

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014**

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**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Richard Boeltz, President  
Mr. Ethan Day, Vice-President  
Mrs. Karen Hendershott  
Mr. Timothy Crumb  
Mr. James Strenkert  
Mrs. Tammie McCauley

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mrs. Helen Hunsinger

**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  
Ms. Ramona Luetzger, Director of Special Services

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:03 p.m.:
  - Special Education Placements
  - Confidential Personnel Matter
  - Negotiations Update

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Yes-6, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Crumb, seconded by McCauley, to approve the following placement(s):  
#710022712; #710023334; #710021992; #710023052;  
#710023290; #710023331; #710023275.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**

Yes-6, No-0

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- None.

**ADDITIONS/  
DELETIONS  
TO AGENDA**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by McCauley, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 19, 2014 as presented.

**APPROVE MINUTES  
11/19/14**

Yes-6, No-0

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CALENDAR**

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- December 5 – Hometown Holiday Concert @ Zion
- December 9 – MS Band & Chorus Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- December 10 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 4:30 p.m.
- December 11-January 3 – UHS Student Art Exhibit
- December 13 – PTO Kids Day Out – 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- December 13 – PTO Family Movie Night – 5:00 p.m.
- December 16 – Intermediate Winter Holiday Concert – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- December 17 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- December 22 – January 2 – Holiday Recess

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** - None.

**REPORT(S):  
QUARTERLY REPORTS  
BLDG. PRINCIPALS:  
INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL**

- Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal, outlined what has been happening at the Intermediate school for the first quarter of the school year. Some items highlighted were:
  - 1) Data driven instructional calendar has been developed using assessments from the common core and assigning appropriate interventions based on those assessments.
  - 2) A building lockdown without the students has been practiced and one with the students in the building will be done prior to the holiday break.
  - 3) Olweus kickoff included class meetings, a performance by Jared Campbell, posters and banners about being positive and good sportsmanship.
  - 4) Staff have been attending workshops and conferences related to NTI math training, Non-Crisis Intervention, Science Fusion series, and alternative assessments.
  - 5) Ipads are being used in 5<sup>th</sup> grade for science and social studies. It is anticipated that the 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be able to use them for an Iroquois project and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be using them for the first time this year.
  - 6) The administrators went to the SANY's conference this year. It was very informative and worthwhile.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- Timothy Calice, Middle School Principal, stated that the middle school staff and students have had a good start to the school year. He highlighted the following:
  - 1) The middle school Olweus kickoff was combined with the high School and students watched a performance by an illusionist and then participated in group activities with a focus on character education.
  - 2) Middle School Footlights recently performed the musical Seussical.
  - 3) Winter Carnival will be occurring on December 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun activity which allows students to win tickets and then use those tickets to "purchase" gifts that can be wrapped and given to family members.
  - 4) Discipline is down 17% from last year. The number of students ineligible on the academic status is only 40 compared to 58 last year and of those 40, 23 are incompletes.
  - 5) Communication between staff and parents has been good. Working on giving students computer access to their grades.
  - 6) During the October staff development day, staff worked on technology, with in-house staff leading the workshops. The format and content was well received by staff.
  - 7) The middle school has held two "shelter in place" drills. Procedures for emailing attendance were practiced. A group of middle school staff volunteers are meeting to "tweek" specific

- middle school issues that arose during the drills, i.e. doors that could not be locked.

- James Walters, High School Principal, many of the activities are the same as the middle school as they were building-wide activities, however he highlighted the following:

**HIGH SCHOOL**

1) The high school has also practiced "shelter in place" drills. This allowed staff to continue teaching, but allowed practice of locking doors and appropriate attendance procedures. "Tweaking" of the process is on-going.

2) October staff development day was devoted to technology and the various uses of the Ipads. Ipads are being used regularly in the classroom and staff are becoming more comfortable using them.

3) Academics for the first quarter highlighted the number of students on either Honor or High Honor Roll. 31-38% of students were on High Honor (90 or above); 20%-25% were on Honor Roll (85 – 90). Individual grade levels averaged between 52% - 58% of students on both lists.

4) Discipline is down with a total of 58 incidents involving 43 students or 13.2% of the population. 20% of those incidents involved class cuts including students not going to BOCES.

5) Broome Community College will not be holding the robotics competition this year. Ethan Leet is in discussions with other individuals about the possibility of putting together a regional competition with the hosting of the competition rotating through the various schools involved and schools partnering with a corporate sponsor to help with costs and judging.

6) Ethan Leet and Kathleen Dutcher are looking into the possibility of putting together a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) summer camp for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Matt Butler, high school Guidance Counselor, stated that SUNY Admissions are finding STEM programs are preparing students to be more marketable upon graduation. Districts are exploring different technology offerings in moving toward development of STEM skills.

7) Interact Club will be hosting a blood drive.

8) Students are currently collecting canned foods for the Rotary canned food drive.

- Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal, was not at the meeting, but submitted a written report for the Board's review. Highlights from that report included:

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

1) Morning Program combined with Arts in Education Program to more fully integrate the themes and activities.

2) Fire safety, middle school Footlights Seussical performers, Veterans and Grandparents have been some of the visitors/ Presenters at Morning Program.

3) Olweus theme this year is super heroes. Jared Campbell Presented at the Olweus kickoff event.

4) Students are doing a good job academically and behaviorally. RTI intervention service are making a big difference.

5) Parent-Teacher conferences were well attended. Good Communication between parents and teachers continues.

- Bryan Ayres, Director of PE and Athletics, reviewed the 2014 Fall Athletic Report. The report set forth each teams' record, accomplishments, coach comments and recommendations. The report also set forth the winter sports' roster numbers.

**FALL ATHLETIC RPT.**

**ENROLLMENT REPORT:** The Enrollment report ending October 31, 2014 with a total enrollment of 1065 was noted.

**EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:**

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

**APPOINTMENT(S):**

**KIM SANFORD –  
BUS DRIVER**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to appoint Kim Sanford, as a School Bus Driver for a one year probationary appointment beginning December 6, 2014 and ending December 5, 2015.  
Yes-6, No-0

**ALICIA DUNLAP-  
SUBSTITUTE  
CUSTODIAN**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to appoint Alicia Dunlap as a Substitute Custodian effective December 6, 2014.  
Yes-6, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:**

**TRANSFER FROM  
POOL MAINTENANCE**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by McCauley, to transfer \$4,500 from the pool maintenance fund to purchase pool Equipment (touchpads).  
Yes-6, No-0

**OTHER POOL REPAIRS**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, has been in contact with an aquatics company to obtain pricing and timeline to make other needed repairs. If we place our order by December 5<sup>th</sup>, repairs can be made before the end of the year. The amount of the repairs would total \$10,083. It was suggested that scheduling the repairs be coordinated with Mike Platta, swim coach, due to swim meet/practice schedules.

**DIRECT ENERGY**

- A meeting was held with Direct Energy regarding the feasibility of using compressed natural gas should Raymond decide to use natural gas and put in a station. We are sending them usage numbers so they can give us a pricing quote. We currently use approximately 60,000 gallons.

**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
6/18	iPad Classroom Use Update	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade & Staff	2 <sup>nd</sup> December Mtg.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

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

**1. Board Self-Evaluation** – Superintendent Retz requested Board feedback.

**2. Ipads** – Superintendent Retz stated that he is looking to invite Kim Kalem and possibly some 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to make a presentation to the Board at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Mr. Scott Youngs asked if a STEM program would include local businesses and how does that program work with the BOCES career and tech program.

**SUPERINTENDENT  
RETZ & JAMES  
WALTERS RESPONSE**

- Discussions have occurred with Raymond and they have expressed an interest in partnering with us. If there are other companies in the area, a partnership could also be

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- explored. The difficulty with STEM programs are the traditional academic requirements already placed upon students and the time needed to include more programs.

- Carolyn Hunter, Science Department Chair, stated that the NYS standards are focusing on STEM and that the old Math and Science Night has been changed to STEM Night to include technology presentations.

**CAROLYN HUNTER**

- Heather Kriesel, instrumental teacher, stated that one of the pieces the band performed at their concert last night was practiced with the Southern Tier Concert Band and it made a big difference in the quality of their performance. She stated that she has also had inquiries regarding the availability of private instructions.

**HEATHER KRIESEL**

- Marie Scofield, middle school teacher, stated that the students enjoyed the "special appearance" by Mr. Calice during the student performance of Seussical. Donations are being accepted for the middle school carnival and she also thanked the Board for proceeding with the purchase of needed pool items and repairs.

**MARIE SCOFIELD**

- Colin Evans, middle school teacher, commented that he was a past Youth Apprentice and it was an amazing experience. It gives students the chance to explore all aspects of Raymond employment opportunities and what jobs they may and may not want to explore in the future.

**COLIN EVANS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by McCauley, to adjourn to Executive Session for negotiations update and a personnel matter at 8:45 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:11 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Yes-6, No-0

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk