

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 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  
Mrs. Karen Hendershott  
Mr. Timothy Crumb  
Mrs. Tammie McCauley  
Mr. James Strenkert (arrived @ 7:15 p.m. – left @ 8:30 p.m.)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mrs. Helen Hunsinger

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent  
Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:03 p.m.:
  - Special Education Placements
  - Negotiations Update
  - Confidential Personnel Matter

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Yes-5, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to approve the following placement(s):  
#710123191; #710123184; #710022862; #710022956;  
#710023042; #710022830; #710022480; #710022415;  
#710022416; #710023340; #710123593; #710021947;  
#710123287; #710123296; #710125179; #710022985;  
#710022046; #710022945; #710023139; #710023195;  
#710022533; #710123327; #710023237; #710023240;  
#710022656; #710022953; #710022344; #710022424;  
#710125235; #710023225; #710021959; #710123269;  
#710022125; #710125173; #710022365; #710021929;  
#710022665; #710123252.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

Yes-5, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**

Yes-6, No-0

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- None.

**ADDITIONS/  
DELETIONS TO  
AGENDA**

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**APPROVE MINUTES  
3/18/15**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on March 18, 2015 as presented.  
Yes-6, No-0

**CALENDAR**

- April 8 – Red Cross Blood Drive – Auditorium Lobby @ 11-3pm
- April 9 – STEM Night – Intermediate School – 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- April 17 – Workers’ Compensation Consortium Mtg. – 6:30 p.m.
- April 20 – Board Petitions Due by 5:00 p.m.
- April 22 – Board of Education Meet -7:00 p.m. – Special Date for Budget
- April 28 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- April 30 & May 1 – Screen Free Nights/Wellness Fair
- May 2 – Prom & After-Prom Party
- May 4 – Staff Development Day
- May 6 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- May 6 – Honor Society Inductions & Junior Awards – 1:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None.

**REPORT(S):**

- None.

**EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:**

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

**MODIFY BOE  
MEETING SCHEDULE**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to add a Board of Education meeting on April 22, 2015 for 2015-2016 budget adoption.  
Yes-6, No-0

**UPK LOTTERY  
FOR FALL 2015**

- Two Board members took turns drawing names to fill the UPK spots for the school year 2015-2016 as the District Clerk wrote the names on a list. A total of 44 names were drawn for 30 spots, with the additional names being placed on a waiting list.

**INSTRUCTIONAL  
CALENDAR 2015-2016**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the 2015-2016 Instructional Calendar (Exhibit "A") as presented.  
Yes-6, No-0

**APPOINTMENT(S):  
SUBSTITUTE BUS  
DRIVERS**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by McCauley, to appoint Wayne Criddle and Mike Blasko as Substitute Bus Drivers effective April 2, 2015 for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.  
Yes-6, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:  
TECHNOLOGY  
INSTALLMENT  
PURCHASE  
AGREEMENT**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to approve the attached Resolution committing to the purchase of technology equipment for the Instructional Technology Services and the Network Support Service from Broome-Tioga BOCES (Attachment "B") in the total amount (purchase and financing) of \$126,093.80 and to authorize the Board President to sign the same on behalf of the district.  
Yes-6, No-0

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
CHENANGO AGREMT.**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve the Lease Agreement between Opportunities for Chenango, Inc. and Greene Central School for the Head Start program from September 1, 2014 through June 1, 2015 at a cost of \$400.00 per month, and to authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign said Lease Agreement on behalf of the district.  
Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hendershott, to accept the generous donation from Kay Borne of \$775 to be used to purchase six (6) bicycles and helmets (3 boys and 3 girls) with appreciation. The bicycles will be used at the intermediate school as part of a reading incentive program.

Yes-6, No-0

**DONATION OF  
BICYCLES**

- The Board reviewed a report prepared by Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, regarding business and finance operations tasks through March. Items reported on included, NYSERDA Grant, Federal Rebate Claims, capital project progression, cost savings initiatives, Medicaid billing and reporting, health insurance review, and physical inventory and asset valuation.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE  
OPERATIONS REPORT**

- In Mark Rubitski's absence, Superintendent Retz reviewed impact of approved state budget on our 2015-16 budget. While the final state budget provided for a 6% increase in state aid to education, Greene's share only amounted to a 1% increase of \$168,831. This now puts our budget gap in the black at \$85,364. The next step will be to review and further prioritize the \$700,000 in program and operational items under consideration. These include staffing and other program and operational needs.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Questions to be answered are what items are critical to be added back in and to what extent do we use reserves to fund the additional items. We realized some breakage in health insurance and retirement costs this year, but they are unknown for next year. The Budget Committee will meet Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. to review and discuss these items further.

**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
12/17/14	iPad Classroom Use Update		Ongoing
1/7/15	Non-Resident Policy		Summer 2015

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

- **Superintendent, Jonathan Retz, reported on the following:**

**1. Federal Court Decision** – The Court dismissed the lawsuit in part, but has given the Petitioner 30 days to come back on one part. Attorneys do not see that happening.

**2. Comptroller's Audit** – Mark Rubitski, the Superintendent, and a representative from the Comptroller's office will be meeting tomorrow to review the parameters of the audit.

**3. Robotics Competition** – Ethan Leet, Raymonds, and BCC partnered on the Robotics Competition held here in our Auditorium last week. There were over 100 students involved from neighboring school districts. Other than needing more space than the auditorium provided, the competition went well and BCC is talking about hosting the competition next year. Superintendent Retz will invite Ethan Leet and some of the students to a Board meeting to demonstrate their robots.

**4. Letter Writing Campaign** - Letters returned from parents were delivered to Assemblyman Crouch and Senator Libous. The letters were also faxed and then mailed to the Governor's office. We received approximately 125 letters – a lot from staff and some from students/parents.

**5. Diving Board** – The district is currently collecting estimates for pedestals and competition style diving board, as well as polling other schools as to what type of board they are using. Initial estimates for replacing the base of the diving board are between \$3-\$4,000. To replace both the board and the base estimates are between \$7-\$10,000. There is still \$74-\$75,000 in the pool maintenance fund, but there are some questions as to what that fund can be used for. Further information will be gathered on what the pool fund was established for.

- The following questions were voiced and will be followed up on as additional information is collected:

- What is the problem with our current board?
- What is the life of our current board?
- What is the difference between a recreation and competition board?
- Can we make repairs to the current board?
- Whatever the outcome, the boards need to be safe for all users of the facility – recreation and competitive.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
DEB KRUPP – POOL**

- Deb Krupp, parent/teacher, stated that all students use the pool whether through gym class, swim team, or recreationally during the summer and she would like whatever board(s) are used to be safe and appropriate.

**SCOTT YOUNGS –  
PARKING LOTS**

- Scott Youngs asked what type of paving needs to be done on the parking lots.

**RESPONSE**

- There is patching and sealing that needs to be done – not a total repaving – and we cannot use capital funds to pay for the work. Estimates are at \$43,000.

- Board member, Jim Strenkert, left at 8:30 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn to Executive Session for a confidential personnel matter at 8:32 p.m.

Yes-5, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**

- Motion made by McCauley, seconded by Day, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

Yes-5, No-0

**RECONVENE**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Yes-5, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk