

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 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
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger
Mr. Timothy Crumb
Mr. Ethan Day
Mrs. Karen Hendershott

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. James Strenkert

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. Timothy Calice, Associate Principal 6-12 and Director of Special Education
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal and Athletic Director
Mrs. Carole Stanbro, Primary School Principal
Mr. Jordan Lilley, Director of Transportation and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds
Mrs. Mary Gell, CSE Chairperson

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:01 p.m.:
 - Special Education Placements
 - Confidential Personnel Matter

Yes-6, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to approve the following placements:
#710023005; #710022395; #710022770; #710022521.

Yes-6, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

RECONVENE

- 5. BUSINESS & FINANCE

Add: 6. Close DAT Middle School Activity Account

**ADD./DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on January 2, 2013 as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES
1/2/13**

- January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 22-25 – Regents
- January 22 – No School for MS/HS students
- January 25 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 7:00 a.m.

CALENDAR

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- January 28 – Staff Development Day
- February 1 – Health Insurance Consortium Mtg.
- February 6 – Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Amy Jenks, Parent, submitted a letter to the Board in support of JoAnn Barelo, a Bus Driver. Mrs. Jenks stated that JoAnn is caring and conscientious in her duties as a bus driver.
- Meryt Allmendinger, a Bus Driver, addressed the Board in support of JoAnn Barelo. Ms. Allmendinger stated that she believes JoAnn Barelo to be a good driver who cares about her students.
- Susan Proscia, President of the Bus Driver's Union, asked the Board to reconsider the termination of JoAnn Barelo as a Bus Driver.
- JoAnn Barelo, asked for a postponement of the Board's decision regarding her employment for 10 days so that she has time to discuss the matter with her attorney.

**REPORTS:
BLDG. PRINCIPAL
REPORT**

- Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal, reported to the Board on activities at the Intermediate School. The Intermediate School staff have been working on intervention implementation through small group meetings and a ½ day staff training. Work continues on common core training, NYSUT rubric for teacher observations, data driven instruction and training and implementation of the Olweus Bullying program. Mr. Ayres also reported that the 5th grade went to Cooperstown on an educational field trip; a ventriloquist visited the intermediate school as part of the Arts in Education program. Some classrooms have also been working with the Binghamton Senators in the Painting with the Players program and some students went to Binghamton University as part of the program.
- Tim Calice, Director of Special Education, reported the results of a required survey given to parents of special education students last year. The survey is an effort to improve the partnership of teachers and administrators with families of special education students. The survey asked questions regarding the impact of services on families, and the school's willingness to include parent participation. Almost all responses very strongly agreed that the school, teachers and administration are having a positive impact on families. Greene received 93.7% positive responses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for a personnel matter at 7:48 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

**RECONVENE
EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL:**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- **The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Board actions:**

**EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE
JOANN BARELO,
BUS DRIVER**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, it is resolved that the employment of Ms. JoAnn Barelo as a bus driver is hereby terminated effective immediately.
Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to create a 1-1 Teacher Aide position based on the specific needs of a student for so long as the student's IEP is in effect.

**CREATE POSITION –
1-1 TEACHER AIDE**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Michelle Genter as a part-time (3.75/day) Cafeteria Worker effective January 17, 2013 for a one-year probationary appointment Ending January 16, 2014.

**APPOINTMENT(S):
MICHELLE GENTER-
PART-TIME
CAFETERIA WORKER**

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Mykalene Gerst to the Substitute Roster for the 2012-2013 school year as a Substitute Teacher Aide 6-8 effective January 17, 2013.

SUBSTITUTE ROSTER

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to accept the Treasurer's and Budget Status Reports for December 2012 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital budgets as presented.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
TREASURER'S &
BUDGET STATUS RPTS**

Yes-6, No-0

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

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

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Boeltz, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for December 2012 as presented.

**INTERNAL CLAIMS
AUDIT REPORT**

Yes-6, No-0

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed line items that the Budget Committee have reviewed and set amounts to-date. He also provided line item amounts for the past 5 years for the Board's information.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, updated the Board regarding business and finance operations' activities/tasks to-date.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE
OPERATIONS' UPDATE**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to approve the closure of the DAT Activity Account for inactivity and any balance be transferred to the Middle School Student Council account, less the Box Top portion which will be transferred to the 7th Grade Activity Account.

**DAT ACTIVITY ACCT.
CLOSURE**

Yes-6, 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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

- **Superintendent, Jonathan Retz, reported on the following:**
1. YMCA Rate Change - \$3500 is transferred from the pool fund to Pay for the YMCA services provided to the Greene community. We have been in discussions with them regarding the increase in their costs this year as an increase was not budgeted for. The difference is approximately \$752.00. One proposal is to cut the Friday evening lap swim due to low numbers which would reduce their lifeguard costs. The Board was in

- agreement that if the numbers don't support providing the program then it should be eliminated to save costs. The Board requested a breakdown from the YMCA regarding their costs.

2. K-12 Faculty Meeting – Superintendent Retz shared with the Board topics that were covered at the K-12 faculty meeting held last Friday. He discussed APPR, budget scenarios, and the safety plan.

3. Town Hall Meeting – Superintendent Retz will send his proposed presentation to Board members for their input. Need to clarify what our objective is for the meeting - inform, prepare, encourage advocacy efforts.

4. Children's Home – Superintendent Retz had a phone conference with SED, Children's Home and Stillwater where he voiced concerns regarding the proposed short time frame for transitioning students into GCS. We need to develop a time frame to transition and draft of plan for implementation to be sent to SED for their consideration. Big issues are contractual arrangements, billing, reimbursement, programs for students, and logistical issues.

5. Building Project - Last of the punch list items will be completed by next week with the exception of repaving of the front loop. When that is completed in the spring then the project will be closed out.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sue Proscia, President of the Bus Drivers' Unit, thanked the Board for all they do and commented that all bus drivers are concerned with the children's safety.

ADJOURNMENT

-Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk