

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President, Ethan G. Day, 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.
- President Day called for a moment of silence in observance of the passing of John Mason and Karen Schultes, former district employees.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ethan G. Day, President
Mr. Timothy Crumb, Vice-President
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger
Mr. Brian Milk
Mr. Scott Youngs
Mrs. Tammie McCauley
Mrs. Karen Hendershott

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. James B. Walters, High School Principal
Mr. Timothy Calice, Middle School Principal
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Buildings & Grounds and Transportation Supervisor
Mrs. Sarah Wiggins, Director of Special Programs

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Milk, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 6:01 p.m.:
 - To discuss the contract and employment status of a particular person.
 - To review special education placements for particular students and to consider them for approval.
 - To discuss a matter leading to the discipline of a particular person.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

Yes-7, No-0

- President Day reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

RECONVENE

- None.

**ADD./DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to approve the following placement(s):
#710023468; #710123472; #710023460; #710022992;
#710022360; #710022533; #710023296; #710023290;
#710023398; #710023406; #710022576.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENT**

Yes-7, No-0

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**APPROVE MINUTES
12/16/15**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by McCauley, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on December 16, 2015, as presented.
- Yes-7, No-0

CALENDAR

- January 13 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
- January 17 – PTO Brooks Chicken Barbeque
- January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 20 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- January 26-29 – Regents Exams
- January 27 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dave Gorton, Varsity Football Coach, announced the recognition of two of his players: John Hadac was selected to the Class C, All-State second team as a defensive lineman, and the Press & Sun Bulletin Elite 24 team. Luke Erickson was selected to the Class C, All-State third team as a running back and Press & Sun bulletin all region player.

REPORTS:

ENROLLMENT REPORT

- The Enrollment Report for the period ending November 30, 2015 with an ending enrollment of 1021 students was noted.

**NYSSBA INTRO. -
SANDRA RUFFO, AREA
4 DIRECTOR**

- President Day introduced Sandra Ruffo, NYSSBA Area 4 Director. Ms. Ruffo thanked the Board for allowing her to come and speak to the Board. She stated that as a representative of member and non-member districts in Area 4, she is trying to visit all 75 districts to introduce herself. She has been highlighting special events at the various districts through a newsletter. She also stated that NYSSBA offers valuable conferences and opportunities for being involved in lobbying for educational reform.

- President Day stated that NYSSBA is helping to customize a board retreat for Greene and they have been very responsive and helpful.

**INNOVATIVE
INSTRUCTIONAL
PRACTICES MINI-
GRANT**

- **Using iPads in Science:** Ethan Leet, High School Physics teacher, spoke to the Smart Link mini-grant the science department received which connects to iPads/Chrome Books and allows a demonstration on one iPad/Chrome Book to be linked to all iPads/Chrome Books in a classroom.

- **ELA Test Prep Book** – Kris McDermott used a mini-grant to purchase books to incorporate ELA into math and science. Books on Owls, Space and Inventors were purchased with the intent of using this resource to support ELA across curriculums.

**BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

- None.

TRANSPORTATION:

- None.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

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

**EMPLOYEE
TERMINATION-
BRIAN TAYLOR-
BUS DRIVER**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, it is resolved that the employment of Mr. Brian Taylor, bus driver, is hereby terminated effective immediately.
- Yes-7, No-0

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**APPOINTMENT(S):
SUBSTITUTE ROSTER
ADDITIONS**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Roster for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year:
 - Magdalene Richmond (Aide) – Substitute Teacher 6-8 if needed;
 - Traci Schultes (Aide) – Substitute Teacher 6-8 if needed;
 - Ashley Roth (Aide) – Substitute Teacher 6-8 if needed.

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Mccauley, seconded by Milk, to appoint Kara Bartholomew as a Substitute Teacher and Aide K-12 for the Remainder of the 2015-16 school year.

**SUBSTITUTE -
KARA BARTHOLOMEW**

Yes-6, No-0, Abstain-1(Hunsinger)

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to appoint Kathleen Eaton as a Substitute Teacher and Aide K-12 for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year:

**SUBSTITUTE -
KATHLEEN EATON**

Yes-7, No-0

BUSINESS & FINANCE:

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, shared information he received regarding the Affordable Care Act. The following date extensions were shared with the Board:

- Deadline for employers to file the 1094 forms extended to June 30th (from March 31st);
- Deadline for providing employees with 1095 coverage forms Extended to March 31, 2016 (from February 1, 2016);
- Two-year delay of the 40% Cadillac Tax. (from 2018 to 2020).

**ONGOING DISCUSSION
ITEMS:**

- **NYSSBA Custom Board Retreat Update:**

President Day indicated that he will have an update at the next meeting and a date for the retreat will be chosen.

**OUTSTANDING BOARD
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
7/15/15	Chrome Book Classroom Use	Board and Superintendent	Jan. 2016
10/7/15	Dept. Chair Update Work Session	Department Chairs	Feb. 2016
10/21/15	Update on Innovative Practices Mini-Grants	Superintendent	Jan. 2016

- Remove innovative practices mini-grants;
- Change date on Dept. Chair update to February 2016

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

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

1. Comptroller's Audit – The audit on the financial condition of The district has been completed. It will be a month or two before a report is presented to the Board. They did not indicate any significant areas of concern.

2. Baseball Dugout – Demolition has been completed and we are now getting a revised bid (deleting demolition) to complete the work.

3. Interscholastic Athletic Review – Past history, costs, and fall end of the season reports were all given to Board members for their review. The Board indicated that all the information was sufficient and informative. A question regarding whether or not we have enough Spring coaches and if not, when advertising will begin was asked.

4. Admission charge for athletic events – Efforts to expand the concession stands – one night during the holiday tournament grossed nearly \$1,000. Superintendent Retz asked several students who were present whether or not eliminating entrance fees for athletic events would make a difference to students.

- Matt Carlin stated that admission fees could be a deterrent. He also stated that students were excited and more involved in the fall contests when there were designated themes.
- President Day stated that discussion on when to roll out "admission free" is still being discussed (perhaps senior night). He suggested that once a time is designated, perhaps the students could help promote it.

5. Facility Use on Sundays – A request was received from the youth wrestling group to use the facilities on Sunday, February 2nd, and they would be willing to pay the custodial fee for someone to work that day. Superintendent Retz stated that as part of budget cuts 3 years ago, the board policy was revised to close the buildings on Sundays. Outside facilities could still be used, but not the inside. Along with the cost and availability of custodians to work, there could be costs for plowing of parking lots, maintenance of sidewalks, etc. during the winter months. Because this would require a policy revision, there is not time to make changes and accommodate the request of the youth wrestling group to use the facilities on February 2nd. This item will be added to the "Ongoing Discussion Items" for further discussion and review of the current policy.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
MARIE SCOFIELD**

- Marie Scofield – GTA President, thanked the Board for everything they do for the students and staff at GCS.

JAMES WALTERS

- James Walters, High School Principal, asked the Board for approval to change the 1/2 day Staff Development Day on January 29th, to a full day for the High School and possibly the Middle School. Mr. Walters has been in contact with a presenter who is an Apple certified teacher, Google certified presenter and she can do a full day presentation to staff on January 29th on how to use Google Aps for education.

- Marie Scofield stated that she saw a presentation at the Middle School state conference and was very excited by it. She stated that she would like to attend the in-service presentation as well.

- The Board was in support of the calendar change and will approve at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Milk, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 8:44 p.m.:
 - To discuss the collective bargaining negotiations involving the Greene Teachers' Association.
 - To discuss the collective bargaining negotiations involving the Greene Administrators' Association.
 - To discuss the collective bargaining negotiations involving the Bus Drivers' group.

Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:49 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

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- President Day reconvened the meeting at 9:49 p.m.
 - Motion made by McCauley, seconded by Youngs, to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m.
- Yes-7, No-0

RECONVENE

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk