

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2012**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President, Christopher Cox, 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. Christopher Cox, President  
Mr. Richard Boeltz, Vice-President  
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger  
Mr. Timothy Crumb  
Mr. Ethan Day  
Mr. James Strenkert  
Mrs. Karen Hendershott

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

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

Yes-7, No-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Boeltz, seconded by Day, to approve the following placements:  
#710022216; #710022280.

Yes-7, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

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

Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

- None.

**ADD./DELETIONS  
TO AGENDA**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on December 5, 2012 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES  
12/5/12**

- December 24-January 1 – Holiday Recess
- January 2 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- January 4 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 7:00 a.m.
- January 11 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 7:00 a.m.
- January 16 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 22-25 – Regents
- January 25 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 7:00 a.m.
- January 28 – Staff Development Day

**CALENDAR:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** - None.

**REPORTS:  
TRANSPORTATION  
REPORT** - The Transportation Reports for September, October, and November 2012 were noted.

**EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL:**

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

**SAFETY PLAN** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to adopt the revised Safety Plan as presented.  
Yes-7, No-0

**AGREEMENT WITH  
HANCOCK ESTABROOK,  
LLP** - Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Boeltz, to enter into an Agreement with Hancock Estabrook, LLP for legal services regarding USA ex rel. John and Jane Doe v. Taconic Hills Central School District, et. al. and to authorize the Superintendent to sign said Agreement on behalf of the district.  
Yes -7, No-0

**RESIGNATION(S):  
COREY MILLER -  
SPANISH TEACHER  
PART-TIME** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Crumb, to accept the resignation of Corey Miller from his position as Part-Time Spanish Teacher effective December 31, 2012.  
Yes-7, No-0

**MARY LAKE –  
ELEMENTARY TEACHER** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Crumb, to accept the resignation to retire of Mary Lake, Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2013 with appreciation of her 30 years of service to the district.  
Yes-7, No-0

**BOBBIE JONES –  
ELEMENTARY TEACHER** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Crumb, to accept the resignation to retire of Bobbie Jones, Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2013 with appreciation of her 30 years of service to the district.  
Yes-7, No-0

**APPOINTMENT(S):  
IRENE DEJAGER –  
MOD. GIRLS  
BASKETBALL ASST.  
COACH** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Day, to appoint Irene DeJager to the position of Volunteer Modified Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach for the winter 2012-2013 season effective December 20, 2012.  
Yes-7, No-0

**SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS** - Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Day, to appoint the following individuals to the Substitute Rosters for the 2012-2013 school year effective December 20, 2012:

- Mykalene Gerst – Substitute Teacher's Aide K-5;
- Christina Wells – Substitute Bus Monitor;
- Kimberlee Bush – Substitute Bus Driver;
- Modification – Extend current Substitute Aide (UPK-5) Denise Pavlovich to work as a Substitute Aide in grades 6-8.

Yes-7, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:  
TREASURER'S &  
BUDGET STATUS RPTS** - Motion made by Day, seconded by Hunsinger, to accept the Treasurer's and Budget Status Reports for November 2012 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital budgets as presented.  
Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Extra-curricular Activity Funds for November 2012 as presented.

**TREASURER'S RPT.  
EXTRA-CURR. FUNDS**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for November 2012 as presented.

**INTERNAL CLAIMS  
AUDIT REPORT**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to accept with appreciation \$4,000 received from KT Harrington, LLC for student and staff t-shirts for our Olweus Anti-Bullying program with appreciation.

**CHARITABLE  
DONATION**

Yes-7, No-0

- The Board reviewed expenses and revenues for the first three months of school. In comparing last year's financial status with this year's, revenues are running fairly close. It is anticipated that the school lunch fund should finish the year with a positive balance.

**SCHOOL LUNCH  
PROGRAM UPDATE**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Strenkert, to establish Tuesday, February 26, 2013 as the date for a bus vote to be held in the auditorium lobby of the High School/Middle School Auditorium, 40 S. Canal Street, Greene, NY from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. to vote upon the following proposition:

**ESTABLISH DATE,  
TIME & PLACE FOR  
BUS VOTE**

**- Proposition: Bus Purchase**

"Shall the Greene Central School District be authorized to purchase two 65 passenger propane school buses, one (1) gas 24 passenger micro bus with wheel chair access, and one (1) 5 passenger vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$245,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said school district shall be issued?"

Yes-7, No-0

- The Budget Committee reviewed budget planning projections. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, shared worksheets with the Board that illustrated the District's budget projections (revenue and expenses) through 2015/16. He also shared that the district has lost approximately 4.4 million dollars in state aid over the past 4 years; has made 2.8 million dollars in cuts over the past 4 years, and used 2 million dollars in reserves over the past 4 years to help balance the budget.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mr. Rubitski reported that this year looks to be another difficult year with large increases in health insurance and retirement benefits and no anticipated increase in state aid. A projected budget gap of 1.5 million dollars is anticipated for next year.

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to approve the General Fund budgetary transfers as of November 19, 2012 in the amount of \$5,359 as presented.

**GENERAL FUND  
BUDGET TRANSFERS**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hunsinger, to approve the 2013/14 budget calendar as presented.

**BUDGET CALENDAR**

Yes-7, No-0

**BOARD OUTSTANDING  
ACTIONS LIST**

| <u>Bd. Mtg. Directed</u> | <u>Task</u>               | <u>Responsibility Of</u> | <u>Report Back</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. 3/7/07                | Policy/Procedure Manual   | Board and Superintendent | Ongoing            |
| 2. 11/16/11              | School Lunch Fund Options | Mr. Rubitski & Mr. Retz  | 1/2013             |

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

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

**1. Board Committee Structure** – Recommended changes will be made and the Superintendent will provide an electronic copy to Board members for their final review.

**2. APPR** – After all signatures are secured, it will be Resubmitted tomorrow and anticipate approval by the end of the day or week. Administrators have started their observations and it is taking approximately 6-8 hours per observation.

**3. Legislative Breakfast** – The presentation is available in electronic form if anyone is interested. Posters were part of the program and students who spoke have clips on You-tube. Students did a nice job, however it was discouraging as representatives indicated that there is no money available to increase district's portion of the state aide – the distribution of state aid is not likely to change.

- Monday's Evening Sun had a nice article on the Legislative Breakfast in it. Superintendent Retz had a letter to our legislators for Board members to sign on behalf of the Greene School District.

**4. US Field Hockey Association Facility Request** – They are requesting to use our turf field in the spring. There are a number of Greene athletes who will be attending. Because they are charging admission, the Board was unanimous that they will need to pay a fee to use the field.

**5. Children's Home (RTF)** - In April, the district was notified by SED that there was a question of affiliation and that Greene should be responsible for educating the children at the Children's Home as the RTF is located in the Greene district. After initial discussions with NYSED the Children's Home was to work on establishing the necessary affiliation.

On Monday, Superintendent Retz received a letter stating that SED does not believe that there is an affiliation between Greene CSD and the Children's Home and therefore Greene needs to begin the process of transferring students at the residential home's educational program to GCS by the next semester (end of January). This would involve approximately 17 students with 75% of them needing special education services. The attorneys are working on the issue with timing and budget concerns being the largest obstacle.

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Boeltz, to certify the revised APPR (Annual Professional Performance Review) Plan for the Greene Teachers Association and the Greene Administrative Association for the 2012-2013 school year and to authorize the Board President and Superintendent to sign the same and file with the State Education Department.

**CERTIFY APPR PLAN:**

Yes-7, No-0

- None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Yes-7, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk