

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE, NY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Greene Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:02 p.m., by Board President, Brian Milk, in the Board of Education 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  
Mrs. Tammie McCauley  
Mr. Nicholas Drew  
Mr. Jason Burghardt  
Mr. Douglas Markham

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Seth Barrows

**ROLL CALL**

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Gordon Daniels, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager  
Mr. James Walters, High School Principal  
Mr. Timothy Calice, Middle School Principal  
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal & Director of PE & Athletics  
Mrs. January Pratt, Primary School Principal  
Ms. Kimberly Matthews, Director of Special Programs  
Mr. Gerald Abbey, Interim Facilities Director  
Mr. Dennis Symons, Interim Head Bus Driver

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Markham, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss:
  - To review Special Education placements for particular students and consider them for approval.
  - To discuss a matter leading to the appointment of a particular person.

Yes-6, No-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Motion made by Burghardt, seconded by Youngs, to adjourn Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- President Milk reconvened the meeting 6:31 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- None.

**ADD/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Markham, seconded by McCauley, to approve the following placements: #710023809; #710023511; #710023810; #710023406; #710023813; #710023768.

Yes-6, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS**

**APPROVE MINUTES  
12/19/18  
MEETING**

- Motion made by Drew, seconded by Youngs, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on December 19, 2018, as presented.  
Yes-6, No-0

**APPROVE 12/19/18  
AUDIT COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

- Motion made by Drew, seconded by Youngs, to approve the minutes of the Board Audit Committee meeting held on December 19, 2018, as presented and attached hereto as Exhibit "A".  
Yes-6, No-0

**CALENDAR**

- January 8 – Chenango County School Boards' Association Mtg.  
- January 10 – MS Band/HS Chorus Concert – 7:00 p.m.  
- January 15 – Mr. Dewey, DCMO BOCES, Listening Session re: Superintendent Search  
    3:00 p.m. – Staff and Students in Auditorium  
    6:00 p.m. – Community Members in Auditorium  
- January 16 – Audit Committee Meeting – 12:00 noon  
- January 16 - Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
    Will have due to discussion on possible Capital Project  
- January 26 – All County Music Festival – Afton CSD – Concert at 4:00 p.m.  
- February 2 – Legislative Breakfast @ Silo – 9:00 a.m.  
- February 6 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
MOLLY NOLAN**

- Molly Nolan, community member and Realtor, thanked the Board for their service. She shared some 2018 realty information on properties sold in Greene. 53 houses have been sold with 6 properties still pending. Personally, she sold four properties that included families with young children moving into the Greene district. The average house sold for \$141,000. She concluded that Greene is drawing families in from other districts. The school is the heart of the community and she would like to see the positive momentum continue.

**REPORTS:  
FOOTLIGHTS UPDATE  
MRS. AMANDA BOEL**

- Mrs. Amanda Boel, Vocal Music Instructor, thanked the Board for asking her to give an update on Footlights and the new features in the auditorium. She highlighted the following:

- Footlights fall production included 68 students.
- Over 50 volunteers also helped with the production.
- Community support is invaluable and the productions would not be possible without the community volunteers and support of the performances.
- Greg Cobb generously repaired the piano bench.

**CONCERNS:**

- Sound booth – some power supply issues – a follow-up meeting next week with ProCom Solutions will hopefully allow us to move forward and correct some fundamental issues.
- Light booth – additional training of staff on the capabilities and an easier/more effective way to contact someone when issues arise. (Possibility of help from another district that is using the same type of equipment).

- Floor pockets on stage are a tripping hazard being ½ inch above the floor boards.
- Curtain tear was discovered and could be easily sewn. Looking into having the Footlights seamstress give an estimate for repair.
- Floor pocket in the pit area has a broken hinge.
- A school employee who is in charge of the auditorium is needed for scheduling, inventory, and maintenance of the equipment. A job description for an Auditorium Manager will be shared with the Board.
- A few Footlights students will be receiving theater training This April during spring break through an EF Tours New York City trip. Students will learn about lighting, stage combat, audition process, and other behind the scenes tips as well as attend three shows.

- None.

**BOARD COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

- Board member Drew commented that unloading athletes in the back bus unloading area is working well and much better than the front loop location. **TRANSPORTATION:**

- Dennis Symons, Interim Head Bus Driver, commented on a Recent small bus accident that happened in the parking lot at the High school. One bus started to pull out and then stopped and the Bus behind did not stop fast enough – bumpers hit – no injuries. Protocol was followed, with a list of students involved made and the school nurse checked out all students before they were loaded on different buses and transported home. Parents were not contacted as it was a short turn-around time between the accident and the students resuming their transportation home.
- Kimberly Matthews, Director of Special Programs, mentioned that her son’s school sends out a robo call whenever there is an incident at school for informational purposes.

- Gerald Abbey, Interim Facilities Director, stated that a number of projects were slated for the Christmas break, however due to some personnel issues, they could not get everything done. They will try again at the next break. **FACILITIES:**

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

- Motion made by Drew, seconded by Markham, that in a matter of personnel, an employee is hereby suspended effective December 17, 2018, with pay, during an investigation into allegations of improper conduct.

**EDUCATION &  
PERSONNEL  
EMPLOYEE  
SUSPENSION**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Burghardt, to accept the resignation to retire of Beth Koertz, LTA, effective June 30, 2019 with appreciation for her many years of service to the district.

**RESIGNATION(S):  
BETH KOERTS – LTA**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Burghardt, to accept the resignation to retire of Ralph Turturro, Art Teacher, effective August 13, 2019 with appreciation for his many years of service to the district.

**RALPH TURTURRO -  
ART TEACHER**

Yes-6, No-0

**NANCY SWIFT -  
CUSTODIAN**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Burghardt, to accept the resignation to retire of Nancy Swift, Custodian, effective October 5, 2019 with appreciation for her many years of service to the district.  
Yes-6, No-0

**APPOINTMENT(S):  
SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Burghardt, to appoint Beth Koerts as a Substitute LTA/Teacher K-12 effective September 1, 2019.  
Yes-6, No-0

**ALICIA DUNLAP-  
1:1 AIDE**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Burghardt, to appoint Alicia Dunlap as a 1:1 Aide to meet the specific needs of a Special Education student effective January 3, 2019 for a one-year probationary period ending January 2, 2020.  
Yes-6, No-0

**KIMBERLY HOWARD-  
SPEECH & LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGIST**

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Burghardt, seconded by Markham, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:  
Name of Appointee: Kimberly Howard  
Tenure Area: Special Tenure Area- Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions- Education of Speech and Hearing Handicapped Children  
Date of Commencement  
of Probationary Service: February 4, 2019  
Expiration Date of Probationary Service: February 3, 2023  
Certification Status: Speech & Language Disabilities – Initial  
Yes-6, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:  
CHARITABLE  
DONATION:**

- Motion made by Drew, seconded by Markham, to accept a very generous donation from the Raymond Foundation of \$4,000 to be used to provide items for students' in need.  
Yes-6, No-0

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **Superintendent Search** – President Milk announced that Perry Dewey will be doing two informational presentations regarding the Superintendent Search on January 15th: 3:00 p.m. for staff and students; and 6:00 p.m. for the community  
Board members are welcome to attend the presentations.  
- Board member Youngs encouraged staff and community to attend the informational presentations.  
  
- February 11th is the last day for applications and then Perry Dewey will be interviewing all candidates prior to submitting candidates to the Board.

**REVIEW BOARD  
OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST:**

Directed Date:	Task:	Responsibility Of:	Report Back:
1/17/2018	Bus Garage-outside lighting,	BOE & Facilities Director	Ongoing
5/2/18	Legislative Committee – Community Member – Student Enrollment	BOE	Ongoing
7/11/18	Student on the Board	BOE	February 2019
8/1/18	BOE Meeting/One Per Month	BOE	June 5, 2019
9/5/18	Transfer to Capital Reserve	BOE	Ongoing
10/17/18	Training Rules Policy Review	BOE	May 2019
12/5/18	<del>School Resource Officer/ Bldg. Security Review</del>	BOE	Jan./Feb. 2019

- Remove School Resource Officer/Bldg. Security – as discussed at the last meeting.

**- Interim Superintendent Gordon Daniels reported on the following:**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Interim Superintendent Daniels stated that he will wait to discuss a possible Capital Project until the next meeting.

- Board member Youngs stated that at the next meeting, or the first meeting in February, the Board needs to decide about any transfer to the Capital Reserve account.

**REVIEW COMMITTEE SCHEDULE:**

Committee Name:	Last Meeting:	Next Meeting:
Budget	Dec. 13, 2018	Jan. 9, 2019 @ 5pm
Building & Grounds	Oct. 3, 2018	January 15, 2018 @ 9:30 am
Transportation	Nov. 19, 2018	January 16 @ 4 pm
Employee	Dec. 5, 2018	
Audit	Dec. 19, 2018	January 16 @ 12:00 w/Principals
Curriculum & Technology	Aug. 15, 2018	
Legislative		
Tenure	April 17, 2018	
Extra-Curricular		
Policy	Sept. 28, 2018	

- Transportation – January 16 at 4 p.m.
- Buildings & Grounds - January 15 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Audit Committee meeting on January 16 @ 12:00
- Don't need Extra-curricular meeting

- Dennis Symons, Interim Head Bus Driver, asked if any decision has been made regarding changes to the February break. Interim Superintendent Daniels stated that we have not had to use any additional snow days so no decision has been made yet. Decision should be made by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Molly Nolan asked how information regarding the Superintendent Search presentation will be communicated to parents and the community with the closing of the *Chenango American*.

- Board member Drew commented that a robo call will go out regarding the presentation by Perry Dewey, an article on the website, and the *Binghamton Press & Sun Bulletin* and *The Evening Sun* are also options.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Markham, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss a matter leading to the discipline of a particular person.  
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Motion made by Markham, seconded by Youngs, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:14 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

**RECONVENE**

- President Milk reconvened the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion made by Barrows, seconded by McCauley, to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk