

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012**

A Special 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. James Strenkert
Mr. Ethan Day

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Karen Hendershott

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
Mr. Timothy Calice, Associate Principal 6-12/Director of Special Education
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation/Bldg. & Grnds. Supervisor

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- October 17 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
 - BOE Presentation H & S at 6:30 p.m.
- October 19 – Early Dismissal Drill
- November 2 – Half Day for K-5 – PM Parent Conferences
- November 2 – Health Insurance Consortium – 6:30 p.m.
- November 7 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- November 12 – Veterans’ Day

CALENDAR

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Strenkert, to adjourn to Executive Session for a personnel matter at 7:04 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes-6, No-0

- Motion made by Boeltz, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

Yes-6, No-0

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:17 p.m. in the auditorium where approximately 200 students, parents, and community parents were present.

RECONVENE

- President Cox started the public comment by outlining the procedure used during public comment. He announced that the public comment portion would only be 30 minutes long.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
PRESIDENT COX**

- Superintendent Retz thanked everyone for attending and sharing their comments and support. He stated that he does not make decisions lightly and elicits input from others to make a decision that is in the best interest of the district.

**SUPERINTENDENT
RETZ**

- PUBLIC COMMENT:
RENEE MOORE** - Mrs. Renee Moore asked if the reason for the suspension was due to the football team not marching in the homecoming parade?
- MARCIA WELLS** - Ms. Wells stated that Tim Paske was supporting his team and their vote to not march in the homecoming parade.
- WES MOORE** - Mr. Moore stated that it is not unusual for teams to not want to break their pre-game rituals. He also stated that he felt the school district had more important things to deal with than this issue.
- TAYLOR NOELLE** - Mrs. Noelle stated that her son, Chad Noelle, would not be in Oregon training for the Olympics if it were not for Tim Paske's support and help.
- DAVE SPEAR** - Mr. Spear read a letter received from his son, Kurt Spear, in support of Tim Paske.
- JEAN HASKELL** - Mrs. Haskell questioned why the parade is held at 4:30 p.m. on a Friday when so many parents do not work in Greene and have a difficult time getting there in time to support their students. Having the parade on a Saturday morning would allow more parents and community members to be involved.
- CHRIS KEHOE** - Senior football player Chris Kehoe stated that it was a vote of the football team that decided whether they would participate in the parade or not. The team chose to focus on their upcoming game and Mr. Paske supported and defended their decision.
- DAN ERICKSON** - Mr. Erickson stated that he had spoke to 6 out of 7 Board members the night the decision to suspend Mr. Paske was made and they indicated that they did not have any information. He stated that this was an opportunity to bring the community together.
- BERNIE MCDERMOTT** - Mr. McDermott thanked the audience for their support of Tim Paske and stated that he believed the entire homecoming process needed to be reviewed.
- CERTIFY APPR PLAN:** - Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Boeltz, to certify the 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 Superintendent to sign the same and file with the State Education Department.
Yes-6, No-0
- PUBLIC COMMENT:
DAN GILMORE** - Mr. Dan Gilmore, Touch Down Club President, stated that Tim Paske is responsible for bringing back the football program and the pride that goes along with being part of that program.
- TINA GILMORE** - Mrs. Gilmore stated that Tim Paske puts in his personal time to hold football camps and help and encourage younger players. She stated that this is not just about football, but the individual that Tim Paske is and his positive effect on students.
- KAREN ROE** - Mrs. Roe stated that Tim Paske is not just football – he is an excellent parent with outstanding personal characteristics.

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- Mr. John Shearer stated that since Tim Paske has been involved with the football program, numbers have increased and it is critical that the Board make the right decision.

JOHN SHEARER

- Mr. Tim Heisler stated that it is difficult when the community does not know the reasons for the suspension – it is difficult to make a decision. He also stated that everyone is human and if a mistake was made, admit it, and move on.

TIM HEISLER

- Mr. Tim Miller stated that it made no sense to suspend a coach due to their lack of participation in a parade. He is a volunteer with the flag football program and thinks highly of Tim Paske as a coach and individual.

TIM MILLER

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn to Executive Session for a confidential personnel matter at 8:05 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

- President Cox reconvened the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

RECONVENE

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Boeltz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.
Yes-6, No-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk