

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:02 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
Mr. Timothy Crumb
Mr. James Strenkert (arrived @ 7:07 p.m.)
Mrs. Karen Hendershott
Mrs. Tammie McCauley

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Helen Hunsinger

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent
Mr. James Walters, High School Principal
Mr. Timothy Calice, Middle School Principal
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal, Director of PE and Athletics
Mrs. Ramona Luettger, Director of Special Services
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation & Buildings & Grounds Superintendent

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:02 p.m.:
 - CSE Placements
 - Confidential Personnel Matter

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes-5, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the following placements:
#710023323; #710022712; #710023047; #710023052;
#710022172; #710022209; #710022185; #710124214;
#710022295; #710123542; #710022988; #710123498;
#710123640; #710022789; #710123285; #710123180;
#710123470; #710022872; #710123472; #710123375;
#710022987; #710125217; #710123081; #710123418;
#710123645; #710022505; #710123432; #710023275;
#710023281; #710023339; #710023217; #710023334;
#710023274; #710123328; #710023187; #710123057;
#710105001; #710023334; #710023372.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

Yes-6, No-0

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

RECONVENE

- 4. EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL
5. Change Time of June 3, 2015 Board Meeting

**ADDITIONS/
DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

**APPROVE MINUTES
5/6/15, 5/11/15 &
5/19/15**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on May 6, 2015, Budget Hearing held on May 11, 2015 and the Budget Vote held on May 19, 2015 as presented.
Yes-6, No-0

CALENDAR

- May 25 – No School – Memorial Day
- May 27 – MS/HS Band Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- May 29 – Moving Up Day – 8:00 a.m.
- June 2 – Common Core ELA & Geometry Regents (no classes for high school students)
- June 3 – MS/HS Chorus Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- June 3 – Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- June 9-12 – Senior Trip
- June 16-25 – Regents Exams
- June 17 – Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- June 19 – ½ Day K-5 – 11:00 Dismissal
- June 21 – Baccalaureate – 7:00 p.m.
- June 24 – ½ Day K-5 – 11:00 Dismissal
- June 27 – Graduation – 10:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
STEVE PAGE – JRC**

- Steve Page, representative of the JRC, asked why the JRC had received notice about needing liability insurance to use the facilities? He stated that they have never been asked for this type of insurance before. He also asked if when Alumni games are held on school property, whether or not they need insurance.

- Superintendent Retz stated that he would look into why and what type of insurance the JRC is required to provide.

**HOLLY MOHR –
MEDIA FESTIVAL**

- Mrs. Holly Mohr announced that she recently attended the DCMO BOCES Media Festival where several Intermediate school students won awards for their media projects. An article announcing the winners will appear in the next newsletter.

**SCOTT YOUNGS –
BOARD MTG.
CONFLICT WITH
CHORUS CONCERT**

- Mr. Scott Youngs asked if the June 3rd Board meeting could be changed as there is a MS/HS Chorus Concert that same night.

- Superintendent Retz stated that the possible change in time would be added to the Agenda under Education and Personnel, #5 – Time change of June 3, 2015 Board Meeting.

**REPORTS:
ENROLLMENT REPORT**

- The Enrollment Report for the period ending April 30, 2015 with an ending enrollment of 1063 students was noted.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

**- The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following board action:
APPOINTMENT(S):
SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters effective May 21, 2015 for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year:

- Adam Niemiec – Substitute Teacher K-12
- William Armstrong – Substitute Custodian

Yes-6, No-0

**LEAD EVALUATOR-
RAMONA LUETTGER**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to appoint Ramona Luetzger as a Lead Evaluator effective May 21, 2015.
Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to modify the academic calendar for the 2014-15 school year as follows:
 - June 19, 2015 – ½ day for K-5 students (11:00 a.m. dismissal)
 - June 24, 2015 – ½ day for K-5 students (11:00 dismissal – no lunch)Last day for K-5 students
Yes-6, No-0
- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Day, seconded by Hendershott, to dismiss Ms. Christina Wells from her position as School Bus Driver, effective May 21, 2015. The employee was given notice of this meeting, but declined to respond.
Yes-6, No-0
- Motion made by Day, seconded by Strenkert, to adopt the following high school Science textbooks to be used in the classroom:
 - *The Elements* – Chemistry 11, by Theodore Gray © 2009
 - *Molecules* – Chemistry 11, by Theodore Gray © 2014
 - *Chemistry* – The Physical Setting – Chemistry 11, by Patrick Kavanah
 - *Earth Science, The Physical Setting* - Earth Science 9, by Thomas McGuireYes-6, No-0
- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to change the start time of the June 3, 2015 Board of Education meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. due to a conflict with the MS/HS Chorus Concert which starts at 7:00 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0
- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to accept the Budget Status Reports for April 2015 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital budgets as presented.
Yes-6, No-0
- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Extracurricular Accounts for April 2015 as presented.
Yes-6, No-0
- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report for April 2015 as presented.
Yes-6, No-0
- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to approve General Fund budget account transfers as of May 13, 2015 in the amount of \$50,337.
Yes-6, No-0
- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adopt the DCMO BOCES Cooperative Purchasing, Generic, and Cafeteria Supplies & Food Resolutions, attached hereto as "Attachments A, B & C", for 2015-2016 and to authorize the Clerk of the Board to certify the adoption.
Yes-6, No-0

**MODIFY ACADEMIC
CALENDAR**

**EMPLOYEE DISC.
TERMINATION –
CHRISTINA WELLS,
BUS DRIVER**

**TEXTBOOK ADOPTION
H.S. SCIENCE**

**JUNE 3RD BOARD MTG.
TIME CHANGE –
5:00 PM**

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

**TREASURER' REPORT
FOR ACTIVITY FUNDS**

**INTERNAL CLAIMS
AUDITOR REPORT**

BUDGET TRANSFERS

**BOCES COOPERATIVE
PURCHASING**

**AFFORDABLE CARE
ACT**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve the attached Resolution (Exhibit "D") regarding the Affordable Care Act and the measurement, administrative and stability periods of the same.
Yes-6, No-0

**WEST & COMPANY-
CLIENT COMMUN-
ICATIONS DOCUMENT**

- A copy of a letter from West & Company, CPA's, was shared with the Board. The letter is just notification that they will be performing our external audit this year.

**AGREEMENT FOR
JOINT FINANCING
OF WORKERS' COMP.
BENEFITS**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Day, it is resolved that the Greene Central School District approves the amendment of the Agreement for Joint Financing of Workers' Compensation Under General Municipal Law Article 5-G.
Yes-6, No-0

**INSTALLMENT
PURCHASE AGREE.-
TECHNOLOGY**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve the following Resolution and authorize the Board President to sign the same: "WHEREAS, the Instructional Technology Service (557) and the Network Support Service (610) require additional technology equipment to the currently available equipment. WHEREAS the Greene Central School District wishes to finance the cost of the additional equipment on a five (5) year installment schedule; the Broome-Tioga BOCES is hereby authorized to expend annually, on behalf of the Greene Central School District and in conjunction with the IT and NSS services, funds to acquire the following equipment:

- 275 Dell Chromebook 11" 4GB
- 275 Google OS Management
- 14 Aruba AP-215
- 1 Aruba LIC-16-AP
- 1 Aruba LIC-PEF-16
- 1 Equipment Cost Allowance
 - Total purchase Price \$89,000.00
 - Est. Financing Costs \$ 6,509.35
 - Total Costs **\$95,509.35**

Estimated Installment Payment Schedule:

• 2015-2016	Year 1	\$ 19,101.87
• 2016-2017	Year 2	\$ 19,101.87
• 2017-2018	Year 3	\$ 19,101.87
• 2018-2019	Year 4	\$ 19,101.87
• 2019-2020	Year 5	\$ 19,101.87
Total		\$ 95,509.35

The payment schedule above is based on the estimated interest rate of 3.5%. The annual payment amount may fluctuate depending on the actual rate assigned 3-7 days prior to the funding date. The interest rate will not exceed 4% and the annual payment amount will not exceed \$19,288."

Yes-6, No-0

**CAPITAL PROJECT
PHASE 1 CONTRACT-
ANDREW R. MANCINI
ASSOCIATES, INC.**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to approve the Contract Agreement between Greene Central School and Andrew R. Mancini Associates, Inc., Contractor, for Phase 1 Capital Project work in the amount of \$817,400 and to authorize the Board President to sign said agreement on behalf of the district.
Yes-6, No-0

- Board member, Tammie McCauley, asked if the recent roof damage done at the Intermediate building could be covered under the capital project?
- Jordon Lilley, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, stated that the Intermediate building roof is newer and should still be under warranty.
- Motion by Crumb, seconded by Day, to approve a resolution resolution authorizing the issuance of \$300,450 bonds to Greene Central School District, Chenango County, New York, to pay the cost of certain student transport vehicles.
Roll Call Vote: Crumb, T. – Aye
Hendershott, K. – Aye
Boeltz, R. – Aye
Day, E. – Aye
Strenkert, J. – Aye
McCauley, T. - Aye

**BUS BAN
BOND RESOLUTION**

Yes-6, No-0

**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	iPad Classroom Use Update		Ongoing
1/7	Non-Resident Policy		Spring 2015
4/28/15	Budget Presentation/BOCES Budget		TBD

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

- The Superintendent reported on the following items:

- **1. NYSMA – High School Chorus** – Competed and received their first gold for Level 5, which is a tremendous honor. The adjudicators were impressed as the chorus did not have an accompanist so they did their piece in a cappella. They also received 2 silver ratings at Level 4.

2. Budget Vote – Superintendent Retz thanked Donna Utter and Holly Mohr for counting the ballots after the recent Budget/Board member vote. Superintendent Retz welcomed The two newly elected board members, Brian Milk and Scott Youngs, who were present and he also thanked Jim Strenkert and Rich Boeltz for the service to the Board of Education.

3. Baseball Fundraising – All monies collected for the Baseball fundraiser were accounted for, books have been reconciled, and those who contributed have been communicated with.

4. Activity Accounts – Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, is looking at fundraising and student accounts and how we can maintain tighter control. A meeting with club advisors is planned at the beginning of the year to review expectations and procedures.

5. Interim Reporting at the MS/HS - Due to parents and students having access to grades on-line 24-7, it has been suggested that the mailing of Interim Progress Reports be discontinued, unless a parent requests a mailing at the middle and high school. Academic eligibility policies and notification would not change. Letters would still go home for those students who are on the various eligibility lists. The Board was in agreement with eliminating the interim reports.

6. Shared Athletic Teams – Superintendent Retz and Bryan Ayres, Athletic Director, met with the Superintendent and Athletic Director from Oxford to discuss possibilities of sharing teams. It was felt that this is an idea worth exploring, however many questions need to be addressed.

- Some positives would be maintaining programs, increasing opportunities for students and increasing the pool of coaches.
- Some concerns raised were – classification from Class “C” to Class “B”, contractual obligations, logistics/bussing, discouraging Greene athletes due to increased number of athletes trying out.
- July is the deadline for fall sports to apply for a merger.
- More information is needed from schools who currently have merged for some sports and feedback from our Athletic Coordinator and coaches.

7. Diving Board – Pricing and options for diving board repair and/or replacement have been received. A decision will need to be made soon so that work can be done over the summer. There is approximately \$70,000 in the pool maintenance fund.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
BETH DANIELS -
BOARD MTG. TIME**

- Beth Daniels asked if the time change to 5:00 p.m. for the June\ 3rd meeting would start with or without an Executive Session.
- Superintendent Retz stated that they would forego an Executive Session until the end of the meeting.

**SCOTT YOUNGS –
POOL**

- Scott Youngs stated that the repair/replacement of the diving board has been discussed all year and needs a resolution. He also asked why the modified baseball was not split into two teams as originally planned.
- Bryan Ayres stated that the numbers dropped due to eligibility to a level that could not support two separate teams.

**MARIE SCOFIELD-
COACHING**

- Marie Scofield, GTA President, commented on a statement made by Board member Crumb regarding if teachers aren’t coaching, then remove those provisions from their contract, stating that there are other areas staff are “coaching” aside from sports. She stated that there are also other many reasons for staff not taking coaching positions. Coaches put in a lot of time and deserve appreciation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to adjourn to Session for negotiations update at 8:47 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.
Yes-6 No-0

RECONVENE

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk