

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:05 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
Mr. Timothy Crumb
Mrs. Tammie McCauley
Mrs. Karen Hendershott (arrived @ 8:04 p.m.)
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger
Mr. James Strenkert (arrived @ 7:07 p.m.)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. James Walters, Executive Principal 6-12
Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal
Mrs. Kimberly Kalem, Learning Technology Coordinator

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:06 p.m.:
 - Special Education Placements
 - Confidential Personnel Matter
 - Negotiations Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes-5, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to approve the following placement(s):
#710022041; #710022363; #710123432; #710022250;
#710123535; #710022406; #710022759; #710022989;
#710022344; #710022945; #710023139; #710023180;
#710023132; #710022455; #710023225; #710023132;
#710021992; #710123494; #710123419; #710123446;
#710123468; #710123433; #710022205; #710125214;
#710123180.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

Yes-5, No-0

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

Yes-6, No-0

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

RECONVENE

- None.

**ADD./DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on April 2, 2014 as presented.

APPROVE MINUTES

Yes-6, No-0

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CALENDAR**

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- April 22 – Chenango County School Boards Assoc. Dinner Mtg.
- April 24 & 25 – Screen-Free Nights (formerly TV Turnoff)-5:30-7:30 p.m.
- April 25 – Sweets & Sounds – Auditorium - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- May 3 – Jr/Sr Prom & After-Prom Party
- May 7 – H.S. Honor Society Inductions – 1:30 p.m.
- May 7 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- May 12 – Annual Budget Hearing - 6:30 p.m.
- May 15 – I.S. Band/Chorus Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- May 20 – Budget & BOE Member Vote – 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- May 21 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- May 28 – MS/HS Band Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- May 30 – Moving Up Day – 8:00 a.m.
- June 4 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- June 10 – MS/HS Choral Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- June 17-25 – Regents Exams
- June 20 – ½ Day K-5
- June 25 – ½ Day K-5
- June 28 – Graduation – 10:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
HEATHER KRIESEL-
ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**

- Heather Kriesel, Band Teacher, thanked the Board for supporting the Odyssey of the Mind program. Two high school teams competed at BU on April 12th. The teams did a great job with one finishing 6th and the other 14th.

**ETHAN DAY- BOARD
PETITION PUBICATION
DATES**

- Board member, Ethan Day, asked about publication dates advertising Board seats open and Board Petition due dates. Perhaps a separate article should be done announcing the available seats and the procedures/deadline for submitting petitions of interest. Due to required vote publication dates, only one publication in the local paper, *Chenango American*, was done prior to the board petition deadline date.

**RICHARD BOELTZ-
EASTER EGG HUNT**

- Board President, Richard Boeltz, thanked Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal, for her help during the recent Easter Egg Hunt held at the primary school.

REPORTS:

- None.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following board action:

BOCES ADM. BUDGET

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to adopt the following resolution:
"RESOLVED, that the Greene Central School Board of Education does hereby approve the proposed Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$2,136,359."
Yes-5, No-1(McCauley)

**ANNUAL BOCES VOTE
BOARD MEMBER
ELECTION**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, that the Greene Central School Board of Education hereby casts its vote(s) in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the following individuals:
 - Richard Dillon, 291 Ridgerunner Rd, Hancock, NY
 - Linda Zaczek, 1100 County Rt. 37, Mount Upton, NYYes-6, No-0

**NON-PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION
REQUEST**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by McCauley, to approve the non-public transportation request for Noah Degnan to Central Baptist Christian Academy for the 2014-2015 school year.
Yes-4, No-2 (Boeltz & Crumb)

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- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Barbara Robinson as a School Bus Monitor, for a one-year probationary period beginning April 22, 2014 and ending April 21, 2015.

**APPOINTMENT(S):
SCHOOL BUS
MONITOR- BARBARA
ROBINSON**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Caitlin Axtell as a Part-Time Cafeteria Worker for a one-year probationary period beginning April 22, 2014 and ending April 21, 2015.

**CAITLIN AXTELL-
PART-TIME
CAFETERIA WORKER**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters effective April 22, 2014:

SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS

- Mrs. Amy Jenks – Substitute School Nurse K-12
- Mr. Jesse Fendryk – Substitute Teacher 7-12
- Ms. Hillary Huttleston – Substitute School Bus Monitor
- Ms. Janet Kozisky – Substitute School Bus Monitor

Yes-6 No-0

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to accept the resignation of Carrie Cashen, Substitute Bus Driver, Substitute Bus Monitor and part-time Bus Cleaner, effective April 9, 2014.

**RESIGNATION(S):
CARRIE CASHEN-
SUB. BUS DRIVER,
MONITOR & PART-
TIME BUS CLEANER**

Yes-6, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Instructional Sick Bank Committee, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to approve the request of Melissa Bush, Teacher, for the withdrawal of 49 days from the instructional sick bank. Said withdrawal will cover April 10, 2014 through June 26, 2014.

**INSTRUCTIONAL SICK
BANK REQUEST-
MELISSA BUSH**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to consider the sabbatical request of Ms. Donna Dajnowski. After consideration, President Boeltz called for a vote on granting the sabbatical request of Ms. Donna Dajnowski.

**SABBATICAL
REQUEST- DONNA
DAJNOWSKI**

Yes-0, No-6

- Motion made by McCauley, seconded by Hunsinger, to approve The Trip Request of the American Legion Post #692 to take six junior girls and a chaperone to a Girls' Leadership Day in Albany on May 13, 2014 using school transportation.

**AMERICAN LEGION
TRIP REQUEST**

Yes-6, No-0

- Kimberly Kalem, Learning Technology Coordinator, explained how the goals and standards within the Technology Plan will align with uses of technology in the classroom. She also answered Board questions regarding updating of plan as needed, apps available for ipads, and any data on benefits of 1 to 1 integration of ipads in the classroom.

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to adopt the Technology Plan dated July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016 as presented.

TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Yes-7, No-0

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

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

Yes-7, No-0

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**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR ACTIVITY FUNDS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Activity Funds for March 2014 as presented.
Yes-7, No-0

**INTERNAL CLAIMS
AUDITOR REPORT**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by McCauley, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for March 2014 as presented.
Yes-7, No-0

**WORKERS' COMPEN.
CONSORTIUM REPORT**

- Mr. Rubitski reviewed information received at the recent Workers' Compensation Consortium meeting. The consortium is once again operating with a positive fund balance. The increase for 2014-2015 rates is 5% but then each individual school's rate is based on performance also. Greene's rate is decreasing due to improved performance (fewer claims).

**DONATION OF
BICYCLES**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to accept the generous donation from Kay Borne of six (6) bicycles at an approximate value of \$550.00 with appreciation. The bicycles will be used at the intermediate school as part of a reading incentive program.
Yes-7, No-0

**OPERATIONAL
REPORTS**

- The Board reviewed update reports regarding Business & Finance Operations; District Information Technology; and Transportation and Buildings & Grounds. The reports set forth information regarding completed tasks for each area as well as on-going tasks.

**RADON GAS
INFORMATION**

- Information regarding radon gas was shared with the Board provided by Lew Ford at DCMO BOCES.

**BOARD OUTSTANDING
ACTIONS LIST**

<u>Bd. Mtg. 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
7/17/13	Dept. Chair Presentation	Superintendent	July/August
8/7/13	Revenue & Budget Status Review	M. Rubitski	TBD
3/19	iPad Classroom Use Update	Superintendent	June 2014

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent, Jonathan Retz, reported on the following:

1. Non-Resident Tuition – Superintendent Retz requested that the Board consider the rate for non-resident students. The rate was raised 3 years ago and is set at the Organizational meeting in July.

2. Resource Officer - Ongoing discussions have been taking place regarding the possibility of sharing a School Resource Officer. Funding through a grant may be a possibility. Greene did not budget any money in this area.

3. Curriculum Review – Superintendent Retz recently met with the Math Department to review their curriculum K-12. The department is making adjustments to the curriculum where relevant. Students and staff are adapting to the common core standards. A number of staff members commented on how impressed they are with students' progress related to the new standards. The meeting allowed for good discussion and reinforced the need to align all district curricula to the Common Core standards.

- **4. Budget Vote Process** – Superintendent Retz stated that he is looking into the possibility of using the scantron machine for the upcoming budget vote. The district only has one operational voting machine and we have the availability of the scantron machines. The form to be used for the ballot and instructions are still being worked out.

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hunsinger, to adjourn to Executive Session for a particular personnel matter at 9:15 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The Board of Education of the Greene Central School District hereby finds that probable cause exists to bring a disciplinary proceeding against **** pursuant to Section 3020-a of the New York State Education Law. Further, the Board orders *** suspended with pay pending the resolution on this matter. A role call vote was taken as follows:

Richard Boeltz – Yes
Timothy Crumb – Yes
Ethan Day – Yes
Karen Hendershott – Yes
Helen Hunsinger – Yes
Tammie McCauley – Yes
James Strenkert – Yes

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:52 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

RECONVENE

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Yes-7, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk