

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:01 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
Mr. James Strenkert
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Karen Hendershott

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. Timothy Calice, Director CSE/Associate Principal 6-12
Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal
Mrs. Mary Gell, CSE/CPSE Chairperson

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:02 p.m.:
 - Special Education Placements
 - Confidential Personnel Matter

Yes-6, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to approve the following placement(s): #710123249; #710123077; #710125239; #710123332.

Yes-6, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:46 p.m.

Yes-6, No-0

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

RECONVENE

- 4. EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL
Add: 5. Spring 2014 Coaching Roster

**ADDITIONS/
DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on February 5, 2014, as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES
2/5/14**

- February 25 – Bus Vote 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- February 26 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 4:30 p.m.
- March 5 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT: - None.

**REPORT(S):
REGENTS REPORT**

- Superintendent Retz reviewed the January 2014 Regents Report prepared by Mr. Walters, Executive Principal 6-12. The results were similar to last year. All Juniors take the ELA Regents in January to help alleviate the number of regents they have to take in June. Students who fail have the opportunity to take the exam again in June as do those who want to improve their score. All Juniors will also have to take the ELA Common Core exam at the beginning of June.

RTI UPDATE

- Mr. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal, updated the Board on the Primary RTI program. This year there is a dedicated block of time for RTI. This allows all students to receive support in needed areas, as well as provide enrichment opportunities for other students. The designated block of time eliminates the need to pull students from regular instruction to receive the supplemental assistance. Mrs. Richards shared how many students are at each of the levels. The RTI program allows more intervention before a possible CSE recommendation. RTI is focused only on the ELA curriculum at this time.

EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Board actions:

APPOINTMENT(S):

SUBSTITUTE

ROSTER

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Ruby Williamson to the Substitute Roster as a Substitute Teacher Aide K-5, for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year.
Yes-6, No-0

**GIRLS ON THE RUN
OF CENTRAL NY**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to approve the Girls on the Run/Girls on Track program for the 2013-14 school year and appoint the following volunteer coaches:

- Emily Worsnopp
- Sunnie Williams
- Angela Fiato
- Pam Gerst
- Kathleen Dutcher
- Heather Rapp
- Sue Carlin
- Amanda Boel

Yes-6, No-0

**IMPARTIAL HEARING
OFFICER – NANCY
LEDERMAN**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Nancy Lederman as an Impartial Hearing Officer effective February 20, 2014 at the rate of \$100 per hour plus expenses.
Yes-6, No-0

**DAN TALBOT – 8TH
GRADE TEAM LEADER**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Dan Talbot as the 8th Grade Team Leader effective February 20, 2014.
Yes-6, No-0

**APPROVE DISTRICT'S
APPR PLAN**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to approve the District's APPR Plan and to authorize the Board of Education President to sign the Plan on behalf of the district.
Yes-6, No-0

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- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to appoint the following individuals to the Spring 2014 Coaching Roster:

**SPRING COACHING
ROSTER**

- Softball – Varsity Rick Smith
- JV Shelbe Furman
- Mod. (7/8) Brendan Eggleston
- Track - Varsity Bill Holdrege
- Assistant Jessica Schindler
- Modified Mary McBride
- Tennis - Head Coach Rich Karl
- Baseball- JV TBD
- Mod. (7/8) TBD

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hunsinger, to accept the Budget Status Reports for January 2014 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital Budgets as presented.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
REVENUE & BUDGET
STATUS REPORTS**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Strenkert, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Activity Funds for January 2014 as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR ACTIVITY FUNDS**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for January 2014 as presented.

**INTERNAL CLAIMS
AUDITOR REPORT**

Yes-6, No-0

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed with the Board the line items reviewed by the Budget Committee to-date. The Committee recently reviewed line item amounts for retirement, Social Security, unemployment, medicade/medicare, health insurance and capital projects. ERS has leveled off, but TRS continues to increase. Health insurance will increase 10.8% or approximately \$300,000 next year. The committee is hoping to get through all remaining line items at their meeting next week.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
UPDATE**

- Mark Rubitski reported on a recent Health Insurance Consortium meeting that he and Board member, Ethan Day, attended. As mentioned above, Greene's rate for next year will be 10.8% for 2014-2015, which is lower than previously projected. Mr. Rubitski explained that the rates are based on use. Two years ago Greene's expenses exceeded revenue by 17%. Instead of making up the 17% all in one year, pay back increases were spread over 3 years, having less of an impact on the district. This is an advantage of being in a consortium where expenses can be absorbed and paid back over time.

**B-T-D HEALTH INS.
CONSORTIUM**

- After a review of information and discussion, the Board decided not to offer the Alternative Veterans' Exemption at this time. The board can reconsider the exemption again next year.

**ALTERNATIVE
VETERANS'
EXEMPTION**

**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. NYSSBA – Superintendent Retz met with Tim Kremer of NYSSBA and explained that the Board's decision not to join was based on cost savings needed. Superintendent Retz stated that they do offer legal advice and services which may be worth looking into as a possible cost savings measure compared to current options.

2. UPK Program - Senator Gillibrand and Congressman Hannah will be at the Primary building on Monday to visit our UPK program. They are promoting the "Strong Start for America's Children Act".

3. School Improvement - As a follow-up to Dr. Dagget's presentation, Superintendent Retz would like to place more emphasis at Board meetings on student achievement and programs within our schools. He requested that Board members think of programs/areas of instruction that they would like to hear more about and then let him know.

4. Odyssey of the Mind – Congratulations to this year's teams. Both high school teams are going to the state finals in April at Binghamton University. Every team from Greene placed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

- Marie Scofield, GTA President, commented on what a great opportunity Odyssey of the Mind is and how great it is to see students in a creative setting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for a confidential student matter at 8:40 p.m. Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:07 p.m.

RECONVENE

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk