

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President, Ethan Day, in the Auditorium, 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. Ethan G. Day, President
Mr. Brian Milk, Vice-President
Mr. Timothy Crumb
Mr. Seth Barrows
Mrs. Tammie McCauley
Mr. Scott Youngs

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Karen Hendershott

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Gordon Daniels, Interim Superintendent
Mr. James Walters, High School Principal
Mr. Timothy Calice, Middle School Principal
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal and Director of Athletics & PE
Mrs. January Pratt, Primary School Principal
Mrs. Sarah Wiggins, Director of Special Programs
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

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 review special education placements for particular students and to consider them for approval.
 - To discuss a matter leading to the appointment of a particular person in the area of athletic coaching.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Youngs, to adjourn Executive Session at 6:23 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes-6, No-0

- President Day reconvened the meeting 6:24 p.m.

RECONVENE

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL

Add: #4a. Oaths of Office to newly elected President and Vice-President;
#4b. Designate Health Insurance Consortium Representative

ADD/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Milk, seconded by Crumb, to approve the following placement(s):
#710022363; #710022080; #710022250; #710022108;
#710123432; #710022107; #710023204; #710023529;
#710022712; #710022304; #710022656; #710022227;
#710123446; #710123419;

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS

Yes-6, No-0

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**APPROVE MINUTES
2/15/17 & BUS VOTE
2/28/17**

- Motion made by Milk, seconded by Crumb, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on February 15, 2017 and Bus Vote Minutes held on February 28, 2017 as presented. Yes-6, No-0

CALENDAR

- March 2 – Music In Our Schools – Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
- March 3 – PTO Family Movie Night – Auditorium 6:30 p.m.
- March 4 – H.S. Winter Ball Dance – HS Gym – 7:00 p.m.
- March 8 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
- March 9 – Building & Grounds Cmte. Meeting – 4:30 p.m.
- March 10-11 – All County Music Festival – HS Auditorium 3:00 Friday/6:30 Saturday
- March 15 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- March 22 - Discovery Night – Intermediate School - 6:30-8 p.m.
- March 30 – Kindergarten Information Night – Primary School – 6:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
MICHEAL FRIEJE**

- Michael Frieje, a student, addressed the Board regarding the cool temperature in the middle/high school. He stated that it is uncomfortably cool, which has students constantly leaving classes to get jackets.

- President Day stated that the Board would take his comments under advisement and refer the matter to the appropriate board committee.

**REPORT(S):
WINTER ATHLETIC
REPORT - BRYAN
AYRES**

- Bryan Ayres, Director of PE & Athletics, stated that the winter sports teams have completed their seasons and because he did not receive all the End of the Season Reports until recently, he suggested giving the Board time to read through the reports and he would address any of their questions/concerns at the March 15th meeting. He also stated that JV and Varsity Spring sports begin on Monday, March 6th.

SCOTT YOUNGS

- Board member Youngs stated that the season had fewer issues than previous seasons.

**INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL REPORT**

- Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal, reported on the following Intermediate School activities:
- Character Education – Jared Campbell performed and his songs and message reinforced character education themes.
 - Collecting pet supplies for a local organization "Every Dog's Dream". This ties into the February theme of caring/gratitude.
 - The Board viewed a video made by the Intermediate students and staff which was a fun way to improve a LINKS goal of making connections.
 - RTI Update – Continuing scheduled grade level meetings to discuss student achievement and supports. Guidance staff attending these meetings has been a big help addressing family supports, behavior and counseling.
 - Safety and Security – Recently practiced a "shelter in place" drill and then an evacuation to an off-campus site (actually just walked around the block rather than cross Route 206 to the Catholic Church).
 - District Library Funding – Rural Schools Grant allowed \$1250 for each library to purchase books/materials. Carry-over money was split evenly between buildings – Intermediate received approximately \$4,000 to replace damaged books and purchase new books.

- Technology – Ongoing project since 2012 to bring technology to our gymnasium and PE classes which would include in part a TV monitor and sound bar. It is hoped that Greene can pilot the technology and then expand it into other buildings. PE staff, Sunnie Williams and Ryan Starliper, have been attending conferences focusing on the use of technology. Funding is a concern and possible sources are being discussed as the costs are estimated at \$9,000 – \$10,000.
- Ryan Starliper, PE teacher, explained the 21st century skills that the new technology would allow which included visual skills, student interaction, videotaping and playback, grading rubrics, health and wellness activities as well as the possibility of integration of other disciplines into PE lessons.

- None

**BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

- None

TRANSPORTATION:

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

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

- Motion made by Milk, seconded by McCauley, to approve the Unpaid Leave Request of Kim Boeltz, Teaching Assistant, for one (1) day, April 17, 2017.

Yes-6, No-0

**REQUEST FOR
UNPAID LEAVE-
KIM BOELTZ – LTA**

- Motion made by Milk, seconded by Barrows, to approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies as read:

- Policy #26 – Alternative Format of Instructional Materials (*former #8360*);
- Policy # 27 – Disabled Student Records Policies and Procedures (*new*);
- Policy #28 – Significant Disproportionate Services (*new*);
- Policy #29 – Committee on Preschool Education (*former #7712*);
- Policy #30 – Declassification of Disabled Students (*former #7721*);
- Policy #31 – Impartial Hearing Officer (*former #7771*);
- Policy #32 – Distribution of IEPs (*former #7740*);
- Policy #33 – District-Wide Assessment Policy (*new*);
- Policy #34 – Section 504 Annual Notice (*former #7781*);
- Policy #35 – Internet Protection Policy & Acceptable Use Policy (*former #8261*);
- Policy #37 – Student Records: SED Parents’ Bill of Rights for Data Privacy (FERPA) (*former #7640*);
- Policy #38 – Protection of Pupil Rights Policy (*new*);
- Policy #40 – Child Abuse *former #7630*.

Yes-6, No-0

**SECOND READING &
ADOPTION OF
POLICIES #26 - #35
& POLICIES #37, #38
& #40**

- Motion made by Milk, seconded by Crumb, to accept the resignation of Ethan Day, from his position on the Greene Central School Board of Education effective March 3, 2017 with regret and appreciation.

Yes-6, No-0

**RESIGNATION(S):
ETHAN DAY- BOARD
OF EDUCATION
MEMBER & BOARD
PRESIDENT**

- President Day called for nominations for the position of Board President. Board member Crumb nominated Brian Milk for President of the Board of Education effective March 4, 2017.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELECTION OF
OFFICER(S):**

- There being no further nominations, President Day called for a vote. Board member Brian Milk was elected President of the Board of Education effective March 4, 2017.
Yes-6, No-0

**ELECTION OF BOARD
VICE-PRESIDENT**

- President Day called for nominations for the position of Board Vice-President. Board member Barrows nominated Scott Youngs for Vice-President of the Board of Education effective March 4, 2017.

- There being no further nominations, President Day called for a vote. Board member Scott Youngs was elected Vice-President of the Board of Education effective March 4, 2017.
Yes-6, No-0

**DESIGNATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE TO
HEALTH INSURANCE
CONSORTIUM**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Youngs, to designate Brian Milk as the Board's representative to the Health Insurance Consortium effective March 4, 2017 with all other board members being alternates.
Yes-6, No-0

**OATHS OF OFFICE
NEWLY ELECTED
OFFICERS**

- District Clerk, Donna Marie Utter, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected officers: President, Brian Milk, and Vice-President, Scott Youngs.

**APPOINTMENT(S):
KIM SANFORD – BUS
DRIVER**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Kim Sanford as a Substitute Maintenance/Snow Removal worker effective March 2, 2017.
Yes-6, No-0

**UNPAID VOLUNTEER
BASEBALL COACH-
PETE MANSHEFFER**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Pete Mansheffer as an Unpaid Volunteer Baseball Coach for the Spring 2017 season.
Yes-6, No-0

**UNPAID VOLUNTEER
TENNIS COACH-
MICHELE MERWARTH**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Michele Merwarth as an Unpaid Volunteer Tennis Coach for the Spring 2017 season.
Yes-6, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
BUDGET TRANSFERS**

- Motion made by Milk, seconded by Youngs, approve the General Fund transfers in the amount of \$19,659 dated February 27, 2017.
Yes-6, No-0

**TIME & PLACE FOR
ANNUAL BUDGET
MEETING AND VOTE**

- Motion made by Milk, seconded by Crumb, to establish the date, time and place for the annual budget meeting and vote as follows:

Annual Meeting (Budget Hearing):

Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle/High School Auditorium, 40 South Canal Street, Greene, NY.

Budget Vote & Board Member Elections:

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. And 8:00 p.m., in the lobby of the Auditorium of the Middle/High School building, 40 South Canal Street, Greene, NY.

Board Petitions: Must be submitted by April 17, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. (Hendershott, Crumb, and Day seats open)
Yes-6, No-0

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- Motion made by Milk, seconded by Youngs, to award the External Audit Services contract to the West & Company Beginning with the 2016-17 fiscal year.
Yes-6, No-0

AWARD AUDIT SERVICES CONTRACT – WEST & COMPANY

- While the Budget Committee did not meet this past week, Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, gave the Board an update of where the process stands right now. The BOCES budget should be out on March 13th and hoping for additional aid when the State budget is adopted. He figured the property tax cap at 1.27% which is very close to the CPI. The Budget Committee will review the overall budget, including some additional budget items which may be added and then make a recommendation to the entire Board. The budget gap at the present time is \$895,583.
- Board member McCauley stated that she will be out of town for the next Budget Committee meeting on March 8th, so another Board member can attend. She also stated that she would like to see the district work the budget from the teaching needs up.

BUDGET COMMITTEE UPDATE:

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, shared information received from a recent Health Insurance Consortium meeting. The information covered the first 6 months of the 2016-17 year. Hospital and surgery costs are driving increases, but overall costs are trending below target and that has resulted in lower rates. Budget increases for the next three years are proposed as 5.85%, 7% and 7 ½ %. Premium wise, Greene falls in the middle in a comparison with all other consortium districts. Because Greene’s rate modifier is lower, our rate was below the proposed 5.85%.

BTD HEALTH INS. CONSORTIUM:

- None.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**REVIEW BOARD
OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST:**

Directed Date:	Task:	Responsibility Of:	Report Back:
3/7/2007	Policy/ Procedure Manual	BOE and Superintendent	Ongoing
5/4/2016	District Safety Plan	BOE and Superintendent	Feb. 1, 2017
7/6/2016	Annual Appointments Review	BOE and Superintendent	Mar. 15, 2017
1/25/2017	Review of Implementation of Anti-Discrimination & Sexual Harassment Policies	BOE and Superintendent	Ongoing

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Interim Superintendent Daniels reported on the following:
 - Congratulations to Luke Erickson, a senior, who is the first ever Greene student named to the Scholar All-State Football Team.
 - Vacancy on board – after tonight only 6 board members as his recommendation is to wait until the May vote to fill the vacancy. At the May vote there will be three (3) open seats. The third highest vote getter will fill Ethan Day’s seat beginning immediately after the vote and then fill the remaining two years of his term. The two highest vote getters will assume the two (2) three (3) year term seats (vacated by Karen Hendershott and Tim Crumb).
 - Board member Karen Hendershott had an opportunity to go to Texas with her husband and the Board agreed to excuse her absence. Normally missing three board meetings in row is reason for dismissal from the board.

- Interim Superintendent Daniels presented Ethan Day with a plaque expressing gratitude for his service in the district.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
MARIE SCOFIELD**

- Marie Scofield, President GTA, on behalf of the GTA wished Ethan Day the absolute best and thanked him for his sincere and unwavering commitment to do what is best.

SCOTT YOUNGS

- Board member Youngs thanked Ethan Day for taking him under his wing as a first time board member. He also stated that he appreciated the time Ethan committed to the school district.

BRYAN AYRES

- Bryan Ayres, Director of PE & Athletics, asked that the Board consider reviewing the district's sectional play policy with regard to the percentage of wins needed to continue to sectional play. He would like to see it changed from 50% to 40%.

EVELYN FRAIR

- Evelyn Frair, Business teacher, thanked board member Tammie McCauley for her comments on developing the budget from teaching needs up.

PRESIDENT DAY

- President Day stated that it has been his great fortune to have been a student at Greene and then a supporter as a member of the Board. While he will be traveling back and forth between Ohio and Greene and will have the opportunity to see many in the community, he will feel like a big piece of himself is missing by not being involved in the day-to-day activities of Greene Central School. He apologized for when he might have led the district down the wrong path, or missed opportunities in trying to realize our common goal that ensures every student succeeds and every person deserves dignity and respect. He closed by giving the board all his encouragement and confidence and a "thank you" to everyone.

**REVIEW COMMITTEE
SCHEDULE:**

Committee Name:	Last Meeting:	Next Meeting:
Budget	Feb. 8, 2017	March 8, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m.
Building & Grounds	Feb. 9, 2017	March 9, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m.
Transportation	Nov. 2, 2016	
Employee	Feb. 1, 2017	
Audit	Sept. 21, 2016	
Curriculum & Technology	Dec. 13, 2016	
Legislative		
Tenure		
Sabbatical		
Policy	Feb. 15, 2017	

* Board member Milk asked that the Building & Grounds Committee meeting on March 9th be pushed back until 6:00 p.m. due to an appointment he needs to attend. The tour will include the Middle School, auditorium, and a quick discussion on heating concerns at the high school.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Milk, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to the meeting at 7:15 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk