

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:05 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. Karen Hendershott  
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger  
Mr. James Strenkert  
Mrs. Tammie McCauley

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Timothy Crumb

**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  
Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal  
Ms. Ramona Luetzger, Director of Special Services  
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation/Building & Grounds Supervisor

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:06 p.m.:
  - Special Education Placements
  - Confidential Personnel Matter
  - Negotiations Update

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Yes-6, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by McCauley, to approve the following placement(s):  
#710018901; #710018920; #710019415; #710022555;  
#710018925; #710123251; #710123172; #710123176;  
#710022138; #710022492; #710125216; #710123631;  
#710022330; #710023042; #710022957; #710123120;  
#710125229; #710022652; #710123180; #710023219.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

Yes-6, No-0

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

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**

Yes-6, No-0

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

**RECONVENE**

- None.

**ADD./DELETIONS  
TO AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014****APPROVE MINUTES****7/2/14**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Day, to approve the minutes for the reorganization and regular meeting held on July 2, 2014, as presented.
- Yes-6, No-0

**CALENDAR**

- August 6 – Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- August 18 – Fall Sports Begin
- August 20 – Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- August 25 – New Teacher Orientation
- August 25 & 26 – MS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation
- August 26 – Freshman Orientation – 11:00 a.m.
- August 27 – Fall Athlete Parent Information Night - 7:00 p.m.
- August 28 – MS New Student Orientation – 1:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None.

**TRANSPORTATION:  
2013-14 NYS DOT  
BUS INSPECT. RPT.**

- A corrected copy of the 2013-2014 Annual New York State DOT Bus Inspection Report was reviewed and noted by the Board. A programming error at the state level required the correction to the report.

**REPORTS:****ENROLLMENT REPORT**

- The Enrollment Report for the 2013-2014 year-end with an enrollment of 1087 students was noted.

**ATHLETIC DEPT.  
REPORT**

- Bryan Ayres, Athletic Director, reviewed an Athletic Comparison Report which compared participation and costs for all athletic teams from 2012-2013 to 2013-2014. Mr. Ayres stated that reduction in transportation costs by combining trips has helped control costs. He also explained that the "cost per student" is greatly affected by the number of years the coach has been coaching (higher salary) and the number of students who participate. Mr. Ayres polled coaches to ask why students are not coming out for spring sports and the reasons given were in part – students have jobs; lack of interest; lack of time; lack of transportation; change in priorities.
- Mr. Ayres informed the Board that it appears that the number of participants for boys soccer this year may necessitate hiring an additional coach. It appears that there will be enough athletes to field modified, jv, and varsity teams this fall.

**DASA/OLWEUS RPT.**

- Building Principals reported on their Olweus (Bullying) activities during the previous school year.  
**High School/Middle School (James Walters & Timothy Calice):**
  - Middle & High School did activities jointly;
  - Kickoff in October – activities throughout the year focused on proper communication and community building; Jared Campbell did a presentation at the kickoff – he connects well with students;
  - Class meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month;
  - Results of student surveys – number of incidents and reports are decreasing;
  - "Cyber Bullying" biggest concern – occurring during out of school hours – turn over to local police;
  - Looking at developing more character education into the program;
  - Interest in developing a connection with local businesses to establish "bully free zones" within the downtown area; Advisors met with the Greater Greene Chamber of Commerce;

- **Intermediate School – (Bryan Ayres)**
  - Jared Campbell also performed at their building – students enjoy his presentations;
  - Students did skits with role playing; team building;
  - Monthly class meetings with varying topics;
  - Cyber Bullying bigger issue than in the past;
  - Looking to increase supervision in “hot spots” (locker room areas, buses);
- **Primary School (Shelly Richards)**
  - Jared Campbell performed for students; Sylvia Fletcher, a ventriloquist, also performed; Super Hero Song performed regularly at Morning Program;
  - Monthly class meetings;
  - Bus issues are the biggest area for incidents with primary students;
  - Working with drivers and encouraging parents to be more involved with bus stop concerns;
- **Bus Issues (Jordon Lilley)**
  - Looking into a local company out of Norwich who has a camera system Which includes 4 cameras which will cover the entire area inside and outside Of the bus. Cost is approximately \$2500 for one system. Currently testing out a demo unit. Possibility of equipping new buses as we order them in order to receive full aid on the units. Possibility of putting one camera on every bus for now, and then installing the entire system on new busses.

**EDUCATION &  
PERSONNEL:**

- **The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following board action:**
- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to appoint Morgan Sergi as an Elementary teacher effective September 1, 2014 as a recall from the Preferred Eligible List of the district to fill a vacancy in the tenure area of elementary education.

**APPOINTMENT(S):  
MORGAN SERGI –  
ELEM. TEACHER  
RECALL**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to appoint Robin Kozak as an Elementary teacher effective September 1, 2014 as a recall from the Preferred Eligible List of the district to fill a vacancy in the tenure area of elementary education.

**ROBIN KOZAK –  
ELEM. TEACHER  
RECALL**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to appoint Timothy Paske as the Modified Football Coach for the fall 2014 season.

**MODIFIED FOOTBALL  
COACH-TIM PASKE**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by McCauley, to accept the resignation of Heidi Marie Alberti, Custodial Worker, effective July 25, 2014.

**RESIGNATION(S):  
HEIDI MARIE  
ALBERTI-CUSTODIAL  
WORKER**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes Hogan, Sarzynski, Lynch, DeWind & Gregory to file an appeal with the New York State Education Department, Office of State Review, on the Board's behalf, of the special education decision in the Impartial Hearing of D.G. (student) by Impartial Hearing Officer, Nancy Lederman, dated June 23, 2014.

**IMPARTIAL HEARING  
DECISION APPEAL**

Yes-6, No-0

**AUTHORIZE SUPT. TO ATTEND CONFERENCE** - Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hunsinger, to authorize Superintendent, Jonathan Retz, to attend the Chief School Administrators' Summer Retreat at Lake George, NY, July 23 – 25, 2014.  
Yes-6, No-0

**MEDICAID COMPLIANCE OFFICER** - Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Hunsinger, to modify the recent (7/2/14) Medicaid Compliance Officer appointment: remove Ramona Luetzger and replace with Mark Rubitski.  
Yes-6, No-0

**TEXTBOOK ADOPTION SCIENCE & ENGLISH** - Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Strenkert, to adopt the following textbooks:

- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Science Fusion, Copyright 2002 (Grades 3-5) pilot program
- Patterns for College Writing – Rhetorical Reader and Guide, Copyright 2012 – (TC3 English)

Yes-6, No-0

**CHENANGO COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOC. SURVEY** - Board members fill out survey and send to Superintendent by Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, and he will mail them out.

**APPOINT BOARD REPR. TO CHEN. CTY. SCH. BOARDS ASSOC.** - Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Strenkert, to appoint Tammie McCauley as the Board's representative to the Chenango County School Boards Association for the 2014-2015 school year.  
Yes-6, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE: OBSOLETE/SURPLUS ITEMS** - Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Strenkert, to declare the following items as obsolete/surplus and to dispose of the same:

- Library Books (list attached as Exhibit "A")
- Bus #53 & Bus #58
- Maintenance Vehicle T35 – 1993

Yes-6, No-0

**JP MORGAN CHASE COMMERCIAL CARD** - Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the application for the JP Morgan Chase flex card program and to authorize the Board President to sign said application on behalf of the district.  
Yes-6, No-0

**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
8/7/13	Revenue & Budget Status Review	M. Rubitski	TBD
6/18	iPad Classroom Use Update	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade & Staff	TBD

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Superintendent, Jonathan Retz, reported on the following:

**1. Albany Caravan** – Superintendent Retz is continuing to have discussions regarding the proposed bus caravan trip on August 27<sup>th</sup> to Albany. This will be discussed at the CSA summer meeting. The group needs an objective/focus – perhaps pushing for an end to the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

- **2. Capital Project PR** – Superintendent Retz is working with Tetra Tech on the video tape and informational flyers for the upcoming capital project. Drafts of the flyer will be sent to Board members for their input. Flyers will go in the next newsletter and possibly in the first “Friday Folder” at the primary school. A version of the video will be made available on the web page for Board members to review.

PR Campaign to include:

- Community Forum’s will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Video;
- Presentations at the Chamber, Rotary, Lion’s Club and PTO;
- Brochure/Flyer distribution
- Power Point presentation lined to the web page;
- Global Connect Call

**3. Homecoming** – Will be September 26<sup>th</sup> with the parade occurring during half-time. Mrs. Wendy Myers, Student Council Advisor, is attempting to get more students to participate. Mrs. Myers, Class Advisors, and members of Student Council are still working on the specifics. The dance will still be on Saturday evening, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Holly Mohr, Intermediate LTA, announced that several parents had contacted her that some of her 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students received a letter that their poetry has been chosen to be published. Will know specifics by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
POETRY CONTEST**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by McCauley, to adjourn to Executive Session for negotiations and personnel at 9:50 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:47 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 10:48 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk