

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Greene Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by President, Brian Milk, in the Board Conference Room, High School/Middle School complex, South Canal Street, Greene, NY.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Brian Milk, President
Mr. Scott Youngs, Vice-President
Mr. Seth Barrows
Mrs. Tammie McCauley
Mr. Jason Burghardt
Mr. Nicholas Drew
Mr. Douglas Markham

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Gordon Daniels, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Mark Rubitsk, 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
Mrs. January Pratt, Primary School Principal
Mrs. Michelle Hasselbarth, Director of Special Programs
Mr. Gerald Abbey, Jr., Interim Facilities Director

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Markham, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the following:

- To review Special Education placements for particular students and to consider them for approval.
- To discuss the resignation of a particular person.

Yes-7, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Markham, seconded by Drew, to adjourn Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Milk reconvened the meet at 6:26 p.m.

RECONVENE

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL

Resignation(s): Add: Dedra Ingraham, Typist, effective April 20, 2018.

Appointment(s): Add: Dedra Ingraham as a Substitute Typist, April 20, 2018 through July 1, 2018.

**ADD/DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Barrows, seconded by Markham, to approve the following placement(s):

#710022391; #710023323; #710023154; #710022227;
#710123432; #710022427; #710022209; #710123640;
#710022903; #710023712; #710123433; #710023008;
#710022794; #710022956; #710023768; #710123430;
#710023779; #710023781; #710023776; #710023796;

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

- #710023787; #710022108; #710022363; #710022080;
#710022250; #710022830; #710022953; #710023137;
#710023180; #710023572; #710022455; #710023783.
Yes-7, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES
3/21/18 MTG.**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Burghardt, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 as presented.
Yes-7, No-0

CALENDAR:

- April 5 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
- April 7 - Odyssey of the Mind – SUNY Binghamton & Vestal HS
- April 12 – Kindergarten Parent Information Night – 6:30 Primary
- April 13 - OM performance @ Intermediate School – 8:30 a.m.
- April 13 – Workers’ Comp Alliance Consortium Mtg. – 6:30 p.m.
- April 16 – Petitions for Board Member Vacancies Due – 5:00 p.m.
- April 17 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 P.M. Date Change
- April 11-13 – ELA Testing for Grades 3-8
- April 25 – MS Green Thumb Club/PTO Screen Free Night –
6:00 p.m.
- April 26 – MS/HS Spring Band Concert – 7:00 p.m. Auditorium
- April 26 – CCSBA Dinner @ Silo
- April 27 – No School
- **April 28 – Little League & Softball Parade**
- May 2 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- May 3 – Honor Society Inductions – 7:00 p.m.
- May 7 – Annual Budget Hearing – 6:30 p.m. Auditorium
- May 15 – Budget Vote & BOE Member Election –11:00 a.m.–
8:00 p.m.
- May 16 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- May 17 – Intermediate Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m. Auditorium

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
HOLLY MOHR**

- Holly Mohr, LTA, thanked the Board for allowing administrators attend Discovery night. There was a great turn out.

**REPORT(S):
HIGH SCHOOL BLDG.
REPORT-MR. WALTERS**

- James Walters, High School Principal, reported on the following activities at the High School:

- January Regents results – low number of students taking the exams as most pass them in June. Students will have another opportunity in June to retake the needed exams.
- Maker Space – Lila Page, Library Media Specialist, and Jessica Schindler, Biology Teacher, received a grant to create a “Maker Space” in the library where students can be creative. While only 7-8 students participated in their first event (pillow cases which were donated to Upstate Children’s Hospital), it was a worthwhile event and a learning experience for future events.
- Sarah Tanzini, 11th grader, was recognized as an Akshar’s All-Star.
- 2nd Quarter Honor and High Honor Roll – 50% of students achieving that goal; 45 students on the Probation/Ineligible list with 21 in one grade level (11th grade);
- Renee Clark, 10th grade; Shannon Clark, 12th grade; and Gabrielle Nowalk, 10th grade, were selected and performed with the Binghamton Youth Symphony at a March 6th concert.

- Mock Trial – Jim deHaan, US History Teacher, has volunteered to be an Adviser for this club. 6 students are participating in this competition. Teams research and prepare both the defense and prosecution of cases and then argue them in front of a Judge. Interim Superintendent Daniels stated that he watched them in competition today and the students did a great job.
 - Academic Challenge – Students are preparing for their competition which will take place in PA this year.
 - OM Results – 3 teams continuing on to States – 1 elementary and 1 middle school who each took first place; 1 team from the high school came in second but received a wild card draw to continue in the competition.
 - Raymond STEAM event was held in March. Greene students in the BOCES tech program and interested students from the middle and high school also attended.
 - Connect Ed Conference – Positive reviews from staff who attended the conference regarding information and the chance to network with fellow educators from surrounding districts. PE teachers stayed back from the conference and M.K. Dugue, MS Physical Education teacher and certified instructor, recertified all PE teachers for life guarding. The PE staff also worked on curriculum to integrate life-long fitness strategies.
 - Safe Driving Assembly – A representative from the NYS Traffic Safety Board addressed students prior to vacation. Students took an “Eyes Forward” pledge. Students were attentive and displayed very good audience behavior.
 - National Student Walk Out – Mr. Walters read a statement and shared the planned opportunities for those students wanting to participate over the PA that morning. 11 students, all from one class, left class and went to the cafeteria at 10:00 a.m. A banner was made available in the cafeteria for MS and HS students to sign and will be sent to Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS to show support.
 - Oakdale Mall Art Show – 7 students participated in the show with Brooke Dillenbeck receiving an Honorable Mention.
 - Honor Society status – 29 students are eligible to be inducted (15 juniors and 14 sophomores). The induction ceremony this year will be an evening event – May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.
 - Sweethearts and Heroes Assembly – Positive anti-bullying/kindness assembly which was positively received by staff and students.
 - Safety Summit – Interested students met with Senator Akshar at his office to discuss concerns and possible solutions.
 - Attendance Incentives – Exploring ways to create positive incentives for good attendance with possible monthly or quarterly drawing for students with 3 or less absences.
- President Milk commented on the Music in Our Schools concert **PRESIDENT MILK** which was attended by all Board members.
- **Buildings & Grounds:** Board member Drew reported on items discussed at a recent Board Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting: **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- Maintenance areas to be addressed through a small \$100,000 capital project.
 - The need to address maintenance on a proactive plan versus continuing to address issues and equipment failures as they arise.

- Whether or not to move forward with a small capital project in light of the current budget deficit. Initial investment of \$100,000 and then 90% reimbursement after the first year investment.
- Creating a list of priority items to be addressed.

SETH BARROWS

- Board member Barrows stated the district will be in a similar financial situation next year. The Board budget committee will be meeting tomorrow to further discuss budget options for funding a small capital project.

NICK DREW

- Board member Drew gave an update on the tree that fell on the modified softball field fence. \$2500 insurance deductible. Tree has been removed from fencing and are waiting for the contractor to return to remove the tree. Awaiting estimates on repairs to the fence. Need to check the damaged fence area for safety concern.

GERALD ABBEY

- Gerald Abbey, Interim Facilities Director, updated the Board on the water main break at the Intermediate School. The leak was found, dug up and repaired. The district will need to pay for the water consumption, but can request a refund on the sewer bill which Interim Superintendent Daniels has completed. The contractor has not billed the district yet as they are waiting until they finish clean-up work.

- Speakers for the sound system at the turf field are in and will be installed on Friday.

- Athletic Trainers' room remodel is continuing. Cabinets and sink have been installed and painting will begin soon. Carpet squares were found in storage which will be used.

- Signage on the outside of buildings has been installed with the exception of the High School. Rapp Signs will be contacted to get a quote as a previous vendor failed to follow up with the district.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Nothing.

**EDUCATION &
PERSONNEL**

- The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Board actions:

**CHRISTINE PASKE
MODIFY TO .88 FTE
TEACHING POSITION**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Barrows, to modify the previous appointment of Christine Paske, Teacher, from a .8 FTE position to .88 FTE for the 2017-2018 school year effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
Yes-7, No-0

**RESIGNATION(S):
DONNA FOWLER,
SENIOR TYPIST**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Drew, to accept the resignation to retire of Donna Fowler, Senior Typist, effective July 31, 2018 with appreciation.
Yes-7, No-0

**DEDRA INGRAHAM,
TYPIST**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Drew, to accept the resignation of Dedra Ingraham, Typist, effective April 20, 2018 with appreciation.
Yes-7, No-0

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SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS**

- Motion made by Markham, seconded by Burghardt, to appoint Dedra Ingraham to the Substitute Rosters as a Substitute Typist effective April 20, 2018 through July 1, 2018.
Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Burghardt, to approve the following SEQRA resolution:
SEQRA RESOLUTION #1: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene Central School District Board of Education, hereby declares the Greene Central School District as the Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (**SEQRA**) associated with the 2018 Asbestos Abatement Project.
Roll Call Vote: Barrows–Yes; Drew–Yes; Markham–Yes; McCauley–Yes; Burghardt–Yes; Youngs–Yes; Milk–Yes
Yes-7, No-0

**SEQRA RESOLUTIONS
ASBESTOS ABATEMENT**

- Motion made by Burghardt, seconded by Youngs, to approve the following SEQRA resolution:
SEQRA RESOLUTION #2: WHEREAS, the Greene Central School District Board of Education (the Board) has considered the effect upon the environment of the proposed 2018 Asbestos Abatement Project listed in the State Environmental Quality Review Act Process Record Sheet submitted at this meeting and.... WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed the State Environmental Quality Review Act Process Record Sheet prepared and submitted in connection with the Project, now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene Central School District Board of Education, acting as Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (**SEQRA**) hereby determines that the Project is a Type II Action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to review under **SEQRA**.
Roll Call Vote: Barrows–Yes; Drew–Yes; Markham–Yes; McCauley–Yes; Burghardt–Yes; Youngs–Yes; Milk–Yes
Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Barrows, seconded by Burghardt, to approve General Fund budgetary transfers as of March 28, 2018 in the amount of \$64,270 as presented.
Yes-7, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
BUDGET TRANSFERS**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, highlighted the following items from the Board Budget Committee meeting:
 - NYS budget final aid 860 million dollars considerably less than agencies were asking.
 - Greene – increase \$160,000
 - Prior gap was \$960,000 with additional state aid now \$800,000
 - Administrative team met to review options and budget committee will meet tomorrow to pull together recommendations and final budget figures. Completed budget presented at April 17th meeting.

BUDGET CMTE. UPDATE

- Board member McCauley discussed a speaker she heard on the scientific development of children's brains. She suggested that

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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- the topic be presented at a Board meeting. President Milk stated that a short presentation could be given under Reports at a future meeting.

**REVIEW BOARD
OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST:**

Directed Date:	Task:	Responsibility Of:	Report Back:
3/7/2007	Policy Manual	BOE and Superintendent	Ongoing
12/20/2017	Driver Ed. Proposal	Supt./BOE	June 6, 2018
12/20/2017	Sound System @ Turf Field		Apr. 17, 2018
12/20/2017	Small Capital Project		Apr. 17, 2018
12/20/2017	Signs for Nature Trail/Track		Ongoing
1/3/2018	Sports Uniform Policy	BOE	June 6, 2018
1/17/2018	Bus Garage-outside lighting, fencing & upstairs bathroom	BOE and Facilities Director	Ongoing

***Policy Manual:** Hoping to have complete at the end of May.

***Driver Ed Proposal:** Due to budget issues, James Walters, High School Principal, stated that Matt Butler is willing to drop the proposal at this time. Board member Drew asked about the contractual issues and Marie Scofield, GTA President, responded that it is only an issue if the students are not paying the fee. This item will be removed from the list.

***Nature Trail Map Project** – Alex Trifunovic is still moving forward with this project. Installation requires informing Gerald Abbey, so the Board will be aware of when project is complete.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

- Interim Superintendent Daniels had nothing further to report.

**REVIEW COMMITTEE
SCHEDULE:**

Committee Name:	Last Meeting:	Next Meeting:
Budget	Mar. 28, 2018	April 5, 2018 @ 4 pm
Building & Grounds	Apr. 4, 2018	
Transportation	Apr. 11 2018 @ 4:30 pm	Needs to be rescheduled.
Employee	Oct. 18, 2017	
Audit	Sept. 20, 2017	
Curriculum & Technology	June 7, 2017	
Legislative		
Tenure	Jan. 3, 2018	Committee meeting prior to next mtg.
Sabbatical		
Policy	Nov. 27, 2017	February/March

* Curriculum & Technology – will be receiving Intermediate Textbooks for Music to review.

*Audit Committee – would like to have an informational meeting with the new community member. Rules regarding the committee meeting (open meeting?) will be checked by Interim Superintendent Daniels and reported back to the Board.

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- Current approved policies are not yet available on the website. GTA needs to have new policies available so that any changes can be implemented.

- Gerald Abbey, Interim Facilities Director, commented that a possible 5 year lease for turf maintenance equipment has been included in the budget.

- Board member Youngs stated that while the district has been putting money into reserves, this year the Board is considering taking money out to help offset the budget. He also agreed that the Board needs to be transparent about the use and replenishment of reserves.

- Marie Scofield, GTA President, thanked Mr. Calice for obtaining the Sweethearts & Heroes assembly. She has heard nothing but positive feedback from everyone. She also stated that she is looking forward to the Budget Hearing and will ask her usual questions about reserve accounts. While she appreciates the budget difficulties, last year in August additional monies were put into reserves after the budget had passed. She asked for transparency. She also asked about the availability of Board policies.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
MARIE SCOFIELD**

- Interim Superintendent Daniels stated that BOCES is currently working on compiling all the current, revised and new policies.

- Motion made by Burg, seconded by McCauley, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the following:

- To discuss a matter relating to possible cuts in the 2018-2019 budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes-7, No-0

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

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Yes-7, No-0

- President Milk reconvened the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

RECONVENE

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

ADJOURNMENT

Yes-7, No-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk