

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020**

The Regular meeting of the Greene Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Board President, Brian Milk, in the Board Conference 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. Nicholas Drew, Vice-President
Mr. Douglas Markham
Mr. Scott Youngs
Mr. Seth Barrows
Mr. John Fish

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Andrew Bringuel, II

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Timothy Calice, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mrs. Penny Connolly, High School Principal
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal & Director of PE & Athletics
Mr. Clifford Jones, Interim Head Bus Driver

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Marie Utter, District Clerk

- None.

ADD/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

- Congratulations to senior Emma Smith who scored her 1,000th career point late in the fourth quarter of Greene's Varsity Girls' Basketball 36-31 victory over Walton on Tuesday, January 28th.

GOOD NEWS – DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- Congratulations to Rosemary Badger and the food services employees who continue to receive exceptional inspections with no violations found.

- For the first time in 8 years, Greene participated in Utica National's Safety in Excellence Survey. Greene has received a preliminary score at the platinum level, second level (80-90% range). Participation in this survey will give us feedback on areas we need to focus on. Thank you to Dave Kendall for his help completing the survey.

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Drew, seconded by Fish, to approve the following placements:
#710024076; #710024049; #710024083; #710023818;
#710022304; #710023630; #710022216.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Markham, to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting held on January 8, 2020 as presented.

1/8/20 MEETING MINUTES

Yes-6, No-0

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CALENDAR**

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- January 31 – Sweets & Sounds – 6:30 p.m.
 - February 8 – Father Daughter Dance – 6:00 p.m.
 - February 12 – Budget Committee Mtg. – 4:00 p.m.
 - February 14 -18 – Presidents’ Day Recess
 - February 19 – Budget Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
 - February 19 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
 - February 25 - Bus Vote – 11:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.
 - February 26 – Budget Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
 - March 3 – Music in our Schools – 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium
 - March 11 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- *Note start time

PUBLIC COMMENT: - None

REPORTS:

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE - Mrs. Penny Connolly, High School Principal, gave a report on the high school so far during the 2019-2020 school year. She highlighted the following:

MRS. PENNY CONNOLLY

- **Enrollment** – Marking period 1 ending numbers show 9th grade – 70; 10th grade – 73; 11th grade – 64; 12th grade – 64; for a total of 271 students. There have been a few move ins since the numbers were collected.
- **Special Education/504/AIS** – Special Education students – 36 or 13%; 504 students – 15 or 6%; AIS for Math/ELA students – 30 or 11%. Students could be receiving more than one service.
- **Outside Building Placements** – CTE students – 49 or 18%; New Vision students – 7 or 3%; Youth Apprenticeship students – 7 or 3%; Career Academy students – 9 or 3%. Mrs. Connolly would like to see the number of CTE students grow as it gives students the opportunity to receive employment ready skills directly out of high school.
- **Assessments** – Mrs. Connolly reviewed the June 2019 regents results. Math and ELA scores fall into levels 1-5 with proficiency percentages including both levels 4 & 5 and mastery (85-100) includes just level 5. Science and History scores are divided into levels 1-4. The proficiency percentage is the same as the percentage of students passing. She also noted that the mastery percentage could jump if there is a change in 1 or 2 student scores. Because these exams are given in June, staff review item analysis questions to see if there is a specific concept that students struggled with overall that could be emphasized more with next year’s students.

- Board member Barrows noted that the Geometry regents had 100% passing rate. Mrs. Connolly stated that the teacher does a wonderful job and this is the second year in a row of 100% passing rate.

- **Successes** – High/Honor Roll: Student grades were impressive for the first marking period. 122 students or 45% of the high school achieved High Honor Roll and 54 students or 20% achieved Honor Roll. 176 students out of 271 had an overall average of 85 or higher.

Teaching Staff: Teaching staff are going above and beyond to expose our students to cool experiences which maintain their interest and create enthusiasm in learning. Participation in Raymond presentations and the debate experience provide good life-long learning experiences.

- Attendance – Students with perfect attendance (no absences or tardies): September 83, October 64, November 62. A portion of the proceeds from the Father/Daughter dance is donated to the high school to provide a \$50 perfect attendance incentive drawing each month to students who have not had perfect attendance during that month.

Extra-curricular Involvement – The percentage of students who are involved in extra-curricular events is amazing and something the district can be proud of.

Athletic Successes – Every fall sports team qualified as a NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team with the team's total grade point average for 75% of the roster at 90% or above.

- **Challenges** – Eligibility – The high school has 3 eligibility lists including an "Endangered" list which is an attempt to reach students in danger of failing to help increase their grades prior to the next marking period. Extra-curriculars can be used as a motivational tool for those students involved, but for those who are not, it is difficult to motivate them to increase their grades.

Tardiness – There were 28 unexcused tardy to 1st period in September; 65 in October; and 72 in November. 9 students accounted for 73 of the total 165 tardies for those three months.

Mrs. Connolly commented that she is also working to address chronic tardies to other periods throughout the day.

Mental Health – Mental health needs continue to increase and the personnel available and qualified to deal with those needs are insufficient.

- Vice President Drew commented that mental health needs is a common theme throughout the buildings and is something that the budget committee should be looking at, or is there other help out there.

- Mrs. Connolly commented that she is not properly trained or has the time, to provide the necessary help. Teachers are also not equipped or trained to help students with genuine needs.

- Superintendent Calice commented that there is a need to provide resources to families, as in most cases, it is a family issue. He will include a report at an upcoming board meeting on ways the district is trying to address these concerns through outside agencies and in house.

RTF Students – The RTF students at the high school pose some challenges. There are those students who blend well into the classes and then there are others who pose real concerns regarding the amount of time and attention needed.

All of our fall teams qualified as a NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team

- Mr. Bryan Ayres, Director of PE & Athletics, reported on the fall season. He highlighted the following: **ATHLETIC REPORT – MR. BRYAN AYRES**

- Board members received fall coaches' reports for their review.
- Every fall sports team qualified as a NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team by obtaining a 90% or greater team average; 72 fall athletes qualified.
- Greater Binghamton Sports Hall of Game Student/Athlete Scholarship Awards for senior male and female athletes of the year, Nate Erickson and Madison Rice have been nominated.
- Boys soccer awards: League Record 11-1; MAC League Champions for the 3rd year in a row and 8 out of the last 11 years; First Team All Stars: Alec Frair, Nolan Butler, Calob Davenport; Second Team: Scout McCumiskey, Jonny Lee, Trenton Rapp, Nick Shoemaker; Honorable Mention: Aidan Kiefer, Terriek Brown, Ashton Craver, Dustin Markham; WCDO's Male Soccer Player of the Year – Nolan Butler; WCDO Player of the Game for MAC Championships – Alec Frair.

- Field Hockey awards: League Record 4-3; Section IV Class C Champions; All State Honors - Brooke Austin and Leah Decker; First Team Division 1 All Stars - Leah Decker, Brooke Austin, Madison Rice; Second Team Division 1 All Stars - Olivia Kennedy and Jessica Unkel; WCDO's Field Hockey Player of the Year - Brooke Austin; Press and Sun Bulletin Athlete of the Week – Brooke Austin.
- Football awards: League Record 2-1; Overall 5-4; First Team All Stars - Nate Erickson, Noah Kennedy, Nate Hurlburt, Nate Barry, and Wyatt Ingraham; Honorable Mentions- Drew Erickson and Josh Titus; WBNG Athletes of the Week – Nate and Drew Erickson; Press & Sun Bulletin Elite 24 Team- Nate Erickson.
- Volleyball awards - MAC First Team - Julianna Ayres; Second Team - Valerie Stracquadano; Honorable Mention: Cheyenne Whitman.
- Pixellot cameras have been installed on the turf field and in the high school gym to live stream contests. As part of the grant, cameras will also be installed in the auditorium. Community members will be able to buy a subscription (\$9.99 per month or \$70 per year) to the service.

ENROLLMENT REPORT - The Enrollment Report for December 2019 with a total Student enrollment of 995 was noted.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Budget Committee Update:** Board member Seth Barrows, Chair of the Committee, commented on a recent Budget Committee meeting. He highlighted the following:
- Reviewed line items for central printing & mailing, curriculum, audio visual, and recreation-pool.
 - Discussed the philosophy of having a vision that will guide the budget versus the budget dictating our actions. Completing a 2020-2021 climate survey and designating a coordinator position that will allow the district to move toward a vision was also discussed.
 - The Governor's budget proposal is looking slightly better with funds being moved from wealthy districts to those districts in need.
 - At tonight's Budget meeting, budget presentation/discussions were had with the primary and intermediate administrators highlighting where staffing needs are and individual building's wants and needs.
- Vice President Drew commented that the committee is exploring options regarding a Resource Officer position. He also commented that the committee is having a lot of good discussions and thinking outside of the box. Superintendent Calice and Mr. Rubitski are doing a good job getting needed information together and everyone is working in the same direction.

TRANSPORTATION Nothing.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

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

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CREATE .5 FTE
TEACHER AIDE
POSITION**

- Motion made by Barrows, seconded by Fish, to create a .5 FTE Teacher Aide position effective February 3, 2020.
Yes-6, No-0

**RESIGNATION(S):
RENEE' LAPORTE -
TEACHER AIDE**

- Motion made by Barrows, seconded by Fish, to accept the resignation of Renee' LaPorte, Teacher Aide, effective February 3, 2020.
Yes-6, No-0

**APPOINTMENT(S):
CLIFFORD JONES -
HEAD BUS DRIVER**

- Motion made by Barrows, seconded by Fish, to permanently appoint Clifford Jones as Head Bus Driver, effective February 3, 2020 for a one-year probationary period ending February 2, 2021.
Yes-6, No-0

**CHRISTINA JAMES
.5 FTE TEACHER
AIDE**

- Motion made by Barrows, seconded by Fish, to appoint Christina James as a .5 FTE Teacher Aide, effective February 3, 2020.
Yes-6, No-0

**RENEE' LAPORTE
TYPIST -10 MONTH**

- Motion made by Barrows, seconded by Fish, to appoint Renee' LaPorte as a 10-month Typist, effective February 3, 2020 for a one-year probationary period ending February 2, 2021.
Yes-6, No-0

**AMANDA WILSON
TEACHER AIDE**

- Motion made by Barrows, seconded by Fish, to appoint Amanda Wilson, Teacher Aide, effective February 3, 2020 for a one-year probationary period ending February 2, 2021.
Yes-6, No-0

**MARSHA DEAN -
SPEECH & LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGIST**

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion made by Barrows, seconded by Fish, the following conditional probationary appointment is hereby made:

Name of Appointee: Marsha Dean
Tenure Area: Special Tenure Area – Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions – Education of Speech and Hearing Handicapped Children

Date of Commencement

On Probationary Service: March 10, 2020

Expiration of Probation: March 9, 2024

Certification Status: Speech and Language Disabilities – Professional

- Yes-6, No-0

**SUBSTITUTE
ROSTERS**

- Motion made by Barrows, seconded by Fish, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters for the 2019-2020 school year effective January 30, 2020:
 - Jourdan Pinney – Substitute LTA and Aide K-12
 - Brian Taylor – Substitute Bus Driver
 - Megan Harrington – Substitute Teacher K-12

- Yes-6, No-0

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
SICK BANK REQUEST –
PATSY THATCHER,
TEACHER AIDE**

- Upon the recommendation of the Non-Instructional Sick Bank Committee, a motion was made by Barrows, seconded by Fish, to approve the request of Patsy Thatcher, Teacher Aide, for the withdrawal of seven (7) days covering January 29, 2020 through January 31, 2020 and February 4, 2020 through February 7, 2020.

- Yes-6, No-0

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**ODYSSEY OF THE
MIND UPDATES**

- Motion made by Barrows, seconded by Fish, to update Coaches as follows effective February 3, 2020:

- Add Matt Carlin as an Unpaid Volunteer
- Add Geoff Johnson as an Unpaid Volunteer
- Remove Barbara Gross as a Paid Coach

Yes-6, No-0

**CO-CURRICULAR
CHANGE**

- Motion made by Barrows, seconded by Fish, to make the following changes to the Co-Curricular Roster for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year:

- Remove Michelle Evans as Kindergarten Team Leader for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Appoint Mary Gell as Kindergarten Team Leader for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Yes-6, No-0

**TRIP REQUEST(S):
8TH GRADE TO
WASHINGTON, DC
& H.S. CHORUS TO
MACUNGIE, PA**

- Motion made by Barrows, seconded by Fish, to approve the trip request of the 8th Grade class to go to Washington, D.C. on May 6 through 8, 2020 and the High School Chorus to go to Music in the Parks in Macungie, PA on May 15, 2020, pending approval of transportation by the District's Transportation Department.

Yes-6, No-0

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

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Markham, to accept the Budget Status Reports for December 2019 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital budgets as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

**INTERNAL CLAIMS
AUDITOR REPORT**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Fish, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report for December 2019 as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

**TAX CERTIORARI
RESERVE TRANSFER**

- Motion made by Markham, seconded by Drew, to approve the transfer of \$13,071.36 from the Tax Certiorari Reserve Account (A864) to the General Fund Transfer from Other Funds (A5031) to refund property taxes for a property re-valuation.

Yes-6, No-0

**2020-2021 DCMO
BOCES SERVICES
UNIT COST
METHODOLOGY**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Fish, to approve the 2020-2021 Unit Cost Methodology for DCMO BOCES Shared Services, as indicated in the DCMO BOCES Services Guides for each shared service.

Yes-6, No-0

OBSOLETE/SURPLUS

- Motion made by Drew, seconded by Fish, to declare the the items listed on Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" attached as obsolete/surplus and to appropriately dispose of the same.

Yes-6, No-0

**CHARITABLE
DONATION**

- Motion made by Markham, seconded by Youngs, to accept the generous donation of the Kenny Ferris family to donate

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- \$1,000 toward student lunch outstanding balances with appreciation.
Yes-6, No-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Sunday Facility Use** – Superintendent Calice was asked by several coaches to reconsider the district’s position of no practices on Sunday. Superintendent Calice indicated that he could support this if the request is made by a current staff employee. The staff employee would be in charge of opening, maintaining, and closing facilities and there would be no additional cost, other than electric, to the district.
- Board member Youngs asked if the practices will be for Greene students only.
- Superintendent Calice stated that yes, for district athletic teams only. A process for rolling out the procedures will be worked out. There currently is not a Board Policy in place addressing this issue.

**REVIEW BOARD
OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST:**

Directed Date:	Task:	Responsibility Of:	Report Back:
7/10/19	Board Training	Board & Superintendent	Ongoing
9/18/19	Board Goals	Board & Superintendent	Ongoing

- No changes.

Superintendent Timothy Calice reported on the following: **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

- Reminder of Bus Vote on February 25th
- Reminder of Legislative Breakfast. Board members President Milk and Bringuel have indicated they will attend. If other board members have questions they would like asked, let the Superintendent or board members attending know.
- Superintendent Calice emailed a position statement from the Chenango County School Boards Association.
- Reminder to register for a Superintendent Evaluation discussion to be held at Sidney.
- February 29th Leadership Summit. Superintendent Calice, and board members Fish, Bringuel and President Milk will be attending. Superintendent Calice commented that Kevin McGowan who he has interviewed to be the district’s facilitator of strategic planning will be speaking at the summit.
- Capital Project meeting will be scheduled for next week.

**REVIEW COMMITTEE
SCHEDULE:**

Committee Name:	Last Meeting:	Next Meeting:
Budget	Jan. 22, 2020	Feb. 12, 2020 @ 4 pm
Building & Grounds	Jan. 7, 2020	
Transportation	Nov. 13, 2019	
Audit	Oct. 5, 2019	
Curriculum & Technology	Aug. 15, 2018	
Policy	Nov. 18, 2019	

* Transportation Committee – possible meeting week of 2/10 some night or possibly morning.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:
NICHOLAS DREW**

- Vice President Drew thanked Clifford Jones, Head Bus Driver for his professionalism handling the recent bus accident and appreciates all he is doing to support the family.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Markham, seconded by Fish, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk