

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014**

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
Mr. Timothy Crumb
Mrs. Karen Hendershott
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger
Mr. James Strenkert
Mrs. Tammie McCauley

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. Timothy Calice, Director CSE/Associate Principal 6-12
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation/Building & Grounds Supervisor

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:03 p.m.:

- Confidential Personnel Matter

Yes-7, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

RECONVENE

- 4. EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL

Add: 5. Suspension of tenured employee

**ADD./DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on April 21, 2014 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES
4/21/14**

- May 9 – BTD Health Consortium Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- May 12 – Annual Budget Hearing – 6:30 p.m.
- May 15 – I.S. Band/Chorus Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- May 20 – Budget & BOE Member Vote – 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- May 21 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- May 28 – MS/HS Band Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- May 30 – Moving Up Day – 8:00 a.m.
- June 4 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- June 10 – MS/HS Choral Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- June 17-25 – Regents
- June 18 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- June 20 – ½ Day K-5
- June 25 – ½ Day K-5
- June 28 – Graduation – 10:00 a.m.

CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT: - None.

**REPORTS:
PROPOSED CAPITAL
PROJECT – TETRA
TECH**

- Barb Chambers of Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers, reviewed the initial scope of a proposed capital project totaling \$6,588,873. Ms. Chambers explained that architectural projects are getting SED approval in half the time it takes to get approval on projects involving mechanical items. She suggested breaking the project into two packages – one for architectural items and the second for mechanical items. Each building's project scope was reviewed and amounts given for an early package and main project. Some items addressed in the project scope were:

Primary School – replace casework; repoint bricks; plumbing updates, electrical panel replacement; rebuilding canopy and reconfigure kindergarten wing; Early Package - \$55,440; Main Project - \$950,690;

Intermediate School – replace moveable partition with permanent wall; replace pump station and control panel; casework; plumbing upgrades; electrical panel replacement; and replace exterior lights; Main Project - \$651,552;

Middle/High School – foundation repairs; window replacement; replace lockers; upgrade lighting; replace pool HVAC equipment; exterior doors and frames; repair fire doors; extensive work/upgrades to the auditorium; Early Package - \$998,498; Main Project - \$3,739,313;

Bus Garage – replace overhead doors; new flooring in office; repair damaged floors; install new light fixtures; replace GFI outlets and fix drainage; Early Package - \$65,340; Main Project - \$128,040.

Total project budget – Early Package \$1,119,278 and Main Project - \$5,469,595 for a total of \$6,588,873.

Ms. Chambers then reviewed what pre referendum services are offered by Tetra Tech and if approved, work would begin during the summer of 2015.

**PROPOSED CAPITAL
PROJECT – FISCAL
ADVISORS**

- Mr. Ben Maslona from Fiscal Advisors, reviewed the district's debt profile, current capital project financing and proposed project funding. The district can fund the new capital project without increasing the current local tax effort. Mr. Maslona also explained that there is 1.9 million dollars in a debt service account that could be used to help funding if necessary.

- Mr. Maslona explained an opportunity the district has to refund (refinance) bonds issued in 2006. The amount to be refunded will be \$2.4 million. Refunding these bonds will save the district approximately \$17,000 a year beginning in 2015-2021.

BOND RESOLUTION

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to approve the attached resolution (Exhibit "A") authorizing the issuance pursuant to § 90.00 or § 90.10 of the Local Finance Law of Refunding Bonds of the Greene Central School District, Chenango County, New York, to be designated substantially "School District Refunding (Serial) Bonds", and providing for other matters in relation thereto. A roll call vote was taken:

Karen Hendershott - Yes

Helen Hunsinger - Yes

Timothy Crumb - Yes

James Strenkert - Yes

Richard Boeltz - Yes

Tammie McCauley - Yes

Ethan Day - Yes

Yes-7, No-0

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**REPORTS CONT'D:
ATHLETIC REPORT**

- Mr. Bryan Ayres, Athletic Director, reviewed the Spring sports participation numbers with the Board. He had no explanation for why some of the numbers were down. Mr. Ayres will prepare a more comprehensive report for the Board at the end of the season. A discussion was also had regarding volunteer coaches and what credentials they are required to have before being appointed. Further discussion on this topic will occur at a later date.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following board action:

**RESIGNATION(S):
STEVEN DUTCHER-
BUS DRIVER**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to accept the resignation of Steven Dutcher as a Bus Driver effective April 25, 2014.

Yes-7, No-0

**KIM MIRANDA –
FOOD SERVICE
WORKER**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to accept the resignation of Kim Miranda as a Food Service Worker effective May 8, 2014.

Yes-7, No-0

**APPOINTMENT(S)-
SR. FOOD SERVICE
WORKER**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Kim Miranda as a Senior Food Service Worker, for a one year probationary appointment beginning May 8, 2014 ending May 7, 2015.

Yes-6, No-1 (McCauley)

**KORTNEY MIRANDA-
FOOD SERVICE
WORKER**

- Motion made by Hunsinger seconded by Crumb, to appoint Kortney Miranda as a Food Service Worker for a one year probationary period beginning May 8, 2014 ending April 7, 2015.

Yes-6, No-1 (McCauley)

SUBSTITUTE ROSTER

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Maria Costello as a Substitute Teacher 7-12 effective May 8, 2014.

Yes-6, No-1 (McCauley)

**MODIFY ACADEMIC
CALENDAR**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to approve modifying the 2013-14 academic calendar to accommodate testing by making June 3, 2014 a non-session day for High School students (9-12).

Yes-7, No-0

**FACILITY USE &
TRANSPORTATION
REQUEST – GREENE
CHAMBER**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by McCauley, to approve the Greene Chamber's request to use school dumpsters, parking lot and possible shuttle buses to and from the ball flats and the Great American on Saturday, July 26, 2014 for the Annual Arts & Craft Festival.

Yes-7, No-0

**SUSPENSION OF
TENURED EMPLOYEE-
ED. LAW § 3020-a**

- President Boeltz advised the Board that since it had determined probable cause in relation to the charges against a tenured employee, it could now determine whether the tenured employee should be suspended under the provisions of Education Law § 3020-a. After discussion, and on motion of Hunsinger, seconded by Strenkert, it was

RESOLVED, that the person against whom the Board has found probable cause under the provisions of Education Law § 3020-a

- be suspended pending a hearing and a final determination thereof in accordance with Education Law § 3020-a.
Yes-7, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND
PROGRAM UPDATE**

- A financial status report regarding the School Lunch Fund was shared with the Board. While the program is currently showing a \$3,500 deficit, it is still projected to finish the year with a positive fund balance.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hunsinger, to approve the recommended General Fund budgetary transfers as of May 2, 2014 in the amount of \$18,231.
Yes-7, No-0

PROPERTY TAX

ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Hendershott, to reject the refund of real property taxes application of Michael Harrington, parcel ID 189.-1-8 and mail the rejection to the applicant.
Yes-7, No-0

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	Superintendent	June 2014

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

- Superintendent, Jonathan Retz, reported on the following:

- 1. Budget Vote** – Superintendent Retz presented the Board with a copy of a proposed ballot to be used with the Scantron machine. Concerns were raised regarding the functionality of our remaining voting machine and the need to move to an alternate voting method. After discussion, it was decided that for the upcoming budget and board member vote, the district will use the voting machine and paper ballots (absentee ballots) as a back-up to the machine. An alternative voting method will be worked on over the summer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
SUE CARLIN –
BUILDING PROJECT**

- Sue Carlin, Elementary Physical Education Teacher, questioned the possible removal of dividing doors/curtains in the gyms at all buildings. The doors at the high school gym will be replaced. The primary and intermediate gym dividers were not addressed in the original scope of the project.
- Further discussions will be had on this area of the project to determine possible alternatives.
- Sue Carlin also asked about repairs to leaks in the primary school gym roof.
- Jordon Lilley, Building & Grounds Supervisor, indicated that this requires repairs to the roof around sky lights and will be handled internally, not through the project.

**MOLLY NOLAN -
BUILDING PROJECT**

- Molly Nolan, parent, stated that she was attending the meeting to hear about the building project and to voice her support for improvements to the auditorium.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 9:32 p.m.:
 - Special Education Placements
 - Confidential Personnel Matter
 - Negotiations Update
- Yes-7, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to approve the following placement(s):
#710022029; #710123327; #710125279; #710125191;
#710123442; #710123414; #710022580; #710022295;
#710123542; #710022108; #710123328; #710022365;
#710023134; #710023217; #710023251; #710023218;
#710023166; #710023164; #710023208; #710023210;
#710023219; #710022744; #710023218; #710123332;
#710023129; #710125218.

Yes-7, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:28 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

RECONVENE

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk