

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015**

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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, Director of PE and Athletics
Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation/Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to approve the following placement(s):
#710123327; #710023340; #710023343; #710022301;
#710023274.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

Yes-7, No-0

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

RECONVENE

- 3. REPORTS

ADDITIONS/

Add: 1. DCMO BOCES Communications Service

**DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on January 7, 2015 as presented.

**APPROVE MINUTES
1/7/15**

Yes-7, No-0

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CALENDAR**

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- January 24 – ACAMT All-County Music Festival – 4:00 p.m.
MS/HS Gymnasium
- January 26 – ½ Day for High School Students ONLY -11:30 a.m.
dismissal (p.m. ELA Regents)
- January 26-29 – Regents
- January 27 – Budget Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
- January 30 – Staff Development Day
- February 4 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- February 6 – Health Insurance Consortium – 6:30 p.m.
- February 11 – Budget Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
- February 16-20 – Presidents’ Day/February Break Recess – No
School
- February 18 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- February 25 – Budget Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
TC3 FIELD TRIP TO
RAYMOND**

- Mr. Ethan Leet, Physics Teacher, and Kyra Yanusas, Ashley
Evanchof and Julia Amell from his TC3 Physics class reported to
the Board on a recent TC3 Physics field trip to Raymond.
Students visited the test lab and applied real world applications of
physics in the test lab using a forklift. Engineers at Raymond
shared how physics is used to design, build, and manufacture lift
trucks.

**HEATHER KRIESEL-
ALL COUNTY MUSIC
FESTIVAL**

- Ms. Heather Kriesel, Instrumental Music Teacher, announced
that the All County Music Festival begins at 9:00 and runs all
day. The concert is at 4:00 and will feature an elementary band,
high school band, chorus, junior chorus, and jazz ensemble.

**REPORT(S):
DCMO BOCES
COMMUNICATIONS
SERVICE**

- Phil Sheridan, Director of Technology, and P.J. Harmer, Public
Information Specialist, from DCMO BOCES presented a new
communications service offered by BOCES. The service helps
districts with their communication needs such as development
and maintaining web pages, facebook and other social media
platforms as needed. For districts that utilize this service, an
Information Specialist is in the district a defined number of days
each week to gather and disseminate communications as needed.
They shared how they helped transform Walton’s communication
plan which included a new website, Facebook, Twitter, and
Instagram social media sites. The service is aidable and districts
can tailor the services to what their needs are.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

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

UNPAID LEAVE(S) OF

**ABSENCE REQUEST:
MANYA LOBDELL-
AIDE**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the
Unpaid Leave of Absence Request of Manya Lobdell, Aide,
for three (3) days – February 4, 5, 6, 2015.
Yes-7, No-0

**CHRISTINA WELLS-
AIDE**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the
Unpaid Leave of Absence Request of Christina Wells, Aide,
for ten (10) weeks – January 26, 2015 through April 6, 2015.
Yes-7, No-0

RESIGNATION(S):

**DEB KRUPP-
7TH GR. TEAM LEADER
TEACHER**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to accept the
resignation of Deb Krupp as 7th grade Team Leader,
effective January 31, 2015 with appreciation.
Yes-7, No-0

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**APPOINTMENT(S):
DIANNE EVANS-
LTA**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Dianne Evans, LTA, as a recall from the Preferred Eligible list effective February 1, 2015.

Yes-7, No-0

**ANGELA WHITT-
7TH GR. TEAM LEADER**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Angela Whitt as the 7th grade Team Leader, effective February 1, 2015.

Yes-7, No-0

**CARY ROSS- SCHOOL
BUS DRIVER**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Cary Ross as a School Bus Driver for a one-year probationary appointment effective January 22, 2015 and ending January 21, 2016.

Yes-7, No-0

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
ROSTERS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year:

- Kasandra Prikazsky – Substitute Teacher 1-6, effective January 22, 2015;
- Diane Davie – Substitute Teacher – Special Education, effective January 20, 2015.

Yes-7, No-0

**BAND TRIP REQUEST-
DORNEY PARK**

- Motion made by McCauley, seconded by Day, to approve the trip request of the high school band to participate in Music in the Park at Dorney Park, PA on May 20, 2015. Transportation will be provided by Oneonta Bus Lines pending approval by Greene's Transportation Supervisor.

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

- A mistake was made regarding monies encumbered and expensed resulting in many negative balances. Mr. Rubitski stated that the mistakes would be corrected next month and an updated Revenue and Budget Status Report will be generated. The Board requested that this item wait for approval until the corrections were made.

**INTERNAL CLAIMS
AUDIT REPORT**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to accept the Internal Claims Audit Report for December 2014 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- Mr. Rubitski reviewed the budget goals and objectives developed by the Budget Committee with the Board.

Budget highlights including assumptions and pending budget events/actions were reviewed. The assumptions included: maintaining budget levels from previous year; increase in foundation aid; reductions in the NYS Retirement System payments and estimated increase in health insurance. Some of the pending events/actions included: the Governor's budget proposal; Affordable Care Act implications; Property Tax Cap (2%); Smart Schools Bond.

**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
12/17	iPad Classroom Use Update		Ongoing
1/7	Non-Resident Policy		Spring 2015

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

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

1. **February Board Meetings** – Discussion was had regarding the second Board of Education meeting in February (February 18th) which falls during winter recess. Options of keeping the meeting or not having a second meeting were discussed. Agenda items will be reviewed to see if a second meeting is needed in February.
2. **Readiness Training Exercise** – Chenango County Fire and military personnel (reserves) are looking at holding a 2 week readiness training exercise in July (13-24). The event would be held at Norwich High School and would offer surrounding communities services that they would not otherwise be able to afford – dental, medical, animal care are a few of the services to be offered. A request has been made that each district within Chenango County bus interested community members. Specific days within the 2 weeks would be assigned to each district. District costs would be approximately \$300 for transporting two days. Possibility of joining with Oxford to share transportation and costs was discussed. The Board was in agreement that this would be a worthwhile event to participate in.
3. **February Half-Day In-Service** – Possibly having February 26th as a half-day for students to allow staff to receive information and practice an “active shooter” drill. Discussion on specifics will take place between Under Sheriff, Dan Frair, and administrators.
4. **John Walsh Foundation** – Exploring possibility of having a speaker from the John Walsh Foundation speak regarding social media and cyber bullying issues. A presentation at each building and an evening program for the community sometime in March is being looked into.
5. **Board Self-Evaluation** – Board member feedback has been added to the document for review by the Board.
6. **Commissioner’s Advisory Council** – Superintendent Retz reported on a recent meeting he attended. There were round table discussions regarding:
 - Commissioner search;
 - SED’s response to letter from Governor’s Office
 - Class of 2022 graduation requirements/pathways to graduation;
 - Smart Bond Act– working on a guidance document on how to proceed;
 - Delays at facility planning;Information from this meeting has been distributed to Superintendents in the Southern Tier Region.
7. **Capital Project** – There is a back-log at SED (6-8 months); we should still be on target for the main project to be submitted by March/April and work to begin the following summer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
SUE PROSCIA-
HALF-DAY**

- Sue Proscia, Bus Driver, asked if the half-day in February would include a half-day for out of district student placements as well.
- No decision had been made yet.

- Brady Race, a 12th grade student, was present as part of his public policy class. He asked if the meetings are always this long?

BRADY RACE

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session for personnel & negotiations matter at 9:00 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:38 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

RECONVENE

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk