

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013**

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**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Richard Boeltz, President  
Mr. Ethan Day, Vice-President  
Mrs. Tammie McCauley  
Mr. Timothy Crumb  
Mrs. Karen Hendershott  
Mr. James Strenkert  
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger

**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 and Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:03 p.m.:
  - Special Education Placements
  - Particular Confidential Personnel Matter

Yes-7, No-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to approve the following placement(s):  
#710123287; #710123375; #710123213; #710022945;  
#710023008; #710123296; #710023052.

Yes-7, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- 4. EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL  
Delete: Julie Zelsnack – Unpaid Leave of Absence

**ADD./DELETIONS  
TO AGENDA**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 6, 2013, as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES  
11/6/13**

**CALENDAR**

- November 22 – Chenango County School Boards Mtg. – 6:00 at Unadilla Valley
- November 25 – Forum w/Commissioner of Education – West Middle School - 6:00 p.m.
- November 27-29 - Thanksgiving Recess
- December 3 – Holiday Concert – HS Band/Chorus - 7:00 p.m.
- December 4 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- December 10 – Holiday Concert – MS Band/Chorus – 7:00 p.m.
- December 17 – Holiday Concert – Intermediate Band/Chorus – 7:00 p.m.
- December 18 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- December 23-January 3 – Holiday Recess

**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
MARIE SCOFIELD-  
BOARD THANK YOU**

- Marie Scofield, Middle School Teacher, thanked the Board for supporting the arts. She worked on the recent Middle School Footlights performance and accompanied band students to NYS to see a jazz performance and both experiences were a pleasure.

**HEATHER KRIESEL-  
BAND TRIP**

- Heather Kriesel, Band Instructor, also thanked the Board for supporting their recent trip to NYC and also for appointing Diane Evans as an Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator at the elementary level.

**KYRA YANUSAS-  
BAND TRIP**

- Kyra Yanusas, student Secretary of the band, also thanked the Board for allowing students the opportunity to go to the show in NYC.

**MICHELLE MERWARTH  
LIBRARY SERVICES**

- Michelle Merwarth, Primary LTA, addressed the Board regarding the changes in primary school students' library time, due to the change in her schedule this year requiring her to do the computer lab as well as the library. The library is being closed a period each day and student book circulation is down compared to past years.

**MARY GELL- CAREER  
TRANSITION SERVICES  
NIGHT**

- Mary Gell, CSE Chairperson, reported on the success of the recent Career Transition Services Night that was held. There were approximately 55 people in attendance, which included transition services presenters. A pasta dinner was donated by the Olive Garden. Mrs. Gell thanked the Board, Tim Calice and many others for their help and support of the event. She is hoping to hold the event every other year.

**REPORTS:  
ENROLLMENT REPORT**

- The Enrollment Report for the period ending October 31, 2013 with a total enrollment of 1104 was noted.

**EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL:**

**The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Board actions:**

**UNPAID LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE – SANDY  
BADGER, CAFETERIA  
WORKER**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the request of Sandy Badger, cafeteria worker, for an unpaid leave of absence from November 21, 2013 until a date to be determined. Yes-7, No-0

**APPOINTMENT(S):  
ODYSSEY OF THE  
MIND COORDINATOR**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Strenkert, to appoint Dianne Evans as the Elementary Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator effective November 21, 2013. Yes-7, No-0

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- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Strenkert, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:
- Bradley Barrows – Substitute Bus Driver
  - Donna Kazalski – Substitute Teacher 3-5
  - Christine Trifunovic – Substitute Teacher K-5
  - Taralyn Whitman – Substitute Teacher UPK-8
  - Carrie Cashen – Substitute Bus Monitor
- Yes-7, No-0
- SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS**
- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Strenkert, to appoint the following individuals as Substitute Snow Removal (Maintenance) Workers effective November 21, 2013:
- Steve Dutcher (bus driver)
  - Greg Cobb (bus driver)
  - Austin Kenyon (student)
- Yes-7, No-0
- SUBSTITUTE SNOW REMOVAL WORKERS (MAINTENANCE)**
- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to create a .8 FTE Teacher Aid position based on a particular student's IEP. This position will be required as long as the student's IEP is in place.
- Yes-7, No-0
- CREATE POSITION- .8 FTE TEACHER AIDE**
- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the trip requests and provide transportation for the Varsity Wrestling Team at no cost to the District as follows:
- Anderson Tournament – Cicero, NY – December 7, 2013
  - Central Square Tournament – North Syracuse, NY – January 2 & 3, 2014
  - Eastern Classic Tournament – Middletown, NY – January 10 & 11, 2014
- Yes-7, No-0
- TRIP REQUESTS – V. WRESTLING**
- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to change the Board of Education meeting dates in January 2014 to January 8, 2014 and January 22, 2014.
- Yes-7, No-0
- MODIFY BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG. CALENDAR**
- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hunsinger, to accept the Revenue and Budget Status Reports for October 2013 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital Budgets as presented.
- Yes-7, No-0
- BUSINESS & FINANCE: REVENUE & BUDGET STATUS REPORTS**
- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Strenkert, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Activity Funds for October 2013 as presented.
- Yes-7, No-0
- TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ACTIVITY FUNDS**
- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Strenkert, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for October 2013 as presented.
- Yes-7, No-0
- INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT**

**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	12/4/13

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

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

**1. Middle School Footlights Performance** – Amanda Boel and everyone involved with the performance did an outstanding job. The performance was amazing.

**2. APPR** – The Plan will be going to the Administrators and GTA for Their sign-off. Possibly could have it for Board approval at a December Meeting.

**3. NY44** – There will be a presentation on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00-12:00 in the board room regarding the health plan NY44. Representatives from each negotiating unit will be invited to attend the presentation. Mark received the presentation today and will send it to Board members and unit leaders for review. A follow-up presentation district-wide will be made at a later date.

**4. DCMO BOCES Forum** – Superintendent Retz reported on the forum he attended which included a presentation by Dr. Dagget who is head of the International Center for Education Leadership. A possible multi-year project throughout our BOCES working with Dr. Dagget was discussed.

**5. Medicare Update** – Superintendent Retz has not heard anything. The last update was that the case was proceeding to oral arguments and our attorney would likely be traveling to NYC.

- None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for a negotiations update and a particular personnel matter at 8:45 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Yes-7, No-0

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Yes-7, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk