

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:03 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. Helen Hunsinger  
Mrs. Tammie McCauley

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. James Strenkert

**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

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn to **EXECUTIVE SESSION** Executive Session for the following at 7:04 p.m.:
  - Special Education Placements
  - Confidential Personnel Matter

Yes-6, 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):  
#710022427; #710123285; #710123640; #710022789;  
#710123180; #710123470; #710022872; #710123472;  
#710022330; #710022213; #710023355; #710123461;  
#710123583; #710022309; #710022301; #710022310.

Yes-6, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- None.

**ADDITIONS/  
DELETIONS TO  
AGENDA**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on April 22, 2015 as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES  
4/22/15**

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CALENDAR**

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- April 30 & May 1 – Screen Free Nights/Wellness Fair
- May 2 – Prom & After-Prom Party
- May 4 – Staff Development Day (changed from 3/13)
- May 6 – Honor Society Inductions & Junior Awards @ 1:30 – Auditorium
- May 6 – Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 8 – Health Consortium – 6:30 p.m.
- May 11 – Public Hearing on Budget – 6:30 p.m. – Auditorium
- May 12 – Intermediate Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- May 13 – PTO Meet the Candidates Night–BOE Room–6:30 p.m.
- May 19 – Budget Vote & BOE Election – 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.- Auditorium Lobby
- May 20 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- May 25 – No School – Memorial Day
- May 29 – Moving Up Day – 8:00 a.m. - Auditorium

**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
SHARON BICKFORD-  
STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

- Sharon Bickford addressed the Board regarding an attendance issue with her grandson who had mono. She stated that her and her daughter came to the school to try to discuss the absences with Mr. Calice or Mrs. Dutcher, who were unavailable and were then met by Superintendent Retz. Mrs. Bickford felt that Mr. Retz treated them unprofessionally.

- Superintendent Retz stated that he will set up a meeting to include Mr. Calice and possibly Dr. Masarech to discuss how to proceed regarding her grandson's absences.

**JACKI BARTON –  
BASEBALL FUNDS**

- Jacki Barton asked about funds raised by the Varsity Boys' Baseball Team which she stated are unaccounted for.

- Superintendent Retz responded that the district will look into any fundraising by the Baseball Team.

**REPORT(S):  
ROBOTICS CLUB  
STUDENTS**

- Ethan Leet, the Robotics Club Advisor, shared information on the recent Robotics Competition held at Greene. He stated that 9 schools attended with 90 plus students participating. Raymond Corporation sponsored the event, providing plaques for the winning schools, lunch for everyone, as well as engineers to judge the competition. Students, Alex and Michael Sandway, and Zach Westover demonstrated for the Board two robots that the club built and programed.

**ATHLETIC REPORT-  
BRYAN AYRES**

- Bryan Ayres, Athletic Director, reviewed the winter sports End of the Season Reports with the Board. Mr. Ayres thanked the coaches and athletes for their participation and accomplishments. Some recommendations/needs highlighted:

- Bowling \$70 alley fee – help through athletic budget
- Reinstate modified wrestling to improve varsity participation numbers – currently not enough athletes for a modified team
- Need for new uniforms
- Students participating in off-season athletic functions/camps which pulls them from current sport obligations
- Equipment needs – basketballs, storage racks
- Challenges and conflicts when sharing space
- Possibility of extending practice times past 7:30 p.m.
- Prompt parent pick-up after practices/games

- Mr. Ayres also mentioned that we have several varsity coaches retiring/stepping down after this year and he is anticipating difficulty in filling coaching positions next year.

- Scholar Athletes and Scholar Athlete Teams were also mentioned. The district will look at recognizing all the Scholar Athletes at a Future Board meeting .

- The Enrollment Report for the period ending March 31, 2015 with a closing enrollment of 1059 was noted. **ENROLLMENT REPORT**

**EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:**

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

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hunsinger, to accept the resignation to retire of Timothy Jenks from his position as 8<sup>th</sup> grade Life Science Teacher with appreciation effective June 30, 2015.

**RESIGNATION(S):  
TIMOTHY JENKS-  
TEACHER**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to approve The Trip Request of the American Legion Post #692 to take five junior girls and a chaperone to a Girls' Leadership Day in Albany on May 19, 2015 using school transportation.

**AMERICAN LEGION  
TRIP REQUEST**

Yes-6, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to move that the following appointment of tenure be made:

**TENURE APPOINTMENT  
EVELYN FRAIR –  
BUSINESS &  
MARKETING**

Name of Appointee: Evelyn Frair  
Tenure Area: Business & Marketing  
Date of Commencement of  
Service on Tenure: June 30, 2015  
Certification Status: Initial

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by McCauley, to approve Kim Sanford's request for an unpaid leave of absence from her duties as a Bus Driver for ten (10) days, April 13, 2015 through April 24, 2015.

**REQUEST FOR UNPAID  
LEAVE OF ABSENCE-  
KIM SANFORD-BUS  
DRIVER**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to appoint the following individuals as unpaid volunteers to help with the marching band program:

**APPOINTMENT(S):  
MARCHING BAND  
UNPAID VOLUNTEERS**

- Mr. John Sininger
- Ms. Annalea Sininger
- Ms. Kasandra Prikazsky

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to appoint the following individuals to the Spring 2015 Coaching Roster:

**SPRING COACHES**

- Deb Krupp – Varsity Assistant Track Coach
- Anna Crumb – Unpaid Volunteer Softball Coach

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year:

**SUBSTITUTE  
ROSTERS**

- JulieBeth Holdrege – Substitute Teacher K-12
- Dane Woytek – Substitute Teacher 7-12
- Rebecca Hagmann – Substitute School Counselor K-12

Yes-6, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:**

**CONTRACT FOR  
HEALTH SERVICES-  
CHENANGO FORKS  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to approve the for Health and Welfare Services between Greene CSD Board of Education and Chenango Forks School District for September 4, 2014 through June 30, 2015, authorize the Board President to sign the Contract on behalf of the district, and authorize payment for services provided to 5 children in the amount of \$1376.80.  
Yes-6, No-0

**CONTRACT FOR  
HEALTH SERVICES-  
BINGHAMTON CITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- Motion made by McCauley, seconded by Crumb, to approve the Contract for Health and Welfare Services between Greene CSD Board of Education and Binghamton City School District for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, authorize the Board President to sign the Contract on behalf of the district, and authorize payment for services provided to 4 children in the amount of \$1260.00.  
Yes-6, No-0

**FUND SURPLUS  
RESOLUTION AGREE.  
& RELEASE**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to approve the Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release between the Greene Central School District and Questar III (attached Hereto as Exhibit "A") and to authorize the Board President to sign said Agreement on behalf of the district.  
Yes-6, No-0

**WORKERS' COMP.  
CONSORTIUM UPDATE**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed information supplied to the Board from a recent Workers' Compensation Consortium meeting. He stated that the overall Alliance budget is increasing 5% next year. Mr. Rubitski also discussed a contract change that the Consortium will be implementing which would allow district's to determine what cost/reimbursement would be due if they decided to leave the Consortium. Windsor suggested the proposal as they were considering leaving the Consortium and there was no provision within the Consortium to allow them access to what they would owe/receive should they decided to leave. This is a piece of information that will be useful to all districts within the Consortium.

**BOCES ADM. BUDGET**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, 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 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$2,168,698."  
Yes-6, No-0

**ANNUAL BOCES VOTE  
BOARD MEMBER  
ELECTION**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hendershott, 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:

- Jermaine Bagnall-Graham
- Vanessa Warren
- David Cruikshank

Yes-6, No-0

**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		Summer 2015
4/28	Explanation of DCMO BOCES Adm. Budget		Fall 2015

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

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

**1. State Testing** – Superintendent Retz received some feedback from 3-8 staff regarding the recent ELA and Math state tests. Stacey Diamond, Deb Krupp and Ben Eggleston who were present at the meeting made the following comments:

- ELA test was extremely difficult and too complex for students
- Math test was fair;
- Students struggled to finish the ELA exam
- A lot of frustration both for staff and students;
- Won't obtain fair analysis due to the number of students opting out
- Discussions were had with students regarding the opting out and not having that choice at the high school level
- Students who opted out were well behaved;
- Staff members have no idea what is going to be tested

- Superintendent Retz will share what he hears at his Commissioner's Advisory Council meeting at the end of the week with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners.

- Deb Krupp, teacher, thanked Mr. Calice, Ms. Worsnopp, Mrs. Flohr and Mrs. Grant for everything they did to make the testing go smoothly.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn to Executive Session for negotiations and personnel at 9:15 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:42 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 10:42 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk