

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014**

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
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. James Strenkert

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. James Walters, Executive Principal 6-12
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 Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to **EXECUTIVE SESSION** Executive Session for the following at 7:01 p.m.:
 - Special Education Placements
 - Confidential Personnel Matter
 - Negotiations Update

Yes-6, 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): #710022872; #710023208; #710123249.

Yes-6, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day to adjourn Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

Yes-6, No-0

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

RECONVENE

- None.

**ADD./DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on January 8, 2014, as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES
1/8/14**

CALENDAR

- January 27-30 – Regents Exams
- January 27 – (1/2 day for K-12 – PROPOSED CHANGE)
- January 29 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 4:30 p.m.

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- January 31 – Regular Day of School (Staff Development Day moved to 1/17)
- February 5 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- February 7 – Health Consortium Mtg. – 6:30 p.m.
- February 12 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 4:30 p.m.
- February 19 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- February 25 – Bus Vote – 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: - None.

REPORTS:
STUDENT HOLDING - Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal, reported that primary and intermediate students' drop off procedures have been modified. Students are dropped off at their respective buildings and held in the gym space until the school day starts. She reported that it has been working well, easily supervised, and allows students to get breakfast ahead of time which cuts down the congestion with all students getting breakfast at once.

EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Board actions:

ACADEMIC CALENDAR CHANGE - Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to modify the existing academic calendar for January 27, 2014, making it a half-day for students in grades K-12 to accommodate the afternoon ELA regents.
Yes-6, No-0

**APPOINTMENT(S):
SUBSTITUTE
ROSTERS** - Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Teacher Rosters for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year:

- Abigail Conner – Substitute Teacher 6-12
- Steve Burghardt – Substitute Teacher 6-12

Yes-6, No-0

**SUPERINTENDENT
CONF. ATTENDANCE** - Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to approve the Superintendent's attendance at the NYSCOSS conference in Albany on March 2, 34 2014.
Yes-6, No-0

**REQUEST FOR UNPAID
LEAVE OF ABSENCE-
SUE CARLIN** - Motion made by Day, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the request of Sue Carlin for an unpaid leave of absence from her teaching duties for 3 days (March 7, 10, 11, 2014).
Yes-6, No-0

**RESIGNATION(S):
SANDY JONES -
BUS MONITOR** - Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to accept the resignation of Sandy Jones, Bus Monitor, effective December 18, 2013.
Yes-6, No-0

**SHANNON STILES-
CUSTODIAL WORKER** - Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to accept the resignation of Shannon Stiles, Custodial Worker, effective January 25, 2014.
Yes-6, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
REVENUE & BUDGET
STATUS REPORTS** - Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to accept the Budget Status Reports for December 2013 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital Budgets as presented.
Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Activity Funds for December 2013 as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR ACTIVITY FUNDS**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Hendershott, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for December 2013 as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

**INTERNAL CLAIMS
AUDITOR REPORT**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed with the Board the line items reviewed by the Budget Committee to-date. He also shared with the Board a comparison of line items and their increase/decreases over the past 5 years.
- An update from the state has been received regarding the consumer price index for determination of the Tax Cap. This year the percent is 1.4648%.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
UPDATE**

- NYS has provided school districts the authority to grant an Exemption for part of school district taxes for veterans. The percent of the exemption is based on veteran's service (during time of war, service in a combat zone, and incurred service-connected disability). To be included in this year's tax rolls, the Board would have to hold a hearing and adopt a resolution by March 1st.

**ALTERNATIVE
VETERANS' EXEMPTION**

- Greene School district has approximately 341 individuals that would qualify for the basic exemption which would amount to approximately \$55,223.00 in tax reductions, which would then be spread over the remaining tax bills. This will be discussed again at the next meeting with more information on the specific amounts.

- A review of the School Lunch Fund Program through December 2013 shows the fund \$1900 in the red so far. This is tracking consistent with last year's numbers. Will continue to monitor.

**SCHOOL LUNCH FUND
PROGRAM UPDATE**

- Mark Rubitski also reviewed with the Board the Governor's budget address. The budget does not address short-term issues for individual districts. Highlights are:

- \$2 billion dollar bond funding available for creating and/or updating technology in all schools – creating "smart schools";
- Fully funded universal pre-kindergarten;
- Property tax freeze – over 5 years;
- Tax relief circuit breaker program – follow-up to property tax freeze;
- Aid proposal of \$807 million which is then divided out to various types of aid. Because of the way the aid is distributed, Greene is anticipated to receive less again this year.

**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 – Ironing out some last details, GTA discussing some of the adjustments and will then vote. The Administrative Association also needs to vote on the proposal. Possible sign-off by the Board at the next meeting.

2. January 17th Staff Development Day – Surveys from staff participants were positive to Dr. Daggets' presentation and felt that it was meaningful and valuable. They also felt that we should be using challenging/appropriate reading across all levels. 91% of staff agreed with the importance of use of technology in the classroom.

The afternoon was spent with departments and individual teachers working on common core alignment and implementation.

3. Physics Class Collaboration w/Raymond – Superintendent Retz accompanied Mr. Leet's physics class to the Raymond Corporation where they worked on two labs. Students interacted with engineers from Raymond as they completed the labs with hands-on activities.

Superintendent Retz would like to see an expansion of this type of collaborative work with Raymond, perhaps getting 7th & 8th grade students involved in the areas of math and science.

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Day, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk