

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017**

A Special Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President, Brian Milk, in the Board of Education 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. Brian Milk, President
Mr. Timothy Crumb
Mrs. Karen Hendershott
Mr. Seth Barrows
Mrs. Tammie McCauley

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Scott Youngs, Vice-President

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Gordon Daniels, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. James Walters, High School Principal
Mr. Timothy Calice, Middle School Principal
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal and Director of Athletics & PE
Mrs. January Pratt, Primary School Principal
Mrs. Sarah Wiggins, Director of Special Programs
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- April 21 – Sweets & Sounds – Auditorium – 6:30 p.m.
- April 24 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Special Date for BOCES Vote
- **April 24 – Nancy Bromley Induction into Greater Binghamton Sports Hall of Fame – 6:30 p.m. dinner**
- May 3 – Honor Society/Jr. Awards Assembly – 1:30 p.m.
- May 3 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- May 6 – Prom & After-Prom Party
- May 8 – Budget Hearing – Auditorium – 6:30 p.m.
- May 9 – PTO Meet the Candidates Night – 7:00 p.m. – HS Library
- May 16 – Budget Vote & School Board Election – 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Auditorium Lobby
- May 17 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- May 18 – Intermediate Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m. – Auditorium

CALENDAR

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed the 2017-2018 proposed budget. He highlighted the following items:
 - Thank you to the Budget Committee members (McCauley, Crumb and Barrows) and the Administrative team.

**2017-2018 PROPOSED
SCHOOL BUDGET:**

- Budget planning looks at the future 2-3 years needs as well as the upcoming year.
- Reviewed budget goals and objectives.
- State aid received is slightly more than the Governor's proposed budget.
- Options to balancing the budget through a combination of tax levy increase, use of district reserves, and cost savings/ reductions.
- Budget Summary: Spending \$26,168,454
Budget Increase: 2.95% \$ 750,622
Tax Levy Increase 1.27% \$ 85,160
(compliant with the 2% tax levy limit)
Use of Reserves \$ 356,863
Budget Transfer (RTF) \$ 283,749

- Due to the increased State Aid, a list of 19 possible add backs was proposed by the Administration.
- Five (5) of the 19 will be added back into the budget, at a total cost of \$120,050. These included black top patching and resurfacing; primary gym sanding and refinish of floor; increase FACS position by .1 FTE to 1.0 FTE; change PE position from LTA to teaching staff; athletic storage unit. Three (3) additional items (RTA teaching position, Intermediate gym technology, Inspire technology for Math department) may be covered by Smart Bond and Grant monies.
- President Milk stated that if an of the proposed add backs come in under costs anticipated (such as paving), he would like to see some of the other items, such as furniture needs, be purchased with any leftover funds.
- Board member McCauley stated that it is confusing as to when you use money from a repair fund versus the general fund budget.
- Mr. Rubitski continued to review line items with significant increases or decreases within the budget such as:
 - Chief School Adm. – Reduction due to Interim Superintendent Contractual arrangements;
 - Labor Relations – reduction foregoing Boces labor relations services;
 - Operation of plant/District Transportation – fuel price up 43%;
This includes all fuels: diesel, fuel oil, propane, gasoline;
 - Maintenance of plant – Increase - blacktop and gym floor;
 - School Association Dues – Increase - Board services with School Boards Association;
 - Program student/disabilities – Increase – based on student needs;
 - Occupational Ed. – Reduction – fewer CTE students;
 - School library – Reduction – no Library Media Specialist through BOCES – staffing in-house;
 - Retirement System – Reduction as rates went down;
 - Health Insurance – 5 ¼% increase;
 - School Capital Bonds – Increase due to bonding of current capital project – offset with aid. Budgeted conservatively, but will have a more current rate number in a couple weeks when the bond process takes place.
- Mr. Rubitski reviewed the Property Tax Report Card.
- Moore Memorial Library will not be asking for additional funds this year, so there will be no additional Proposition on the ballot.

**ADOPTION OF 2017-18
SCHOOL BUDGET**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Barrows, to adopt the 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$26,168,454 with a tax levy increase of 1.27% and \$356,863 being used from reserve accounts and to approve the Property Tax Report Card as presented.
Yes-6, No-0

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Barrows, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk