

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 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  
Mr. Timothy Crumb  
Mrs. Karen Hendershott  
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger  
Mrs. Tammie McCauley  
Mr. James Strenkert

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to approve the following placement(s):  
#710123439; #710123501; #710022424; #710125235;  
#710022460; #710022600; #710022489; #710022981;  
#710022816; #710022777; #710022813; #710022576;  
#710022834; #710125240; #710023114; #710123464;  
#710021854; #710123252; #710125130; #710023155;  
#710022330; #710022862; #710022311; #710022366;  
#710022985; #710022533; #710022476.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**

Yes-7, No-0

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- None.

**ADD./DELETIONS  
TO AGENDA**

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- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on March 5, 2014 as presented.
- Yes-7, No-0

**CALENDAR**

- March 20 – Kindergarten Parent Information Night – 6:30 p.m.
- March 26 – Budget Committee Meeting – 4:30 p.m.
- March 27 – Math/Science/Tech Night – Intermediate Gym K-12 – 6:30 p.m.
- March 28-30 – Footlights Production – Annie
- April 2 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- April 11 – Staff Development Day – No Students
- April 11 – Workers' Compensation Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- April 14-18 – Spring Recess
- April 21 – Board of Education Meeting/BOCES Vote – 7:00 p.m. (Date change from 4/16)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
HEATHER KRIESEL**

- Heather Kriesel, Instrumental Music Teacher, spoke regarding the recent Music In Our Schools concert and the All County Festival in Norwich. Students did a nice job at both events. Ms. Kriesel also reminded everyone that the Odyssey of the Mind high school teams will be competing at BU on April 12<sup>th</sup>. She also offered that the teams could do a short presentation after break if the Board so wished.

**SABBATICAL REQUEST**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the Sabbatical request of Jessica Schindler for the 2014-2015 school year to study at the Anake Wilderness Awareness School in Duvall, Washington.
- Yes-0, No-7

**REPORTS:  
ROBOTICS CLUB**

- Ethan Leet, Robotics Club Advisor, introduced two members of the Robotics Club, Garrett Hebbard and Mike Sandway, who were part of the team that recently competed at the BCC Robotics competition. Mr. Leet explained what was involved in the competition – remote control robots and autonomous robots. Garrett Hebbard and Mike Sandway demonstrated the skills the robots were programed to complete. There are currently 7 students in the club and the Raymond Foundation helps to fund the program along with fundraising.

**INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
UPDATE—**

- Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal, updated the Board on recent activities at the Intermediate School:
  - Intermediate School Odyssey of the Mind Team performed a skit at a student assembly;
  - Staff have been making out-of-school connections with groups and individuals to connect curriculum with outside activities. Animals from Animal Adventure were brought in to connect to an art project; the School of Irish Dance did a school-wide assembly and a Zumba instructor came in to work with PE classes on their dance unit; a bee keeper was tied into an ELA module for a book regarding the rain forest.
  - Mr. Ayres stated that he is very impressed with the way staff have adapted their teaching to help with meeting the expectations of the Common Core.

- James Walters, Executive Principal 6-12, reported on recent middle/high school activities: **HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE-**
- Common Core transition approach of going slow and with caution, is giving teachers the chance to experiment and allowing for adaptation of modules to fit their needs. It is working well and teachers are becoming more comfortable with the expectations;
  - 325 middle/high school students attended a recent performance through the Arts In Education program at BCC of Rod Serling's *The Twilight Zone*, which is the year-long theme;
  - Footlights Production of *Annie* coming up at the end of the month;
  - Middle School *Spring Fling* activities are underway;
  - Shannon Clark, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, has participated with the Binghamton Youth Symphony;
  - Currently have 5 Student Teachers – 2 in high school PE, 1 in Physics, 1 in Living Environment, and one in middle school Math;
  - Scheduling – middle school is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through the process; High school counselors are currently meeting with students and building their schedules;
  - College Level Courses – last year high school students earned over 1,000 hours of college credit;
  - Looking into some STEM activities to try as summer activities and Project Lead the Way;
  - Academics – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is always the toughest for eligibility. Students in jeopardy are consistent with the number at 15 weeks.
  - Discipline has shown significant decrease in number of referrals. Given the number of possible interactions during the school day (4,464) the number of referrals is small comparably. RTF students continue to provide challenges and consume a disproportionate amount of time;

**EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:**

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

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to approve changing the April 16, 2014 meeting to Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to coincide with the required BOCES Budget and Board Member vote. **MODIFY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Yes-7, No-0
- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to appoint Heather Kriesel as an unpaid Volunteer Advisor for the Gay-Straight Alliance effective March 20, 2014 . **APPOINTMENT(S): HEATHER KRIESEL-GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE VOL. ADVISOR**  
Yes-7, No-0
- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to appoint Stacey Diamond as the Middle School Student Council Advisor effective March 20, 2014. **STACEY DIAMOND-M.S. STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR**  
Yes-7, No-0
- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to appoint the Following individuals to the Substitute Rosters effective March 20, 2014: **SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS**
- Erica Knowles – Substitute Teacher 7-12;
  - Caitlin Axtell – Substitute Cafeteria Worker
- Yes-7, No-0

**MARIA COSTELLO-  
UNPAID VOL. TRACK  
ASSISTANT**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to appoint Maria Costello as an Unpaid Volunteer Track Assistant effective March 20, 2014, for the 2014 Spring season.  
Yes-7, No-0

**ABOLISH TYPIST  
POSITION**

- Motion made by Strenkert, second by Crumb, to approve abolishing a Typist position (11 month assignment @ Transportation Office) effective March 20, 2014.  
Yes-7, No-0

**CREATE POSITION-  
ACCOUNT CLERK  
TYPIST**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to create an Account Clerk Typist position (11 month assignment @ Transportation Office) effective March 20, 2014.  
Yes-7, No-0

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

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Strenkert, to accept the Budget Status Reports thru February 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 Hendershott, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Activity Funds for February 2014 as presented.  
Yes-7, No-0

**INTERNAL CLAIMS  
AUDITOR REPORT**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for February 2014 as presented.  
Yes-7, No-0

**DCMO BOCES UNIT  
COST METHODOLOGY**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to approve the 2014-2015 Unit Cost Methodology for DCMO BOCES shared services.  
Yes-7, No-0

**BUDGET COMMITTEE  
UPDATE**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reported that the Budget Committee will meet one more time to go over final figures and hopefully a final state budget will be approved by then. While the budget is looking better overall than last year, we will still be relying heavily on reserves to help balance the budget. It is hoped that a budget recommendation will be presented to the Board at their April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**TECHNOLOGY  
INSTALLMENT  
PURCHASE  
AGREEMENT**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to approve the attached Resolution committing to the purchase of technology equipment for the TSB and NSS Services from Broome-Tioga BOCES (Attachment "A") in the total amount (purchase and financing) of \$198,530.70 and to authorize the Board President to sign the same on behalf of the district.  
Yes-7, No-0

**BOARD 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
3/19	iPad Classroom Use Update	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade & Staff	June 2014

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

**- Superintendent, Jonathan Retz, reported on the following:**

- 1. Robotics Club** – Congratulations on their first place finish in the autonomous event at the BCC Robotics competition.
- 2. Katherine Klecha** - signed with Division I James Madison and will be playing field hockey there in the fall.
- 3. Youth Apprenticeship Program** – Superintendent Retz has been meeting with Mr. Walters, Mrs. Frair and Ms. Sandy Watkins from BT BOCES regarding expanding the apprenticeship program into other areas of the community.
- 4. Medicaid Suit** – the Department of Justice has taken the position that schools cannot be held accountable if they are following state guidelines. This report may have some influence on the Judge determining this lawsuit.
- 5. Non-resident Students** – Superintendent Retz asked for the Board's guidance on 3 non-resident student issues.
  - (a) Students were living in the district through the Homeless Act and have since secured housing in another district, but would like to finish the year in the district. The Board was okay with them finishing the year as long as they provide their own transportation.
  - (b) Off-campus placement of student – student has been going to a relative's in the morning to catch the bus into school. The Board stated that if their program is out of our district and they also live outside the district, they should no longer be considered a district resident.
  - (c) Students found to not be residing in the District this fall. Parents indicated plans were underway to build. Following a five month period, no effort has been made to start the construction process. This was confirmed with Town Code Enforcement Office. The Board agreed with the determination that these students should be considered non-residents at this time.
- 6. Concession Stand Committee** – Superintendent Retz shared a list of ideas/observations regarding the concession stand and other athletic facilities. Much of what was noted are items that the district is aware of and looking into. The committee's offer of assistance is appreciated.
- 7. CCSB Dinner** – Will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Fred's Inn, deadline to register is April 11<sup>th</sup>. Marge Seacrest will be recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Wyatt Harrison and Alex Sandway, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boy Scouts, were present and asked the following questions:
- What is the Board's main focus? The Board answered students.
  - What does the Board think about the cost of the iPad purchase of \$500 per unit? The Board responded that it is a considerable cost to implement iPads, and that is why we are starting with grade-level class sets first.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for a negotiations update and a particular personnel matter at 9:18 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:20 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

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- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 10:20 p.m.
- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

**RECONVENE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk