

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President, Ethan G. Day, in the Board of Education 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 G. Day, President  
Mr. Brian Milk, Vice-President  
Mr. Timothy Crumb  
Mrs. Karen Hendershott  
Mr. Scott Youngs  
Mr. Seth Barrows

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mrs. Tammie McCauley

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Gordon Daniels, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. James Walters, High School Principal  
Mr. Timothy Calice, Middle School Principal  
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal and Director of Athletics & PE  
Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Interim Primary School Principal  
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Milk, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 6:01 p.m.:

- To review special education placements for particular students and to consider them for approval.

Yes-6, No-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- President Day reconvened the meeting 6:34 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- Nothing.

**ADD/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Crumb, seconded by Milk, to approve the following placement(s):

#710022982; #710123498; #710123327; #710023609;  
#710023611; #710023610; #710023567.

Yes-6, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on December 21, 2016 as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES 12/21/16**

- January 10 – HS Winter Concert – 7:00 p.m. – Auditorium
- January 11 – Budget Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
- January 12 - Buildings & Grounds Committee Mtg. – 4:30 p.m.
- January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No School
- January 18 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

**CALENDAR**

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- January 24-27 – Regents Exams
- January 27 – Staff Development Day (changed from March 10<sup>th</sup>)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** - President Day stated that the costs associated with conducting the Superintendent Search, including professional development, work with NYSCOS and meals was \$1,426. There was no cost for assistance received from BOCES as that is included in their offered services.

**REPORT(S):** - None.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:** - None.

**TRANSPORTATION:** - None.

**EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:** - **The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Board action:**

**APPOINTMENT(S):  
SUBSTITUTE ROSTER** - Motion made by Milk, seconded by Crumb, to modify Ashley Lawrence’s previous appointment as a Substitute Teacher/LTA K-5 to Substitute Teacher/LTA UPK-5.

**CREATE MIDDLE SCHOOL GSA CLUB** - Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Crumb, to create a Gay Straight Alliance Club (GSA) in the middle school.  
Yes-6, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:  
DCMO BOCES – UNIT COST METHODOLOGY:** - Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Milk, to approve the 2017-2018 Unit Cost Methodology for DCMO BOCES Shared Services, as indicated in the DCMO BOCES Services Guides for each shared service.  
Yes-6, No-0

**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS:** - None.

**REVIEW BOARD  
OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST:**

| Directed Date: | Task:                      | Responsibility Of:     | Report Back:  |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 3/7/2007       | Policy/ Procedure Manual   | BOE and Superintendent | Ongoing       |
| 5/4/2016       | District Safety Plan       | BOE and Superintendent | Feb. 1, 2017  |
| 7/6/2016       | Annual Appointments Review | BOE and Superintendent | Mar. 15, 2017 |
|                |                            |                        |               |

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

- **Create Custodial Position** – Interim Superintendent Daniels recommended that the Board create an additional custodial position to be assigned to the Intermediate school as soon as possible. The addition of the new gymnasium, classroom wing, and nightly use of the gym area, make it difficult for one custodian to clean the entire building. The Intermediate school is the only building without 2 custodians.

- **Water Lead Testing** - Jordon Lilley, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, announced that the district has received the final lead testing results at the Intermediate and Primary. Out of 149

- receptacles tested, 19 showed higher than recommended lead levels. One was an old original to the building drinking fountain which won't be replaced due to it being embedded in the wall. Shower heads, custodial slop sinks and teacher sinks affected have all be labeled as "non-potable". BOCES will be sending out a letter notifying parents of the findings and the Department of Health has been notified. Two new drinking fountains with a bottle filler have been ordered. One will be put in the middle school and one by the cafeteria.

- President Day stated that he would speak briefly to qualify the preceding vote to approve a Gay Straight Alliance Club for Greene Middle School. He stated the following: First, the board of education expects that Policy 7514 be followed fully even though the school year is already in progress and parental consent forms have already been completed. **PUBLIC COMMENT:  
PRESIDENT DAY**

Second, the board is committed to protecting student free speech and following the provisions of the 1984 Equal Access Act. For some members of the board, the justification for an affirmative vote extended no further than this.

One stated purpose of the club, given in the letter the board received, is to "foster a school system in which all students feel welcome and accepted." The board supports this goal. We also recognize that some members of the student community may have convictions or hold views fundamentally at odds with some of the basic positions on sexuality and gender that this club is built upon.

The district takes no position, and makes no endorsements. We welcome all students, and encourage diversity of both demographics and thought. As long as the discourse is respectful at all times.

Another stated intention of the club, given in the letter provided, is to "provide kids with a safe space to talk and learn about sexuality and gender." More than one board member concluded that some parents would prefer that those conversations take place at home, not apart from them at school. This is why it's essential that parents and guardians are given the breadth and depth of topics, not just a club name, when consent is requested.

President Day finished by saying that the board expects tolerance and respect for all students—club or no club. Board members recognize that inclusion and free expression among students make our school community stronger.

- Sue Proscia, Bus Driver, asked if the water at the bus garage had been tested? **SUE PROSCIA**

- Jordon Lilley, Transportation Supervisor, stated that it was tested and everything passed.

- Emily Worsnopp, Middle School Guidance Counselor, thanked the Board for approving the Middle School GSA Club. She stated that the creation of the club was student driven and that she understands the need to follow policy guidelines, and assured the Board that the purpose is not to go beyond the scope of what is already discussed in health classes. **EMILY WORSNOPP**

- Marie Scofield, GTA President, stated that she was glad to hear that an additional custodial position would be created. She also stated that she hopes the district looks into the fact that some custodians who are classified as "substitutes", are working every day. **MARIE SCOFIELD**

**REVIEW COMMITTEE  
SCHEDULE:**

| <b>Committee Name:</b>  | <b>Last Meeting:</b> | <b>Next Meeting:</b>                       |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Budget                  | Dec. 14, 2016        | January 11, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m.               |
| Building & Grounds      | Dec. 15, 2016        |  |
| Transportation          | Nov. 2, 2016         |  |
| Employee                |                      |  |
| Audit                   | Sept. 21, 2016       |  |
| Curriculum & Technology | Dec. 13, 2016        |  |
| Legislative             |                      |  |
| Tenure                  |                      |  |
| Sabbatical              |                      |  |
| Policy                  | Nov. 30, 2016        | <i>Next week Tues 1/10 or Friday (amO)</i> |

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion made by Milk, seconded by Youngs, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk