

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GREENE, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 (arrived @ 7:02)  
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger  
Mr. Timothy Crumb  
Mr. Ethan Day  
Mr. James Strenkert  
Mrs. Karen Hendershott (arrived @ 7:10 pm)

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager  
Mr. James B. Walters, Executive Principal 6-12  
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal/Athletic Director  
Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal  
Mr. Timothy Calice, Associate Principal 6-12/CSE Director  
Mrs. Mary Gell, CSE Chairperson  
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation/Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Yes-5, No-0

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Day, seconded by Hunsinger, to approve the following placements:  
#710022295; #710022363; #710023022; #710023009;  
#710021992; #710022280; #710022029; #710022138;  
#710022834; #710123552.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS**

Yes-6, No-0

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

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Yes-7, No-0

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:45 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 January 16, 2013 as presented.

**APPROVE MINUTES  
1/16/13**

Yes-7, No-0

**CALENDAR:**

- February 8 – Mardi Gras Party – Band - Intermediate School Gym – 7:30 p.m.
- February 15 – Budget Committee Mtg. – 7:00 a.m.
- February 18-20 – Presidents' Day Recess
- February 20 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
STUDENT SUSPENSION**

- Gary Roselle, parent of a student, accused of bullying another student, a criminal complaint was filed, and the student was suspended for 5 days. As a result of the suspension, his son is unable to wrestle in the state qualifier. Mr. Roselle asked that the Board overturn the suspension

- President Cox stated that the Board can only listen to what is being said during public comment. President Cox also stated that there is a process for having the suspension overturned.

**TIM JENKS-  
STUDENT SUSPENSION**

- Tim Jenks, teacher and wrestling coach, stated that it appears that the student is being punished twice, as he is out of school as well as missing a big athletic event.

**PRESIDENT COX**

- President Cox stated that the punishment and process is the same for any student. Because he is an athlete his punishment is no different than that for any other student.

**JOSEPHINE ROSELLE-**

- Josephine Roselle, parent of a student, stated that Mr. Jenks was not saying that her son is being punished twice, it just happens to be happening that way. There should be no separate punishment whether you're an athlete or not. Mrs. Roselle reiterated that she feels her son has been wrongly accused and that the suspension should be rescinded.

**REPORTS:  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
REPORT**

- Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary Principal, reported to the Board on the following activities at the Primary School:

**Blessings in a Back Pack:** The program is serving 80 children and there is a waiting list. Through fundraising/donation efforts, the program raised \$12,000. The plan is to expand the program next year to service more students.

**Olweus:** Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> is the kick off day for the Primary and Intermediate schools. The program will run from 8:00 – 11:00. Campfel Productions and high school students putting on skits will be part of the activities.

**APPR:** Mrs. Stanbro reported that the new APPR observation process is taking approximately 10 hours per teacher. This new observation process has sparked valuable dialogue regarding professional practice. It is hoped that this process can be streamlined to make it more manageable.

**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL  
REPORT**

- Mr. James Walters, Executive Principal 6-12, reported to the Board on the following activities at the Middle/High School:

**APPR:** Mr. Walters reported that last year he completed 71 observations. This year Tim Calice, Associate Principal 6-12, is helping, but they still have 71 evaluations, 71 walk throughs and 71 summatives to complete. It is very time consuming. The positive is that the teachers and administrators have been working closely together to get through the process.

- **Olweus:** Mr. Walters reported that the Olweus kick-off was very successful. We haven't had a whole-day devoted to a serious topic before. A lot of pieces came together in a wonderful way. The 6-12 committee planned the entire day. Student Council sponsored Jared Campbell to perform. Students loved him. Students in our BCC classes performed skits, and Chief Dutcher did a session regarding the legal aspects of bullying. Attendance was good with only approximately 18 students absent. It was a good day and a good shared experience.

**EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL:**

- No motion was offered therefore, no action was taken.

**UNPAID LEAVE-  
JOSEPH TYO-BUS  
DRIVER**

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

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to approve Sandy Jones request for an unpaid leave from her duties as a Bus Monitor from February 4, 2013 through February 15, 2013.  
Yes-7, No-0

**UNPAID LEAVE –  
SANDY JONES-  
BUS MONITOR**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Dennis Symons as a Bus Driver for a one-year probationary period beginning February 7, 2013 and ending February 6, 2014.  
Yes-7, No-0

**APPOINTMENT(S):  
DENNIS SYMONS-  
BUS DRIVER**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Brian Taylor as a Bus Driver for a one-year probationary period beginning February 7, 2013 and ending February 6, 2014.  
Yes-7, No-0

**BRIAN TAYLOR-  
BUS DRIVER**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to appoint the following individuals to the 2012-2013 Substitute Rosters effective February 7, 2013:

- Kortney Miranda – Substitute Teacher Aide K-5;
- Shelbe Stoppkotte – Substitute Teacher Aide K-8;
- Deborah Johnson – Substitute Teacher Aide K-12;
- Andrew Richards – Substitute Teacher 7-12;

Yes-7, No-0

**SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reported that the Governor has released his proposed budget figures and it appears that school aid will be slightly higher than we anticipated – approximately \$200,000 more. Mr. Rubitski reviewed line items the budget Committee has reviewed and set budgets for so far. BOCES budget initial requests have also been submitted.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:  
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reported on a recent Health Insurance Consortium meeting he and Board member, Ethan Day, attended. Mr. Rubitski reviewed long term budget projections prepared by the Consortium. Baseline increases range from 7% to 9%. Greene's rate increase will be 12.6% for 2013/14 which equates to: individual - \$71.02/week; \$622.41/month; family - \$176.50/week; \$1546.79/month. Other insurance options are being explored. Mr. Rubitski has meetings scheduled with Blue Cross Blue Shield and The Partners to discuss options.

**BTD HEALTH INS.  
CONSORTIUM**

**OBSOLETE TECH.  
EQUIPMENT**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to declare the attached list of technology equipment obsolete and to dispose of the same.  
Yes-7, No-0

**SCHOOL LUNCH FUND**

- The Board received a report on the budget revenues and expenditures for the School Lunch Fund through December 2012.

**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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

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

**1. Safety Plans** – Have been sent to the State Police and Sheriff's Department. SED is requesting that districts post their plans – BOCES has advised us not to. Administrators are presenting the plan to staff and asking for any concerns that need to be addressed. We will be working on any needed training and running drills.

**2. Calendar 2013/14** – Superintendent Retz shared the proposed academic calendar for 2013/14 with the Board.

**3. Senior Exit Interviews** – Looking at the possibility of doing an on-line survey for seniors to complete anonymously.

**4. Town Hall Meeting** – On February 28<sup>th</sup> there is one in Unatego that Superintendent Retz is planning on attending. After discussion, it was decided that we will hold our Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. A draft of the presentation will be shared with the Board prior to the next Board meeting.

**5. Stillwater** – A response from SED is in the mail and it appears that they did not approve our proposal and time line to complete enrollments for the start of school in September. SED will be requesting that we move ahead immediately. Superintendent Retz and Mr. Calice have contacted RTF to start the enrollment process.

**6. Conference** – Superintendent Retz thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the conference in Utah.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Day, to adjourn to Executive Session for a student matter at 8:57 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:31 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

**RECONVENE**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk