

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:03 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  
Mrs. Karen Hendershott  
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger  
Mrs. Tammie McCauley

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. James Strenkert

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent  
Mr. James Walters, High School Principal  
Mr. Timothy Calice, Middle School Principal  
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Director of Athletics & PE, Intermediate School Principal  
Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal  
Mrs. Ramona Luetzger, Director of Special Services  
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation/Building & Grounds Supervisor

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by McCauley, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:04 p.m.:
  - Special Education Placements
  - Confidential Personnel Matter
  - Negotiations Update

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Yes-6, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to approve the following placement(s):  
#710022621; #710022312; #710023263; #710022455.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**

Yes-6, No-0

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- None.

**ADD./DELETIONS  
TO AGENDA**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on October 15, 2014 as presented.

**APPROVE MINUTES  
10/15/14**

Yes-6, No-0

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CALENDAR**

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- November 7, 8 & 9 – Seussical Jr. Footlights Production
- November 7 – Health Insurance Consortium Meeting
- November 8 – Treasurers & Treats
- November 11 – Veterans' Day Holiday
- November 14 – ½ Day for K-5 Students (Parent Conferences PM)
- November 15 – Father/Daughter Dance – 6:00 p.m.
- November 19 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- November 21 – ½ Day for K-5 Students (Parent Conferences PM)
- November 24 – GCS Band & So. Tier Concert Band – Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
- November 26-28 – Thanksgiving Recess

**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
KELLY MEAGLEY**

- Kelly Meagley, addressed the Board regarding her son's previous suspension. She stated that her concerns were never resolved. She requested that the incident be expunged from her son's school records. She also raised concerns about emails sent between staff members regarding a personal custody matter.

**RESPONSE**

- President Boeltz requested that Mrs. Meagley give the Board information regarding her staff concerns and they will review.

**SANDRA ACEVEDO**

- Mrs. Acevedo, addressed the Board regarding the possibility of the district developing a form for parents to use regarding bus concerns that would provide a record of concerns and the response to the concern.

**RESPONSE**

- President Boeltz stated that if a matter is not resolved by going through the Transportation Department, then the next step would be to call the District Office and schedule a time to speak to the Superintendent.

**SUE PROSCIA-  
BUS DRIVER**

- Sue Proscia, Bus Driver, announced that she participated in the band trip to the Syracuse Dome last Saturday. She stated that everyone had a nice time and would like to see the band numbers/standing back to where it was in the past.

**RESOLUTION OF  
APPRECIATION**

- Superintendent Retz read a "Thank You" to a number of community members, faculty, staff, students and local businesses who contributed to the construction of the dugouts at the varsity baseball field. The "Thank You" will be published in the *Chenango American*.
- Chris Paske, teacher and parent, also commented that she was told that the students who were soliciting donations were very articulate and donors were impressed.

**REPORT(S):**

- None.

**EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:**

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

**TEXTBOOK ADOPTION  
ENGLISH 10**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to adopt the following books for use in English 10 classes:

*The Joy Luck Club*

*Friday Night Lights*

*The Palace Thief*

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hunsinger, to approve the trip request of the wrestling team to compete and travel (bus and driver) to the following tournaments:
  - 1/16 & 1/18/15 – Peru Wrestling Classic, Plattsburg, NY
  - 12/6/14 – Anderson Tournament – Cicero, NYAny costs associated with these trips will be paid for by the Wrestling Booster Club.

Yes-6, No-0

**TRIP REQUEST(S):  
WRESTLING TEAM-  
TOURNAMENTS**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to accept the resignation of Kimberlee Bush, Bus Driver, effective October 31, 2014.

Yes-6, No-0

**RESIGNATION(S)  
KIMBERLEE BUSH-  
BUS DRIVER**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Amanda Utter as a Custodial Worker effective November 6, 2014 for a one-year probationary period ending November 5, 2015.

Yes-6, No-0

**APPOINTMENT(S):  
AMANDA UTTER-  
CUSTODIAL WORKER**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Donna Thompson as a Custodial Worker effective November 6, 2014 for a one-year probationary period ending November 5, 2015.

Yes-6, No-0

**DONNA THOMPSON-  
CUSTODIAL WORKER**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to appoint the following individuals to the Winter 2014/15 Coaching Roster:
  - Brendan Eggleston – Girls' Mod. Basketball (7)
  - Megan McDermott – Girls' Mod. Basketball (8)
  - Chris Rice – Boys' Mod. Basketball (7 & 8)
  - Evan Moxley – Boys' Mod. Basketball Unpaid Volunteer

Yes-6, No-0

**WINTER COACHES**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to appoint the following individuals as Odyssey of the Mind Coaches for the 2014/15 school year:
  - Michelle Marker – Co-Coach
  - Rebecca Philippone – Co-Coach
  - Heather Kriesel – Coach (second team)
  - Emily Worsnopp – Coach

Yes-6, No-0

**ODYSSEY OF THE  
MIND COACHES**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Brandilynne Craver as a Substitute School Nurse effective upon completion of required paperwork.

Yes-6, No-0

**SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL  
NURSE**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hunsinger, to accept the 2015/2016 budget calendar as set forth.

Yes-6, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:  
BUDGET CALENDAR**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to accept the Budget Status Reports for September 2014 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital Budgets as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

**REVENUE &  
BUDGET STATUS  
REPORTS**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to approve the External Audit Corrective Action Plan dated October 24, 2014.

Yes-6, No-0

**EXTERNAL AUDIT  
CORRECTIVE ACTION  
PLAN**

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

**MEETING UPDATE**

- Superintendent Retz stated that at the recent Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting, their audit was presented. It was a clean audit with the Alliance in good financial standing. One of Greene's outstanding cases is in the process of being settled. The settlement will be presented to the Board for their approval when finalized.

**WORKERS' COMP.  
SELF-INSURANCE  
ALLIANCE – CLERK  
SERVICES**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve the Agreement between the Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Alliance and Greene Central School Board of Education for services of its Clerk, and to authorize the Board President to sign said Agreement on behalf of the district.  
Yes-6, No-0

**OBSOLETE LIBRARY  
BOOKS**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by McCauley, to declare the attached list of elementary library books, attached as Exhibit "A", as obsolete and to dispose of the same.  
Yes-6, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE  
OPERATIONS' UPDATE**

- The Board reviewed a report of completed tasks including: NYSERDA grant for purchase of propane buses; federal rebate claims for bus purchases and propane rebate of \$.50 per gallon; Capital Project planning and referendum; bond refunding/refinancing; and a process for purchasing APPS. A list of in-process/on-going tasks which included Capital Project implementation, cost savings initiatives and Medicaid billing/reporting were also included in the report.

**DISTRICT INFOR.  
TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

- The Board reviewed a report regarding the districts' information technology. Updates were given regarding new desktop computers; iPad carts set up and assigned to grade levels 3-8 and 2 carts per floor in the high school, a small number of iPads were placed at the primary school; School Messenger – new district communication program; GRNTimeClock; and In-App purchasing through Apple.

**TRANSPORTATION,  
BLDG & GROUNDS  
UPDATE**

- The Board reviewed a report setting forth items the Transportation and Buildings & Grounds Departments have been working on/accomplished to-date. Some transportation items highlighted were: Bus Garage Open House; training; bus camera system was previewed; two new buses placed into service; and shared services with Oxford.

Buildings & Grounds highlights included: Landscaping at the middle school entrance; pool timing issues; auditorium lighting; softball bleachers were removed; new plow/service truck was Purchased from the Village Electric Dept.; turf field was inspected, repaired and it is in excellent condition; high school hall lockers were reworked; pool water exchanged; HS/MS, Intermediate and Primary gym floors refinished; and worn building entry doors were reworked.

**DEPOSIT PLACEMENT/  
RECIPROCAL DEPOSIT  
PROGRAM**

- Additional information from D'Arcangelo & Co. regarding the program offered at NBT was offered for the Board's review. Questions can be emailed to Mr. Rubitski and if interested, a time will be scheduled for John Deierlein from NBT Bank to discuss this program further.

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
6/18	iPad Classroom Use Update	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade & Staff	TBD

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

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

**1. Family & Consumer Science Curriculum** - Mrs. Lynette Breck, a retired Family and Consumer Science Teacher from Chenango Forks, was brought in as a consultant to help Shelbe Furman with materials and resources. Mrs. Breck stated that she appreciated the opportunity to come in and work with Shelbe Furman. She was impressed with Shelbe and the work she was doing.

**2. Voting Machines** – Superintendent Retz polled the Board to see what options they were interested in using for future votes, as lever voting machines cannot be used after December 2015. Will look into what is available/can be developed by Scantron.

**3. Indoor Lacrosse** - Superintendent Retz informed the Board that he had received a Request for Facility Use by a group which involves some Greene students to use a gym for indoor lacrosse. He raised concerns regarding possible damage to light fixtures, floors, etc. Superintendent Retz is currently seeking input from other districts that have indoor lacrosse and input from our PE teachers. The only gym available would be the primary school gym due to game and practice schedules.

**4. Business First Rankings** – Superintendent Retz shared recent Business First Rankings which were recently published. In the area of Academic Achievement, Greene ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 40 schools in the Binghamton/Elmira region. On the Achievement Index, which takes into account socio-economic Status and academic achievement, Greene was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 432 schools in upstate New York. Superintendent Retz has shared the information with staff and the Press & Sun Bulletin, Evening Sun, Senator Libous and Assemblyman Crouch.

- None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn to Executive Session for negotiations update at 8:45 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:25 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk