

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:07 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
Mr. Timothy Crumb
Mrs. Karen Hendershott
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger
Mr. James Strenkert
Mrs. Tammie McCauley (arrived @ 7:16 p.m.)

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
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal
Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal
Mrs. Mary Gell, CSE/CPSE Chairperson
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation/Building & Grounds Supervisor

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:08 p.m.:

- Special Education Placements
- Confidential Personnel Matter
- Negotiations Update

Yes-6, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the following placement(s):
#710123420; #710022988; #710022987; #710022185;
#710022460; #710023047; #710023052; #710022750;
#710023045; #710023005; #710023056; #710022800;
#710022744; #710023129; #710022185; #710023120.

Yes-6, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hunsinger, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

RECONVENE

- None.

**ADD./DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

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- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on June 4, 2014, as presented.
Yes-7, No-0

CALENDAR

- June 20 – ½ Day K-5
- June 22 – Baccalaureate – Catholic Church – 7:00 p.m.
- June 24 – Special Morning Program Moving Up Day @ 8:10 a.m.
- June 25 – 5th Grade Assembly – 8:30 a.m.
- June 25 – ½ Day K-5
- June 28 – Graduation – 10:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
COACHING APPTS.**

- Jackie Barton, a parent, addressed the Board regarding her concerns with some of the coaching appointments (Varsity and JV level) and how they are chosen.

LARGE CLASS SIZE

- Marion Braman, parent of a 2nd grade student, expressed concern with the current class size at 2nd grade due to one less section. She asked that the Board revisit the number of sections as that class moves to 3rd grade and also take into consideration comments from teachers regarding class sizes.

**REPORTS:
ENROLLMENT REPORT**

- The Enrollment Report for the period ending May 30, 2014 with an enrollment of 1086 students was noted.

**YEAR-END REPORTS:
1-1 IPAD USE**

- Kris McDermott, Marion Giannetto and Colin Evans demonstrated to the Board how the 1-1 iPads were used this year in their classes. They demonstrated individual paced lessons at various levels for students, solving math problems, reading books, etc. Students enjoyed using them and found learning to be more enjoyable. Some of the benefits outlined are: immediate feedback as to student progress; students work on varied lesson levels at the same time; more flexibility; and students can work at their own pace.
- There are apps available for free, but some teachers have purchased apps because of their interest in that area. Cost depends on the type of app.

ELA DEPT. REPORT

- Kris McDermott, ELA Chairperson, reviewed the ELA Department Year End Report with the Board. Common Core implementation was their main emphasis this past year. Some grade levels followed the developed modules while others picked different parts of the modules to help supplement their lessons. Raising the level of difficulty in reading, spelling, grammar and writing are areas that need additional focus in all curricular areas.

FINE ARTS REPORT

- Amanda Boel, Vocal Music Teacher, highlighted the Fine Arts Department's activities. A grant through Chenango County Council of the Arts has been received to purchase 6 new guitars and strings for older ones. The guitars will be incorporated into music classes next year to give students more hands-on activities with instruments. Scheduling conflicts and mandatory AIS labs have decreased the number of students in the fine arts programs as students had to take the required courses. Heather Kriesel, Instrumental Music Teacher, spoke regarding the Middle School/High School Band program. They would like the Board to reconsider reinstating the marching band. Disappointment has been expressed by the community that there was no marching band to perform in community parades this past year. To improve participation, Ms. Kriesel stated that she would recruit more students, possibly drummers to develop a drum line.

- If participation increases, this would also require more instruments and repair of some older ones. Approximately 30 students participated in summer band lessons. Students do not receive credit for marching band. There are 110 students in chorus.

- Mrs. Carolyn Hunter, Science Department Chair, reviewed her department's report with the Board. The Science Department worked on Common Core implementation and sharing of ideas across grade levels. Required specific topics at the high school level in preparation for the regents made implementation more difficult. STEM night was a big success with at least 200 students and their parents involved in the activities. New textbooks are being ordered which align with the common core standards and incorporate literacy and STEM activities. Discussions are ongoing regarding the possibility of adding electives. Future issues include professional development focusing on literacy, STEM program course offerings and possible funding.

SCIENCE DEPT. RPT.

- Mrs. Mary Gell, Special Education Coordinator, reviewed her department's report with the Board. She stated that their biggest issue this past year was the addition of students from RTF with mental health issues, which required a lot of counseling and psychology needs. Looking at AIS services for 3-5 math. She also stated that differentiated instruction is difficult in the standard classroom and especially with larger class sizes.

**SPECIAL EDUC.
DEPT. REPORT**

- Shawn French, AIS Chairperson, stated that Mary Gell covered A lot of his report. Implementation of AIS math at lower levels and how to maintain accountability with the diverse coverage in the AIS labs.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

- **The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following board action:**
- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve the academic calendar for the 2014-2015 school year as presented with stated changes to be made in the number of attendance days each month and the last day for instructors should be June 25, 2015.

**ADOPTION OF
2014-2015 ACADEMIC
CALENDAR**

Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following resolution of abolishment was moved by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger :
 - (a) A position is abolished for reasons of economy, effective June 30, 2014, in the tenure area of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions – General.

**ABOLISHMENT(S)/
APPOINTMENT(S):
SPECIAL EDUCATION
POSITION- ANNALEA
SININGER**

(b) The person having the least seniority in the tenure area of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions – General, is Annalea Sininger.

(c) Annalea Sininger shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law § 3013(3).

Yes-7, No-0

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014**EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL 6-12 –JAMES WALTERS** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following resolution to restructure was moved by

Hunsinger, seconded by Hendershott:

(a) A position is abolished for reasons of restructuring, effective June 30, 2014. Abolish the position of 6-12 Executive Principal. The person in that position is James Walters.

(b) Create the position of High School Principal.

(c) Hereby assign James Walters to the position of High School Principal effective July 1, 2014.

(d) As James Walters is tenured in the area of Building Principal, no change in tenure area is required.

Yes-7, No-0

ASSOC. PRINCIPAL 6-12/DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION-TIMOTHY CALICE

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following resolution to restructure was moved by Crumb, seconded by Day:

(a) A position is abolished for reasons of restructuring, effective June 30, 2014. Abolish the position of Associate Principal 6/12/Director of Special Education. The person in that position is Timothy Calice.

(b) Create the position of Middle School Principal effective July 1, 2014.

(c) With the following motion, assign Timothy Calice to the position of Middle School Principal effective July 1, 2013.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and by motion of Crumb, seconded by Day, the following conditional probationary appointment is hereby made:

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| Name of Appointee: | Timothy Calice |
| Tenure Area: | Building Principal |
| Date of Commencement | |
| Of Probationary Service: | July 1, 2014 |
| Expiration Date of | |
| Probationary Appointment: | June 30, 2017 |

Yes-7, No-0

SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS - Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters:

- Judy McHale – Substitute LTA/Teacher – UPK-2, effective June 30, 2014;
- Joseph Finch – Substitute Custodian, effective June 19, 2014

Yes-7, No-0

FALL COACHING ROSTER

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to appoint the following individuals to the Fall 2014 Coaching Roster:

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| Football: | Varsity | Dave Gorton |
| | Varsity Asst. | John Martinson |
| | JV | Sam Whitney, Kyle Boeltz |
| | Modified (7/8) | Tim Jenks |
| | Modified (7/8) | TBD |
| | Unpaid Vol. | Dan Erickson |
| Field Hockey: | Varsity | Sue Carlin |
| | JV | Christine McCabe |
| | Modified | Heather Rapp |

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| - Boys Soccer: | Varsity | Rick Tallman |
| | Modified A | Chris Rice |
| Girls Soccer: | Varsity | Mary McBride |
| | Modified A | TBD |
| | Unpaid Vol. | Megan McDermott |
| Swimming: | Varsity | Mike Platta |
| | Modified | Kris McDermott |
| Volleyball: | Varsity | Shelbe Furman |
| | Modified A | TBD |

Yes-7, No-0

**RESIGNATION(S):
ARLENE RADUCHA-
AIDE**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hendershott, to accept the resignation to retire of Arlene Raducha, Aide, with appreciation for her 17 years of service to the district, effective June 30, 2014.

Yes-7, No-0

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

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hunsinger, to accept the Budget Status Reports for May 2014 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital Budgets as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR ACTIVITY FUNDS**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Activity Funds for May 2014 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**INTERNAL CLAIMS
AUDITOR REPORT**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Day, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for May 2014 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to approve the general fund budget transfers in the amount of \$96,115.

Yes-7, No-0

PIANO DONATION

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Hunsinger, to accept with appreciation the generous donation of a Yamaha piano donated by the Kimber Madara family.

Yes-7, No-0

**SEQRA DOCUMENTS
CAPITAL PROJECT :**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to adopt the following SEQRA resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Greene Central School District, Chenango County, as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby determined that the Board adopting this resolution has declared itself to be the lead agency under the State Environmental quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder for purposes of determining the environmental impact of the project described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the project described in Section 3 hereof is a Type II Action which by definition thereof under the regulations promulgated under SEQRA, will not have a significant impact upon the environment.

Section 3. The project which is the subject of this resolution is described as follows:

"Construction of additions to and reconstruction of various School District buildings and facilities, including site improvement, original furnishings, equipment, machinery,

- apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$6,441,045.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Role Call Vote: Richard Boeltz – Yes
Ethan Day – Yes
Helen Hunsinger – Yes
James Strenkert – Yes
Tammie McCauley – Yes
Karen Hendershott – Yes
Timothy Crumb – Yes

Yes-7, No-0

**RESOLUTION CALLING
SPECIAL DISTRICT
MEETING**

- The following resolution was offered by Strenkert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Crumb, to-wit:
That a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said district shall be held in the Middle School/High School Auditorium Lobby, in Greene, New York, on the 9th day of September, 2014, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting by voting machine/paper ballot upon the following proposition:

BOND PROPOSITION

"Shall the Greene Central School District, Chenango County, New York, be authorized to construct additions to and reconstruct various School District buildings and facilities, including site improvement, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$6,441,045, and that \$250,000 Capital Reserve Fund monies shall be used to pay a portion thereof, and that \$6,191,045 of the aggregate maximum estimated cost thereof, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued."

The Resolution and Notice in its entirety are attached hereto as Exhibit "A". A role call vote was taken:

Karen Hendershott – Yes
Timothy Crumb – Yes
Richard Boeltz – Yes
Ethan Day – Yes
Helen Hunsinger – Yes
James Strenkert – Yes
Tammie McCauley – Yes

Yes-7, No-0

**TETRA TECH PRE-
REFERENDUM SERVICE
CONTRACT**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the pre-referendum contract proposal with Tetra Tech in the amount of \$13,200.00 pertaining to the 2014 Capital Project, and to authorize the Board President to sign the same on behalf of the district.

Yes-7, No-0

OPERATIONAL REPORT

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed a list of Buildings & Grounds summer work plans with the Board.

SUBSTITUTE RATES

- Substitute rates were given to the Board for their review prior to the reorganizational meeting.

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- Motion made by McCauley, seconded by Hunsinger, the Greene Central School Board of Education hereby casts its vote for Linda DeAndrea, of Franklin Central School, for member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services.
Yes-7, No-0

**SPECIAL BOCES
ELECTION:**

**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 | TBD |
| 6/18 | iPad Classroom Use Update | 5 th Grade & Staff | TBD |

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

- Superintendent, Jonathan Retz, reported on the following:

- **1. Exit Interviews** – Superintendent Retz is meeting with retirees to get their feedback regarding their time spent in the district. He will share the results with the Board.

2. Capital Project Community Outreach – Superintendent Retz shared some recommendations on how to communicate/inform the community regarding the upcoming Capital Project. Town Hall meetings, video, newsletter, brochure for Friday folders, website links to video and power point presentation, and global connect calls were all discussed.

- Marion Braman, parent, asked when a decision would be made regarding how many sections the incoming 3rd grade will have.
- Superintendent Retz stated that changing the number of sections would have budgetary implications. The final numbers and how best to address concerns will need to be reviewed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
CLASS SIZES**

- Marie Scofield, Middle School Teacher, thanked Mr. Walters for his efforts to run both the Middle School and High School as the Executive Principal, however, she is happy to have a designated Middle School Principal back. She also invited Board members to the GTA end of year picnic at the Golf Course on Thursday at 12:00 noon.

BUILDING PRINCIPAL

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for negotiations at 9:50 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn Executive Session at 11:00 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 11:01 p.m.

RECONVENE

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk