24th Conference Day – Principals are planning activities for that day based on building level needs. When finalized, the activities will be shared with the Board.

4. Board Self-Evaluation – Superintendent Retz tallied the results of the Board Self-Evaluation and will give the results to the Board for their review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
JACKIE BARTON**

- Jackie Barton asked if the Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds and Transportation Supervisor were two full time positions or one position blended, whether Civil Service requirements were met, and whether both departments' needs are being met.

- Superintendent Retz stated that the positions were combined during difficult economic times and duties were divided out. He also stated that the district works with and within Civil Service requirements and all needs under the two positions are being met.

SCOTT YOUNGS

- Mr. Youngs stated that he was a 1994 graduate and felt that extracurricular clubs and sports are crucial for students as well as a sound education. He suggested that maybe outside organizations/individuals could help with the extracurricular needs of students. He also stated the importance of retiring coaches passing on an "action plan" to their successor to help continue the success of the program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for negotiation and personnel at 8:18 p.m. Yes-7, No-0

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- Motion made by Day, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:10 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 10:11 p.m.

RECONVENE

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk