

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. Tammie McCauley  
Mr. Timothy Crumb  
Mrs. Karen Hendershott  
Mr. James Strenkert  
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent  
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager  
Mr. Timothy Calice, Director CSE/Associate Principal 6-12  
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal  
Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal  
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation and Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:01 p.m.:
  - Special Education Placements
  - Confidential Personnel Matter

Yes-7, No-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Hunsinger, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the following placement(s):  
#710023169; #710123285; #710023184; #710023056;  
#710023092; #710022956; #710022344.

Yes-7, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- 4. EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL
  - 2. Appointments
  - Add: Sunnie Williams, PE Liaison

**ADD./DELETIONS  
TO AGENDA**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 20, 2013, as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES  
11/20/13**

**CALENDAR**

- December 6 – Hometown Holiday Concert – Zion – 7:00 p.m.
- December 10 – Holiday Concert – MS Band/Chorus – 7:00 p.m.
- December 11 - Budget Cmtte Mtg – 4:30 p.m.
- December 17 – Holiday Concert – Intermediate Band/Chorus – 7:00 p.m.
- December 18 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- December 23-January 3 – Holiday Recess
- January 8 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
IRENE DEJAGER-  
MODIFIED GIRLS'  
BASKETBALL**

- Irene DeJager, parent, addressed the Board regarding the girls' modified basketball program and what options are available to allow the large number of athletes to participate. She stated that she thought it was positive to have the varsity coach at the parent meeting to help explain how the program is run and possible options.

- Bryan Ayres, Athletic Director, stated that he and the coaches are looking at available options to keep students interested and involved in the program.

**SUPERINTENDENT RETZ  
INTRODUCTION -**

- Superintendent Retz introduced Dave Richards, Superintendent of Oxford. Mr. Richards wanted to thank the Board on behalf of the Oxford school district for allowing the share of Jordan Lilley's services at their bus garage. He stated that Jordan is very dedicated and knowledgeable and has been a valuable asset to the Oxford school district. Mr. Richards also stated that he is a member of a committee of Superintendents from Bainbridge, Afton and Greene who are sharing ideas on possible ways to share services.

**JORDAN LILLEY-  
BUS EMERGENCY  
TRAINING**

- Jordan Lilley, Transportation Supervisor, informed the Board that last Monday he held a training at the bus garage for the Smithville Fire Department. The training was on the propane buses and differences between them and diesel buses. Jordan stated that he did the same training in the spring of last year with the Greene Fire Department.

**TAMMIE MCCAULEY-  
HS BAND/CHORUS  
CONCERT**

- Board member, Tammie McCauley, commented on how nice it was to have the Bell Choir from the Zion Church perform at the High School Band and Chorus concert.

**REPORTS:  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

- Shelly Richards, Primary Principal, reported on happenings at the primary school:
  - Grandparents day at Morning Program was on Monday – good turnout;
  - Parent Conferences – going well with good communication between the school and parents;
  - Olweus – continuing with monthly class meetings; students took the Greene Way Pledge; Super heroes song is a reminder that all students can be heroes;
  - Working on a schedule to allow special education teachers to meet with regular education teachers by finding coverage for classes and doing fun things with classes during those release times;
  - Treasurers & Treats Craft Show – profited approximately \$4200 towards the Arts in Education program.

- Transition of morning program to 3 days a week is going well. From a teacher's perspective more time in class which is helpful (an extra hour each week).
- UPK Grant – still working through the application. A letter was sent out for level of interest to 30 children. Selection of students will be made from the waiting list first and then by lottery.

- Bryan Ayres, Intermediate Principal, reported on new products being used at the Intermediate school with the Common Core. which includes test prep items and instructional books. Students are also using an I-Ready computer based program which involves a diagnostic test to determine student needs and adjusts their levels as they work through the computer program.

**INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL**

- This program is not being used at the K-2 level, but Administrators and staff are working on transitioning between buildings.

- No motion was made to approve the request of Juli Zelsnack, teacher, for an unpaid leave of absence for December 19 & 20, 2013.

**EDUCATION AND  
PERSONNEL:  
UNPAID LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE – JULI  
ZELSNACK, TEACHER**

**The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Board actions:**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to appoint Denise Pavlovich to a one year probationary appointment as a .8 FTE Teacher Aide for a specific student's IEP 1:1 assignment effective December 5, 2013 and ending December 4, 2014.

**APPOINTMENT(S):  
DENISE PAVLOVICH-  
.8 FTE TEACHER AIDE**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to appoint Nicole Silva as a Substitute Teacher K-12 and Mykalene Gerst as a Substitute Aide 9-12 to the Substitute Roster for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

**SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to appoint Megan McDermott as an unpaid volunteer JV/Varsity Girls' Basketball Assistant for the 2013-14 winter season.

**MEGAN MCDERMOTT-  
JV/V GIRLS' BASKET-  
BALL UNPAID VOL.  
ASSISTANT**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to appoint Sunnie Williams as the PE Liaison for a three-year term (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16).

**SUNNIE WILLIAMS-  
PE LIAISON**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to create a Teacher Aide 1-1 position to comply with a specific student's 504 plan effective December 5, 2013.

**CREATE TEACHER  
AIDE 1-1 POSITION**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the following middle school trip requests:  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Albany – May 16, 2014  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Washington, D.C. – May 7-9, 2014

**TRIP REQUESTS:  
7<sup>TH</sup> GR. – ALBANY  
8<sup>TH</sup> GR. WASHINGTON**

Yes-7, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:**

**ESTABLISH DATE,  
TIME & PLACE FOR  
BUS VOTE**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to establish Tuesday, February 25, 2014 as the date for a bus vote to be held in the auditorium lobby of the High School/Middle School Auditorium, 40 S. Canal Street, Greene, NY from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. to vote upon the following proposition:

**- Proposition: Bus Purchase**

"Shall the Greene Central School District be authorized to purchase two 65 passenger propane school buses, and one (1) micro propane bus with wheel chair access, at a cost not to exceed \$298,383 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said school district shall be issued?"

Yes-7, No-0

**GENERAL FUND  
BUDGET TRANSFERS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hunsinger, to approve the General Fund budget transfers dated November 25, 2013 in the amount of \$17,859.

Yes-7, No-0

**SERVICES CONTRACT  
WITH OXFORD CSD**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hunsinger, to approve the Services Contract between Greene Central SD and Oxford Academy and Central SD for the services of Jordan Lilley as a Transportation Consultant from September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014 at a cost of \$23,000 and to authorize the Board President to sign the same on behalf of the district.

Yes-7, No-0

**TITLE VI GRANT**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reported that the district applied and will receive a Title VI Grant which is available for rural and low income schools. The funds in the amount of \$21,350 will be used to supplement our Title I funds.

**POSSIBLE CAPITAL  
PROJECT**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reported that he is looking at the Building Condition Survey and there are some issues that need to be taken care of – resurfacing parking lots, roofs, lockers, auditorium lighting, etc.

Administrators are preparing a list and then it will be prioritized and then reviewed with architects and engineers. Our aid ceilings are back in place by 2015 and consideration is being given to another capital project at that time.

**BOARD OUTSTANDING  
ACTIONS LIST**

<u>Bd. Mtg. 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
7/17/13	Dept. Chair Presentation	Superintendent	July/August
8/7/13	Revenue & Budget Status Review	M. Rubitski	12/4/13

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

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

**1. APPR** – Superintendent Retz met with GTA representatives today to clean-up some language and is hopeful that sign-offs will be obtained prior to the next Board meeting, or at the first January meeting for presentation to the Board.

**2. Legislative Update** – Superintendent Retz and Board President Boeltz along with other Superintendents and Board Presidents from within our BOCES attended a luncheon with Cliff Crouch, Pete Lopez and a representative from Senator Libous' office. It was a productive meeting with good discussion regarding our concerns.

**3. Work Session** – Superintendent Retz asked that Board members begin the next Board meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> with a work session to start at 6:00 p.m. where Wendy DeWind will do her board presentation. The work session can start in the Home & Careers classroom and Superintendent Retz will provide dinner. Regular meeting would begin at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** - None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hunsinger, to adjourn to Executive Session for a negotiations update and a particular personnel matter at 8:34 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:27 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

**RECONVENE** - President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk