

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017**

The Board of Education Public Hearing was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman and Interim Superintendent Gordon Daniels, in the Board room, Middle School/High School Building, South Canal Street, Greene, NY.

CALL TO ORDER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Brian Milk, President
Mr. Scott Youngs, Vice-President (arrived @ 5:25)
Mr. Timothy Crumb (arrived @ 5:01 p.m.)
Mrs. Tammie McCauley
Mrs. Karen Hendershott
Mr. Seth Barrows

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Gordon Daniels, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. Timothy Calice, Middle School Principal

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Also present were 16 residents of the Greene Central School District.

- Interim Superintendent Daniels introduced Mrs. Kimberly Kalem, Learning Technology Coordinator, to present the NYS Smart Schools Act and Greene's plans to participate in the program. Mrs. Kalem reviewed the following:

**NYS SMART SCHOOLS
BOND ACT PRESENTATION:**

- Smart Schools Act was approved in a statewide referendum to authorize the issuance of 2 billion dollars to improve educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunities for students throughout NYS.
- Requirements: include a district 3-year Technology Plan survey approved by NYS (Greene's approved as of September 2016). Hold a Public Hearing to share the proposed plan. Post the proposed plan on the district's website for 30 days. Submit the Smart Schools Investment Plan for approval by NYSED. Greene's initial Plan will be submitted on July 21, 2017.
- There are allowable categories within which the district can submit plans for utilizing the funds. They include: installing wireless or high-speed broadband connectivity for schools and communities; acquiring learning technology equipment/devices; construct, enhance or modernize educational facilities to accommodate pre-kindergarten programs or to replace classroom trailers; and install high-tech security features in school buildings.
- Greene's allocation is \$1,425,689 which through student, community And staff surveys, as well as the technology committee, has been decided to be spent in two categories:
 - (1) \$625,689 for classroom learning technology which will include upgrading teacher workstations and student devices, updating document cameras and managing technology equipment replacement.
 - (2) \$800,000 for high technology security features which will include replacing security cameras inside and outside and system hardware; consistent security recording equipment; replacing exterior door access control; and installing entrance door access readers along with associated hardware and software.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

- TAMMIE MCCAULEY** - Board member, Tammie McCauley, asked if there is a timeframe when the funds need to be spent by?
- KIMBERLY KALEM** - Kimberly Kalem stated that no end date has been posted yet. Other districts going through the process have noted it can take up to 9 months for approval. Because of the long wait, infrastructure updates needed are being funded through district funds (an IPA) so that they will be completed and ready.
- EVELYN FRAIR** - Evelyn Frair asked if the district could spend the funds, since we will be reimbursed prior to submitting for approval.
- KIMBERLY KALEM** - Kimberly Kalem stated that the district needs approval of the plan first, then we can spend district funds which will then be reimbursed by the state.
- EVELYN FRAIR** - Evelyn Frair stated that in reviewing the 3-year plan, due to the 9 month waiting period, it appears it will not take place in the 2017-18 school year. What about immediate needs?
- KIMBERLY KALEM** - Kimberly Kalem stated that we are looking at the 2018-19 school year and any immediate needs will be planned for through the district budgeting process.
- EVELYN FRAIR** - Evelyn Frair asked if there is an itemized list of the security items.
- INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT DANIELS** - Interim Superintendent Daniels stated that the security portion (\$800,000) is mapped out very specifically and will allow for coverage of all facilities. The instructional learning piece is not as well defined yet as technology is changing and we want to be sure what we are purchasing will meet the district's changing needs.
- EVELYN FRAIR** - Evelyn Frair asked how much will the budgeted amounts change based on what is being purchased and needs.
- KIMBERLY KALEM** - Kimberly Kalem stated that the district cannot go over approved plan amounts so they will be closely monitored.
- HEATHER KRIESEL** - Heather Kriesel asked if the security system included cameras inside buildings as well as outside.
- INTERIM SUPT. DANIELS** - Interim Superintendent Daniels responded that the new camera system will be much more complete than what we currently have and includes outside cameras as well as inside. He also commented that we are trying to fix what cameras we currently have.
- MARIE SCOFIELD** - Marie Scofield asked if there would be future public hearings or just as we spend each portion of the funds.
- INTERIM SUPT. DANIELS** - Interim Superintendent Daniels stated that there will be another Public Hearing when we have the specifics outlined for the educational piece.
- TAMMIE MCCAULEY** - Board member, Tammie McCauley, asked how specific you have to be when submitting the plan for approval to use the funds.
- KIMBERLY KALEM** - Kimberly Kalem stated that you have to note the specific brand, cost and purpose of each item. That is why the security portion will be submitted first in July because we do have the specifics.

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- Board member, Tammie McCauley, stated that specifics will for the classroom piece will need to be completed this school year in order to be started for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Kimberly Kalem stated that the Technology Committee will meet this fall to finalize the specifics.
- Kimberly Kalem thanked everyone for coming to the Public Hearing and encouraged them to reach out to her if they had any further questions as the process proceeds.
- Chairman and Interim Superintendent Gordon Daniels adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

TAMMIE MCCAULEY

KIMBERLY KALEM

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk