

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President, Ethan Day, 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. Ethan Day, Vice-President
Mrs. Tammie McCauley
Mr. Timothy Crumb
Mr. James Strenkert
Mrs. Karen Hendershott
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard Boeltz, President

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to **EXECUTIVE SESSION** Executive Session for the following at 7:01 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 Strenkert, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the following placement(s):
#710023199; #710123442.

Yes-6, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

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

Yes-6, No-0

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

- Vice-President Day reconvened the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

RECONVENE

- None.

**ADD./DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on January 22, 2014, as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES
1/22/14**

- February 7 – Health Consortium Mtg. – 6:30 p.m.
- February 12 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 4:30 p.m.
- February 17-21 – Presidents' Day/Winter Recess
- February 19 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 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

REPORTS: - Enrollment Report with an ending enrollment of 1094 as of
ENROLLMENT REPORT December 31, 2013 was noted.

TRANSPORTATION - Transportation Reports for September, October, November and
REPORTS December 2013 will be reviewed and discussed at the February
19, 2013 meeting when Mr. Lilley, Transportation Supervisor, is
available.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

APPOINTMENT(S): - Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Strenkert, to appoint
SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters for the
remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

- Herb Corey – Substitute Bus Monitor, effective 2/3/14;
- Brooke Winner – Substitute Bus Monitor & Custodial
Worker, effective 2/6/14.

Yes-6, No-0

REQUEST FOR LEAVE - Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve
OF ABSENCE – PAT the request of Pat Washburn, Aide, for an unpaid family leave for
WASHBURN two (2) days, March 20 & 21, 2014.
Yes-6, No-0

INSTRUCTIONAL SICK - Upon the recommendation of the Instructional Sick Bank
BANK REQUEST – Committee, a motion was made by Hunsinger, seconded by
SHANNON LIVINGSTON Crumb, to approve the request of Shannon Livingston, Teacher,
for the withdrawal of 25 days from the Instructional Sick Bank
covering February 24, 2014 through March 28, 2014.
Yes-6, No-0

RESIGNATION(S): - Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to accept the
TRACY BEARDSLEY- resignation of Tracy Beardsley from 8th Grade Team Leader and
8TH GR. TEAM LEADER Middle School Student Council Advisor effective February 6, 2014.
& MS STUDENT Yes-6, No-0
COUNCIL ADVISOR

TRANSPORTATION - Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to approve
REQUEST – the Transportation Request made by the Immaculate Conception
IMMACULATE Church to transport between 7-12 youth and 2-4 adults to
CONCEPTION CHURCH Binghamton University on Sunday, February 9, 2014, with the
church paying all fees for the driver and mileage. This approval is
contingent upon confirmation by the Superintendent with school
counsel that there are no issues legally with transporting a
religious group.
Yes-6, No-0

BUSINESS & FINANCE:
BUDGET COMMITTEE
UPDATE

- The Board reviewed line items discussed and set by the
Budget Committee regarding buildings and grounds, and
transportation. Overall, the buildings and grounds budget was
reduced. The total budget changes resulting from the Budget
Committee's review to-date have resulted in a decrease
in the overall budget.

ALTERNATIVE
VETERANS'
EXEMPTION

- Superintendent Retz reported that 11 schools within the DCMO
BOCES have decided not to offer the exemption. The Board
discussed the need for a Public Hearing and whether or not there
is enough time to implement based on deadlines. Further
information was requested.

**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. Boys' Basketball Game – Two community members and the Superintendent from Oxford reported to Superintendent Retz how impressed they were at a recent basketball game between Greene and Oxford with the positive behavior displayed by Greene fans and players.

2. NYS School Boards Association – Tim Kremer from NYSSBA contacted Superintendent Retz and would like to meet to discuss the possibility of Greene rejoining NYSSBA. At this time, the Board is not interested in rejoining due to the costs, but Superintendent Retz will meet with Mr. Kremer.

3. Common Core Leadership Group – Superintendent Retz met with the team leaders who worked with Dr. Dagget and identified 3 recommendations that made the most sense of the 8-9 recommendations that were shared. The group was in agreement that we should be cautious in taking on any more than what we are currently doing. The 3 recommendations to be worked into what they are currently doing are:

- 1) System/district wide approach to change including an emphasis on communication to all constituents.
- 2) Needs assessment related to strengths/weaknesses at reading levels.
- 3) Supporting staff through professional development opportunities.

4. Medicaid Lawsuit Update – The judge assigned to the lawsuit is moving the case forward which is encouraging. Still no time line for when a decision will be reached. Costs so far are estimated at between \$40 – \$50,000 in attorney's costs.

- Marie Scofield, GTA President, announced that the GTA has Approved the APPR Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for negotiations update, and a particular personnel issue at 8:30 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

- Vice-President Day reconvened the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

RECONVENE

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk