

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 5:02 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**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Richard Boeltz, President  
Mr. Ethan Day, Vice-President  
Mrs. Karen Hendershott  
Mr. Timothy Crumb  
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger  
Mr. James Strenkert (arrived @ 5:15 p.m.)  
Mrs. Tammie McCauley (arrived @ 5:10 p.m.)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**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, Director of PE and Athletics  
Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal  
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation & Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- None.

**ADDITIONS/  
DELETIONS TO  
AGENDA**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on May 20, 2015 and Executive Session meeting held on May 28, 2015 as presented.

**APPROVE MINUTES  
5/20/15 & 5/28/15**

Yes-5, No-0

- June 3 – MS/HS Chorus Concert – 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium  
June 5 – PTO Talent Show – 7:00 p.m. – Auditorium  
June 9-12 – Senior Trip  
June 11 – Primary School Arts In Education Celebration  
June 12 – Retirement Tea – 2:30 p.m. – H.S. Library  
June 16-25 – Regents Exams  
June 17 – BOE Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
June 19 – ½ Day K-5 11:00 dismissal – Lunch will be served  
June 21 – Baccalaureate – 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium  
June 24 – ½ Day K-5 11:00 dismissal – No Lunch  
June 27 – Graduation – 10:00 a.m. – MS/HS Gym

**CALENDAR**

- Marie Scofield, GTA President, handed out a list of GTA end of the year activities (Retirement Tea and Picnic) and invited board members to attend as guests of the GTA.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
MARIE SCOFIELD**

- Deb Mills, expressed appreciation for the modified baseball coaches, Gage Crumb and Alex Kenyon. She stated that both of her sons played modified baseball and the coaches did a great job with the athletes.

**DEB MILLS**

**REPORT(S):  
DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
REPORT**

- Jordon Lilley, Transportation Supervisor, shared the recent annual NYS Department of Transportation Bus Inspection report. Mr. Lilley commended everyone involved in the transportation department for the excellent report. The inspection pass rate was 98.1%.

**EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:**

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

**APPOINTMENT(S):  
CHRIS RICE-  
BOYS' VARSITY  
BASKETBALL COACH**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to appoint Chris Rice as the Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach effective June 4, 2015 for the 2015-2016 season.  
Yes-5, No-0

**PROVISIONAL APT.  
TYPIST-MARY STONE**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to provisionally appoint Mary Stone as a Typist effective June 8, 2015 for a one-year probationary period which will begin following appropriate placement on the competitive Civil Service list.  
Yes-5, No-0

**TEXTBOOK APPROVAL  
MS SCIENCE**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve the following textbooks to be used in middle school science classrooms:

- *Earth Science Interactive Science* – Grade 6
- *Physical Science Interactive Science* – Grade 7
- *Life Science Interactive Science* – Grade 8

Yes-5, No-0

**TRANSPORTATION  
REQUEST – MARY  
WENTLENT**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to approve the Transportation Request of Mary Wentlent to charter a GCS small bus on July 14, 2015 to go to a Sight-N-Sound production in Lancaster, PA. The charge for the Charter will be \$3.50 per mile.  
Yes-5, No-0

**TERMINATE  
PROBATIONARY  
SERVICE-RAMONA  
LUETTGER, DIRECTOR  
OF SPECIAL SERVICES**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to approve the following Board Resolution:  
WHEREBY, Ramona Luetttger was appointed as a probationary administrator effective July 7, 2014, and  
WHEREAS, said probationary appointment was in accordance with Section 3012 of New York State Education Law, and  
WHEREAS, said probationary appointment was for a period of three years, and  
WHEREAS, said probationary appointment will expire on July 6, 2017, and  
WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended that probationary service of Ramona Luetttger be terminated, and  
WHEREAS, said recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools was in accordance with the provisions of Section 3031 of New York State Education Law,  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to terminate the probationary service of Ramona Luetttger effective July 3, 2015.  
Yes-5, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:  
TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACT – DCMO  
BOCES 2015-2016**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to accept the Transportation Contract between Greene Central School District and DCMO BOCES for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$3.50 per mile plus driver expenses and to authorize the Board President to sign the same on behalf of the district.

Yes-6, No-0

**AWARD CAPITAL  
PROJECT  
ENVIRONMENTAL &  
AIR MONITORING  
SERVICES BID - ECMC**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to award the asbestos air sampling and project monitoring services and RCRA metal monitoring/clearance services to ECMC as the low bidder in the amount of \$1,201, and to authorize the Board President to sign the contract awarding the bid on behalf of the Board.

Yes-6, No-0

**B-T-D HEALTH INS.  
CONSORTIUM  
UPDATE**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed information received from a recent B-T-D Health Insurance Consortium meeting. While claims are below contributions, the trend continues to move in a more costly direction. Drug and hospital costs are increasing. The Affordable Care Act, the "cadillac tax" designed to fund that federal program in 2018, and the implications on employer costs were discussed. The tax (40% on premiums) will affect employers with costly programs (rich health insurance plans). Schools are being advised to start discussions for how they will address this additional tax. Since this is a negotiated item within school districts, it makes changes within or to a new health insurance program more difficult.

**EFFICIENCY PLAN**

- The Property Tax Cap Efficiency Plan we were required to prepare, was prepared as a group with other districts within our BOCES and filed with the Comptroller's Office. The group reported a 2 million dollar savings, which was less than the 4 million originally identified. If the Plan is approved, then taxpayers will receive a rebate of their taxes in the fall. The groups' level that needed to be realized was under the 1 million dollar target, but a little extra was put in to give leeway in case some items were not approved. Large savings were realized in the districts that changed their health insurance coverage to NY44.

**OUTSTANDING BOARD  
ACTIONS LIST**

<u>Bd. 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
12/17/14	iPad Classroom Use Update		Ongoing
1/7/15	Non-Resident Policy		Summer 2015
4/28/15	Budget Presentation/ BOCES Budget	Superintendent	TBD

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

- **Superintendent, Jonathan Retz, reported on the following:**
  - 1. Athletic Sharing** – Mr. Ayres and the Superintendent met with wrestling coaches, Mr. Stanbro and Mr. Jenks regarding a possible merger of programs with Oxford. Both coaches reiterated some of the similar concerns that were raised in previous discussions with the Board – school pride, athlete concerns with competition for spots on the team, logistics, and history of our program. Waiting to see what happens with coaches and number of athletes before proceeding any further.

- In talking with Rick Tallman, boys' soccer coach, he had similar Concerns, as well as the fact that it would move the team from

- Class C to Class B. The number of participants is good. No need to proceed regarding fall sports, but we will continue to discuss possibilities for some winter sports.

**2. Diving Board** – Feedback from coaches has been received and it appears responsible to have the present diving board inspected by the Fulcrum Guy. If it cannot be repaired, we could replace, fix, and/or purchase a competition board through the capital project during the Phase 2 process (summer of 2016).

**3. New Commissioner** – The Board of Regents has selected a new Commissioner of Education, MaryEllen Elia. Superintendent Retz will be attending a Commissioners' Advisory Council meeting on June 30, 2015 and will have an opportunity to meet her.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
HEATHER KRIESEL**

- Heather Kriesel, Instrumental Music Teacher, thanked the Board for supporting the return of the marching band program. She stated that they had a good showing at the Memorial Day Parade. She also thanked board member, Jim Strenkert, for donating polo shirts for the color guard to wear in the parade. The band came in 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Music In the Parks recent competition at Dorney Park.

**SHARON BICKFORD**

- Sharon Bickford, addressed the Board regarding a previously discussed educational problem regarding her grandson that has not yet been resolved. She requested that the school contact CPS to straighten the matter out.

-Board member, Strenkert, responded that CPS has to follow-up with the school, the school cannot call CPS and request information.

**SCOTT YOUNGS**

- Scott Youngs, asked if the number of sections for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade next year has been determined yet.

- Superintendent Retz stated that those numbers are being worked on currently, and no decision has been made yet.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 5:50 p.m.:

- Special Education Placements
- Negotiations Update
- Confidential Personnel Matter

Yes-7, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

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

#710123494; #710022348; #710022813; #710022053;  
#710123433; #710125218; #710125216; #710123332;  
#710022029; #710123442; #710022509; #710022834;  
#710022626; #710022968; #710022981; #710123129;  
#710123414; #710023155; #710123432; #710022352;  
#710023364; #710023381; #710023380; #710023325;  
#710023212; #710023280; #710023312; #710023259;  
#710023279; #710022420; #710022406; #710022541;  
#710023354; #710125191; #710123558; #710023169;  
#710022163; #710021980; #710123625; #710022777;  
#710023298; #710022580; #710023253; #710023291;  
#710023250; #710023290; #710023338.

Yes-7, No-0

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- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to  
Adjourn Executive Session at 6:59 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn  
the meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk