

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Greene Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by President, Brian Milk, in the Board Conference Room, High School/Middle School complex, South Canal Street, Greene, NY.

CALL TO ORDER

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Brian Milk, President
Mr. Scott Youngs, Vice-President
Mr. Seth Barrows
Mrs. Tammie McCauley
Mr. Jason Burghardt
Mr. Nicholas Drew
Mr. Douglas Markham

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Gordon Daniels, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mr. James Walters, High School Principal
Mr. Timothy Calice, Middle School Principal
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal, Director of PE and Athletics
Mrs. January Pratt, Primary School Principal
Mrs. Michelle Hasselbarth, Director of Special Programs
Mr. Gerald Abbey, Jr., Interim Facilities Director
Mr. Dennis Symons, Interim Head Bus Driver

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Markham, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the following:
 - To review Special Education placements for particular students and to consider them for approval.
 - To discuss a matter leading to the removal of particular Positions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Burghardt, to adjourn Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes-7, No-0

- President Milk reconvened the meet at 6:39 p.m.

RECONVENE

- None.

ADD/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by McCauley, seconded by Barrows, to approve the following placement(s):
#710023745; #710023353; #710022330; #710022509;
#710022539; #710023752; #710022280; #710022172;
#710022185; #710022186; #710123446; #710023730;
#710123494; #710123419; #710023129; #710123645;
#710125217; #710023719; #710022505; #710123418;
#710023609; #710023777; #710023274; #710022533;

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS

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- #710023274; #710023718; #710022480; #710023670;
#710023304; #710123558; #710023162; #710123625;
#710023169; #710023448; #710022163; #710123583;
#710022576; #710023187; #710023343; #710123328;
#710123327; #710022309; #710023125; #710023132.
Yes-7, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES
4/17/18 MTG. &
AUDIT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

- Motion made by Drew, seconded by Burghardt, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Wednesday, April 17, 2018 and the Board Audit Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 (attached as Exhibit "A") as presented.
Yes-7, No-0

CALENDAR:

- May 3 – Honor Society Inductions – 7:00 p.m.
- May 5 – PTO Kids' Day Out – 2:00-5:00 p.m. HS Gym, Pool & Cafeteria
- May 5 – Prom and After Prom Party
- May 7 – Annual Budget Hearing – 6:30 p.m. Auditorium
- May 10 – PTO Meet the Candidate Night – 7:00 p.m. H.S. Library
- May 15 – Budget Vote & BOE Member Election – 11:00 a.m.– 8:00 p.m.
- May 16 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- May 17 – Intermediate Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m. Auditorium
- May 21 – MS/HS Chorus & Jazz Band Concert – 7:00 p.m. Auditorium (moved from the 24th)
- May 25 – No School
- May 28 – Memorial Day – No School

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
CHRISTINE PASKE**

- Christine Paske, Health Teacher, addressed the Board regarding the proposed abolishment of her health teaching position. Mrs. Paske has been working in the health field since graduating college. She stated that teaching a comprehensive health curriculum that covers all aspects of health, makes the probability of future health issues less. She continually attends professional development opportunities to further her learning and understanding of the current health issues. NYS changing health guidelines require an individual to stay current and continually adjust curriculum to meet new mandates. She expressed her concern with the possibility of health being taught by individuals who are not certified to teach health. Mrs. Paske was part of creating the school wellness policy, coordinated the community drug awareness night, food play, and many other health and wellness activities, as well as eliciting speakers to visit her classroom to discuss important/relevant health topics. She stated that she is very passionate about what she teaches and expressed the importance of a consistent and comprehensive health program to assist students and families in the community.

MOLLY NOLAN

- Molly Nolan, parent, taxpayer and real estate agent, addressed the Board regarding the proposed position cuts. She stated that with the current opioid crisis abolishing Chris Paske's health teaching position is a terrible idea. Students relate to Mrs. Paske and feel comfortable going to her to discuss difficult health topics. Mrs. Paske is also a 2015 recognized award winner in her field. Mrs. Nolan also addressed the proposed abolishment of the elementary music position. She stated that she is passionate

- about music and the need for musical opportunities throughout school. She went on to state that her daughter is on a music scholarship at Syracuse University. As a taxpayer, she stated that it doesn't go unnoticed that Mr. Lilley continues to get paid while on administrative leave from his position. She asked how much longer he will be taking money from the district which could be used elsewhere. She also commented that as a realtor trying to get people to come to Greene, the opportunities at Greene Central School make a difference.

- Gregory Wynter, a Senior, spoke on behalf of students at GCS in support of Mrs. Paske. He asked Board members if they know how important health education is in the current environment? He also stated that Mrs. Paske has a wealth of experience and knowledge that she brings into the classroom and is the only one in her department. She is also not afraid to delve into the difficult issues with students. He concluded by asking the Board why health education isn't valuable to them. **GREGORY WYNTER**

- Sarah Wall, School Social Worker, commented on the proposed Abolishment of her position. She stated that she has been a Social Worker for 14 years, the past 3 years at GCS. She commented that she is disappointed that she will not be able to continue to work with students and families in the school setting, but unfortunately the position of Social Worker is a "nice to have", but not required in the school setting. She explained that Social Workers offer unique services that go beyond the services that school counselors are trained for. Mental health services are critical for students and school setting services allow for more follow through and continuing assessment, than when parents are referred to an outside agency. **SARAH WALL**

- Brandon Horton, a Senior and Robotics Club President, addressed the Board regarding the abolishment of the Physics position. He expressed his concern that the current Physics teacher taught robotics and supervised the Robotics Club. Robotics Club could cease to exist and there are a number of middle and high school students in the club. Robotics teaches students how to build and problem solve which are important skills needed to get into STEM field jobs. **BRANDON HORTON**

- Mikaela Sepulveda-Kiefer, 10th grade student, commented on the proposed music position being abolished. She stated that she is very involved and passionate about music and worries what will become of the chorus without the training and opportunities for students at the elementary level. She has a cousin in 2nd grade and is sad that her music career could be delayed without opportunities at the elementary level. She stated that visiting students from other districts are amazed and jealous of how lucky we are to have such a wonderful music program that is well supported. Abolishing the elementary music position will dramatically decrease the building of the middle/high school programs. **MIKAELA SEPULVEDA-KIEFER**

- Shannon Clark, a Senior and President of Chorus, commented that 53 chorus members went to All County this year. She stated that the Music Department is a source of pride for the community. Greene continues to produce musicians who have gone beyond **SHANNON CLARK**

- high school with their talents and that preparatory programs are vital. She went on to state that it has taken 7 years to bring the program back from a previous cut of Mr. Kubitz at the elementary level. She asked that the Board continue to allow the program to grow.

MERYT ALLMENDINGER- Meryt Allmendinger, Bus Driver, commented that the students speaking were very passionate about the proposed positions being abolished and asked the Board to try to find a creative way to keep the positions as they are needed. She also encouraged the students to continue to speak- out.

ELIZABETH SHAFFER - Elizabeth Shaffer, a parent, commented that her daughter was a reluctant jointer of the music program, but through the efforts of an elementary music teacher she joined and it was a positive experience. She further commented that dismantling the health department and cutting a Social Worker are heartbreaking. Teaching health from a textbook is not the same as it being taught by an individual who connects with students and is an expert in the field.

GREGORY WYNTER - Gregory Wynter, a Senior, asked how many individuals at the meeting were in some kind of musical program while going to school (a majority raised their hands). He went on to state that if there hadn't been a teacher there to inspire you, would you have continued all the way through school? Gregory stated that if he hadn't been in the elementary band, he probably would not have continued when he got to middle and high school and would not have the wonderful memories of the experience he has. He commented that it is sad to think that the same experience may not be available to future students.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION
WEEK RECOGNITION**

- Motion made by Burghardt, seconded by Markham, to approve the following Resolution of Recognition:
"WHEREAS, teacher quality is widely acknowledged as the single most important factor influencing student learning and achievement; and
WHEREAS, Greene teachers, while presenting the rigorous content of the NYS Learning standards and local curricula, challenge students to apply what they learn through critical thinking and problem solving; and
WHEREAS, Greene teachers strive to instill within their students a lifelong love of learning and discovery; and
WHEREAS, Greene teachers encourage students to achieve their goals while recognizing that every student has unique strengths and needs; and
WHEREAS, Greene teachers, through their service as mentors, coaches, and club advisors model good citizenship and encourage students to contribute to the well-being of their communities; and
WHEREAS, the commitment of Greene teachers to academic excellence and college and career readiness is reflected in annual increases in student performance on local and state assessments; and

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- WHEREAS, this year, the week of May 7-11 is set aside as National Teacher Appreciation Week for the purpose of recognizing teachers, both individually and collectively; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends its sincere gratitude to all Greene teachers and directs the District Clerk to include this resolution in the minutes of its May 2, 2018 meeting and to communicate it to all of Greene's teaching faculty."

Yes-7, No-0

**REPORT(S):
PRIMARY SCHOOL
REPORT- MRS. PRATT**

- January Pratt, Primary School Principal, reported on the following activities at the Primary School:
 - One more fire drill and lock down drill to complete.
 - Arts in Education – tying geography with literature through fairytales. Each grade level picked a different fairytale. A guest storyteller visited classrooms and now student are making quilts that tie into their fairytale. This month they will be going to the Tri-City Opera to watch Jack and the Beanstalk.
 - Kindergarten Parent Night was in April – currently 64 incoming kindergartners. Bussing, health matters, and general information regarding kindergarten curriculum were discussed. Parents also signed up for screening times which will begin next week.
 - Cornell Cooperative Extension has been working with students through agriculture in the classroom lessons. A turkey visited classrooms in November, a rabbit visited the 1st grade students studying rabbits (Easter Bunny versus real bunnies), and a lamb visited the 2nd grade students as they studied farm to table.
 - Professional development provided for primary staff this year included: student engagement and brain research; BT BOCES literacy text bands regarding what skills are needed for each reading level; Houghton Mifflin coaching days for ease in using our new reading series.
 - Chris Mack and Trina Leonard have applied to be part of the Master Teacher program.
 - Morning program has received 2,539 visitors to-date. 2nd grade students are emceeing the morning program which is great practice for public speaking.
 - Reading – students in Kindergarten have read 950 books; 1st grade – 1,100 books; and 2nd grade – 3,408 books.
 - While students are receiving RTI services, enrichment opportunities are being provided for other students. These included storytelling with puppets, piano lessons, and a trip to see the Binghamton Youth Symphony, and in the computer lab students are working on basic word processing skills.

**FACILITIES REPORT –
MR. ABBEY**

- Gerald Abbey, Interim Facilities Director, updated the Board on the following facilities items:
 - Pool filter – current filter is 20 years old and has been compromised by a hole in the shell which will require replacement. Seeking to spend money out of the pool maintenance fund, current balance \$75,000.00, for a new filter. Beacon Water has given a quote to demolition the old system and install a new system at a cost of \$55,900.00.

- Concerns regarding the exact dollar amount in the fund, the parameters for its use, and the need to move forward with replacement of the filter prior to the beginning of the summer program were discussed.

- Turf sound system is operational. We are awaiting brackets to install the two main speakers on poles.
- Asbestos project has been sent to SED. Turn around estimates are at 6-7 months. The turn-around time could be expedited to 2 months if the district pays a \$7-10,000 expedited review fee. A two month turn-around time would allow the work to be completed this summer. Looking at possibility of doing the work during the February break if district does not pay the expediting fee.
- Dave Miller, 1453 County Rt 32 wants to put in a new driveway which will require tearing up sidewalk maintained by the school district. He has requested to be allowed to put blacktop in place of the section of sidewalk to be removed. Others have left the sidewalk intact. After a brief discussion regarding past practice and maintenance concerns, the Board decided to discuss the matter further before making a decision.
- Nature Trail signs material for installation was received today. Locations have been designated: one at the bus garage entry point, one at the gate on dirt road going to elementary fields, and one at the intermediate playground. Signs state that use of the trail is prohibited while school is in session.

**FOOTLIGHTS UPDATE-
MRS. BOEL**

- Amanda Boel, Footlights Advisor, asked to address the Board again regarding Footlights as she failed to address the behind the scenes work during her previous update to the Board. She presented the behind the scenes activities as trees in a forest. The "roots" of the trees are all the support systems to the Footlights family which are strong but unseen with many years of experience. The "roots" include the set constructors, costume workers, make-up and hair stylists, ticket sellers, concessions, pit orchestra and cast catering. The many "roots" of the Footlights family trees hold each other up and are connected.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR
2018-2019**

- Motion made by Burghardt, seconded by Markham, to adopt the school calendar for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. Yes-7, No-0

**BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

-Audit Committee: Board member McCauley commented on the recent Audit Committee meeting.

- She stated that she is thankful to now have a community member on the committee.
- The committee reviewed the charter of the committee to determine its responsibilities.
- Looking to have Wayne Tilley from BOCES meet with the committee to discuss what BOCES does for the internal audit to help the committee understand what they are reviewing.
- Pat Longo from NYSSBA has a webinar which can be watched individually to gain more knowledge into the audit process and Board member responsibility.
- Discussed meeting quarterly to get up to speed.
- The committee will meet again on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

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TRANSPORTATION:
REQUEST –AMERICAN
LEGION TRIP REQUEST**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by McCauley, to approve the Trip Request of the American Legion Post #692 to take five (5) Junior girls and a chaperone (Wendy Myers) to a Girls' Leadership Day in Albany on May 15, 2018 using school transportation.
Yes-7, No-0

- The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Board actions: **EDUCATION & PERSONNEL**
- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Resolution of abolishment for reasons of economy, effective August 31, 2018 was moved by Burghardt, seconded by Markham: **ABOLISHMENT OF LTA POSITION – PAGE FLANAGAN**
 - (a) A position is abolished for reason of economy, effective August 31, 2018, in the tenure area of Licensed Teaching Assistant.
 - (b) The person having the least seniority in the tenure area of Licensed Teaching Assistant is Page Flanagan.
 - (c) Page Flanagan shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law § 3013(3).Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Resolution of abolishment for reasons of economy, effective August 31, 2018 was moved by Burghardt, seconded by Youngs: **ABOLISHMENT OF LTA POSITION – MELISSA NEUDEL**
 - (a) A position is abolished for reason of economy, effective August 31, 2018, in the tenure area of Licensed Teaching Assistant.
 - (b) The person having the least seniority in the tenure area of Licensed Teaching Assistant is Melissa Neudel.
 - (c) Melissa Neudel shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law § 3013(3).Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Resolution of abolishment for reasons of economy, effective August 31, 2018 was moved by Burghardt, seconded by Barrows: **ABOLISHMENT OF HEALTH POSITION – CHRISTINE PASKE**
 - (a) A position is abolished for reason of economy, effective August 31, 2018, in the tenure area of Health.
 - (b) The person having the least seniority in the tenure area of Health is Christine Paske.
 - (c) Christine Paske shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law § 3013(3).Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Resolution of abolishment for reasons of economy, effective August 31, 2018 was moved by Youngs, seconded by Burghardt: **ABOLISHMENT OF SCH. SOCIAL WORKER POSITION – SARAH WALL**
 - (a) A position is abolished for reason of economy, effective August 31, 2018, in the tenure area of School Social Worker.
 - (b) The person having the least seniority in the tenure area of School Social Worker is Sarah Wall.
 - (c) Sarah Wall shall be placed upon the preferred eligible

- list of the district in accordance with Education Law § 3013(3).
Yes-7, No-0
- ABOLISHMENT OF SCIENCE POSITION - KEVIN COLDREN** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Resolution of abolishment for reasons of economy, effective Markham:
(a) A position is abolished for reason of economy, effective August 31, 2018, in the tenure area of Science.
(b) The person having the least seniority in the tenure area of Science is Kevin Coldren.
(c) Kevin Coldren shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law § 3013(3).
Yes-7, No-0
- ABOLISHMENT OF MUSIC POSITION - THERESA MILLER** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Resolution of abolishment for reasons of economy, effective August 31, 2018 was moved by Burghardt, seconded by Barrows:
(a) A position is abolished for reason of economy, effective August 31, 2018, in the tenure area of Music.
(b) The person having the least seniority in the tenure area of Music is Theresa Miller.
(c) Theresa Miller shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law § 3013(3).
Yes-6, No-1(McCauley)
- ABOLISHMENT OF CUSTODIAL POSITION** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Resolution of abolishment was moved by Burghardt, seconded by Markham, to abolish a Custodial position currently held by Connie Ferguson who is retiring October 31, 2018.
Yes-7, No-0
- APPOINTMENT(S): CARRIE CALLAHAN FOOD SERVICE WKR.** - Motion made by Burghardt, seconded by Youngs, to appoint Carrie Callahan, Food Service Worker, effective May 3, 2018 for a one-year probationary period ending May 2, 2019.
Yes-7, No-0
- SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS** - Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Burghardt, to appoint Gina Lobdell as a Substitute Teacher Aide UPK-12 to the Substitute Rosters for the 2017-2018 school year effective May 3, 2018:
Yes-7, No-0
- UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE - JESSICA ANDERSON, TYPIST** - Motion made by Burghardt, seconded by McCauley, to approve the Unpaid Leave of Absence request of Jessica Anderson, Typist, for June 4, 2018 through June 8, 2018.
Yes-7, No-0
- BUSINESS & FINANCE: REVENUE & BUDGET STATUS REPORTS & TREASURER'S REPORT ACTIVITY FUNDS & WORKERS' COMP. MTG. UPDATE** - Motion made by McCauley, seconded by Youngs, to table approval of the Revenue & Budget Status Reports for March 2018 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital Budgets; Treasurer's Report for the Extra-Curricular Activity Funds for March 2018; and the Workers' Compensation Alliance Meeting Update until the May 16, 2018 meeting due to questions for Mr. Rubitski, Business Manager, who was not available to attend the meeting.
Yes-7, No-0

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TRANSFER FROM POOL
MAINTENANCE CD**

- Motion made by Markham, seconded by Burghardt, to replace the pool filter system costing approximately \$55,900 with funds from TA 85.2 Pool Maintenance Account pending verification via email that the funds in said account can be used for that purpose.

Yes-7, No-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Chenango County School Board Meeting** – Board member McCauley gave an update on the end of the year banquet. Pat Longo from NYSBA spoke. There will be an event at Roberson on June 28th which will feature a discussion about how to plan for 2030. The event will have representatives from IBM and other companies to give input on what skills they are looking for. President Milk congratulated Board member McCauley on her award for 5 years of service received at the banquet.
- **Superintendent Search** – President Milk announced that on June 20th Perry Dewey from DCMO BOCES will come to discuss the Superintendent Search with the Board and he is looking for questions and/or concerns ahead of time. NYSBA can also give us some help and information as part of our membership at no cost.
 - Board member Drew asked if the reason we are going with BOCES the difference in cost? President Milk stated that the Board has not decided to go with BOCES yet. Board member Drew stated that there are only limited fees included in the budget for the Superintendent Search and when do we make that decision. President Milk stated that NYSBA can do advertising for free as part of our membership.
- **Student Enrollment Discussion** – Board member Barrows stated that our declining enrollment is a big factor why we are in our current budgetary condition. He suggested that perhaps the Board could form a sub-committee, or as part of an existing committee, Legislative, to brainstorm ideas to increase student enrollment. Discussion regarding getting rid and/or combining some unused committees at the July Reorganizational meeting. Including some community members and doing a census were also suggested. Add to Outstanding Actions List.

**REVIEW BOARD
OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST:**

| Directed Date: | Task: | Responsibility Of: | Report Back: |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 3/7/2007 | Policy Manual | BOE and Superintendent | Ongoing |
| 12/20/2017 | Sound System @ Turf Field | | 5/16/18 |
| 12/20/2017 | Small Capital Project | | 8/1/18 |
| 12/20/2017 | Signs for Nature Trail | | 5/16/18 |
| 1/3/2018 | Sports Uniform Policy | BOE | 6/6/18 |
| 1/17/2018 | Bus Garage-outside lighting, fencing & upstairs bathroom | BOE and Facilities Director | Ongoing |
| 5/2/18 | Legislative Committee – Community Member – Student Enrollment | BOE | Ongoing |
| 5/2/18 | Superintendent Search | BOE | Ongoing |
| 5/2/18 | Sidewalk Issue | Mr. Abbey & Supt. | 5/16/18 |

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- **Policy Manuel** – Board members have reviewed so can have BOCES compile a three-ring binder which will allow policies to be added or removed as needed. Board members agreed that they were good with the copies they have and can put them in a binder if needed.
- **Sound System** – report back 5/16 meeting
- **Nature Trail** – report back 5/16 meeting
- **Sports Uniform Policy** – Policy Committee to meet next week, May 10th at 5:45 p.m., to develop a policy. It appears that 3 colors (white, green, gold) was the favorite.
- **Bus Garage Fencing** – There is money in the maintenance account for the fencing, so it can begin at any time. President Milk asked Gerald Abbey, Interim Facilities Director, to let him know when a time line has been set.
- **Add** – Legislative Committee – possibly adding a community member to look into ways to increase student enrollment – ongoing.
- **Add** – Superintendent Search - ongoing
- **Add** – Sidewalk Issue – report back 5/16/18 – Mr. Abbey and Superintendent to investigate.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT**

- Interim Superintendent Daniels reported on the response received from the survey of offering a retirement incentive. He stated that when reviewing the number, there was not enough savings for the incentive to be prudent at this time.

**REVIEW COMMITTEE
SCHEDULE:**

| Committee Name: | Last Meeting: | Next Meeting: |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Budget | April 5, 2018 | |
| Building & Grounds | April 4, 2018 | |
| Transportation | April 12, 2018 | |
| Employee | Oct. 18, 2017 | |
| Audit | May 8, 2018 @ 5:30 | |
| Curriculum & Technology | June 7, 2017 | |
| Legislative | | |
| Tenure | April 17, 2018 | |
| Sabbatical | | |
| Policy | May 10, 2018 @ 5:45 | |

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
HEATHER KRIESEL**

- Heather Kriesel, Instrumental Music Teacher, stated that she was surprised by the Board’s action to abolish a music position after praising the program only a couple weeks ago. She thanked Board member McCauley for voting “no” on abolishing the foundation of our program.

MOLLY NOLAN

- Molly Nolan, parent, taxpayer, and real estate broker, commented that the school is an integral part of the community of Greene and by cutting the health program and a social worker the community perception will be worse. PR for Greene is shaky and if perception of the school fails, enrollment will continue to decline. She stated that she was disheartened by the lack of Board backing for Mrs. Paske and the input you request, but don’t listen to, give the impression you don’t care.

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- Cherie Bentley, a parent, researched the area before picking Greene. Her children have enjoyed the music opportunities and programs at Greene Central. She asked the Board what they want the vision of GCS to be.

CHERIE BENTLEY

- Mikaela Sepulveda-Kiefer, a student, commented that her mother works with finances so she understands that part of it, but the music program will not be the same. She also thanked Mrs. Paske for always having her door open for student and involving the students in their education.

MIKAELA SEPULVEDA-KIEFER

- Evelyn Frair, Apprenticeship Coordinator, announced that on May 17th at 5:00 p.m. Youth Apprenticeship Seniors will be making their Senior Presentations at Raymond. The students are Coy Austin, Dominic Williams, and Gray Reid.

EVELYN FRAIR

- Marie Scofield, GTA President, thanked the Board for the resolution recognizing teachers. She voiced her concerns regarding the lack of a district-wide safety plan, but is pleased to hear that the primary school is meeting to discuss safety and security. She also further clarified that the pool maintenance is a separate fund from the general fund and if we are depleting that fund, perhaps look for a way in the future to build that fund back up as the pool is a highlight for our district. She commented that she will be at the Budget Hearing and would like to see a slide in the presentation regarding the reserves and how much has been taken out versus transferred in at the end of the year.

MARIE SCOFIELD

Pool filter – clarified that is a separate fund; keep on front burner and wait to replace; if we are depleting the fund – some way for future to fund and is a highlight for our district;

- Amada Boel, Vocal Music Teacher, asked the Board to let the music department know what the plan is for next year. She requested that they receive that information before the end of this school year. She also stated that she was looking into moving to Greene so that her children could be closer as they enter school. However, if our music program is not equal to what they can receive at Chenango Valley, then she will leave them there.

AMANDA BOEL

- John Sininger, Elementary Music Teacher, stated that he is angry over the abolishment of the elementary music position. He questioned how three music instructors are going to be able to cover the void. He also stated that he is a band director, not a choral director, and there is only so much time in a day. The music program cannot continue to grow when you cut off its roots.

JOHN SININGER

- Bryan Ayres, Director of Athletics & PE, announced that Skylar Gilmore had a signing to play field hockey at Keuka College.

BRYAN AYRES

- Gabrielle Nowalk, a student, commented that her family has dealt with mental health and substance abuse issues. Her family received outside help. She asked how the Board does not see taking away a child's ability to get that help in school as a problem.

GABRIELLE NOWALK

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- MIKAELA SEPULVEDA-KIEFER** - Mikaela Sepulveda-Kiefer, a student, stated that the music program is the one thing that has kept her happy and the reason her mother allowed her to stay in public school. Students' passion for music will not stop.
- SHANNON CLARK** - Shannon Clark, a student, thanked Mrs. McCauley for her support of the music program.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion made by Burghardt, seconded by Youngs, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss a matter leading to the suspension of a particular person.
Yes-7, No-0
- ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion made by McCauley, seconded by Burghardt, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:46 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0
- RECONVENE** - President Milk reconvened the meeting at 9:46 p.m.
- ADJOURNMENT** - Motion made by Barrows, seconded by Burghardt, to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk