

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Richard Boeltz, President
Mr. Ethan Day, Vice-President
Mrs. Karen Hendershott
Mr. Timothy Crumb
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger
Mrs. Tammie McCauley
Mr. James Strenkert (arrived @ 7:10 p.m.)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. James Walters, High School Principal
Mr. Timothy Calice, Middle School Principal
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal, Director of PE and Athletics
Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal
Mr. Jordon Lilley, Transportation & Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:04 p.m.:

- Special Education Placements
- Negotiations Update
- Confidential Personnel Matter

Yes-6, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to approve the following placement(s):
#710023346; #710022617; #710023296; #710023348;
#710023338; #710023288; #710023271; #710125240.

Yes-6, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

RECONVENE

- None.

**ADDITIONS/
DELETIONS TO
AGENDA**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on January 21, 2015 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES
1/21/15**

CALENDAR

- February 6 – Health Insurance Consortium – 6:30 p.m.
- February 11 – Budget Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
- February 16-20 – Closed for President's Day/Winter Recess
- February 18 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- February 25 – Budget Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
- February 26 – ½ Day for Students
- March 3 – Bus Vote – 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. – Auditorium Lobby
- March 4 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- March 11 – Budget Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SCOTT YOUNGS -

COACH APPOINTMENTS

- Mr. Scott Youngs asked if coaches who are recommended are automatically approved by the Board, or can they be denied? He asked what the protocol is if there is a concern with a coach.

- President Boeltz stated that coaches can be denied approval by the Board. They are recommended by the Athletic Coordinator and Athletic Director for approval. Mr. Ayres stated that Mr. Youngs could meet with him to discuss his concerns.

MERT ALLMENDINGER-

- Mrs. Allmendinger asked why Brendan Eggleston who is approved for coaching positions doesn't ever get appointed to a teaching position in the district?

- Superintendent Retz stated that the Board meeting was not the time or place to discuss specific personnel issues.

REPORT(S):

RECIPROCAL

DEPOSITS-NBT BANK:

- Mr. John Deierlein from NBT Bank, made a presentation to the Board regarding a program they are offering, Insured Cash Sweep, which is a reciprocal deposit placement service. The service allows NBT through their partner, Promontory Interfinancial Network, LLC, to deposit municipal funds with other FDIC insured banks so that all funds are FDIC insured. Without this program, deposits over \$250,000 (amount covered by FDIC) would need to be secured by securities/collateral purchased by banks. This program allows banks to decrease securities held, by spreading funds around to other banks up to \$250,000 ensuring that all funds are FDIC insured. As funds are deposited with other banks, NBT receives reciprocal funds in return, which allows more cash funds to lend out to their local customers. The district would have full access to all of their funds and receive monthly statements showing where their funds are located. The fees for this service are paid by NBT and offers a higher interest rate than normal money market accounts.

**CAPITAL PROJECT
UPDATE:**

- Barb Chambers of Tetra Tech, shared a presentation with the Board regarding the building project. She shared where the project is at this point including financials, SED timeline, and specific interior building modifications of the project. Layout and specifications being made to the auditorium, locker rooms, district office, board room, and kindergarten wing were shared with the Board through a slide show presentation.

ENROLLMENT REPORT: - The Enrollment Report for the period ending December 31, 2014 with a total enrollment of 1075 was noted.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

- **The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following board action:**

TRANSPORTATION

REQUEST – CHENANGO

FIRE BUREAU

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Hunsinger, to approve the Transportation Request of Chenango Fire Bureau to provide

- transportation for Greene residents wishing to attend Innovative Readiness Training sessions at Norwich CSD for a military sponsored health fair between the dates of July 13-July 24, 2015.

Yes-7, No-0

APPOINTMENT(S):

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Alan Symons as a Substitute Custodian effective February 5, 2015 for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

**ALAN SYMONS –
SUBSTITUTE
CUSTODIAN**

Yes-7, No-0

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to appoint the following individuals as coaches for the Spring 2015 season:

SPRING COACHES

- Varsity Baseball – Brent Kim
- Varsity Softball – Rick Smith
- J.V. Softball – Brendan Eggleston
- Varsity Track Assistant Coach – Maria Costello
- Modified Track – Mary McBride

Yes-7, No-0

**RESIGNATION(S):
LYNDON SUTTON-
BUS DRIVER**

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Day, to accept the resignation of Lyndon Sutton, Bus Driver, effective February 20, 2015 with appreciation.

Yes-7, No-0

**MODIFY ACADEMIC
CALENDAR**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Hendershott, to change February 26, 2015 to a half day of student attendance. Dismissal at 11:00 for elementary students and 11:30 for middle/high school students.

Yes-7, No-0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
REVENUE & BUDGET
STATUS REPORTS**

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to accept the Budget Status Reports for December 2014 for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Federal Grants & Capital Budgets as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

- A question was asked regarding what Appropriations codes 1981 & 1983 BOCES Administrative Costs were. These codes apply to all BOCES costs that are non-instructional in nature.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR
ACTIVITY REPORTS**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Crumb, to accept the Treasurer's report for the Extracurricular Activity Accounts for December 2014 as presented.

Yes-7, No-0

**DCMO BOCES UNIT
COST METHODOLOGY**

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Crumb, to approve the 2015-2016 Unit Cost Methodology for DCMO BOCES Shared Services, as indicated in the DCMO BOCES Services Guides For each shared service.

Yes-7, No-0

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
UPDATE:**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, shared budget line items that have been reviewed and set by the Budget Committee to-date. He also stated that no new information has been received regarding the state budget or aid projections. He also shared a news article from the Office of the New York State Comptroller regarding 90 school district in fiscal stress.

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OUTSTANDING BOARD
ACTIONS LIST**

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<u>Bd. 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
12/17	iPad Classroom Use Update		Ongoing
1/7	Non-Resident Policy		Summer 2015

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

- Superintendent, Jonathan Retz, reported on the following:

1. January 30, 2015 – Superintendent's Conference Day was used to meet the various building level needs. Building Administrators will provide more information in their reports at a future meeting.

2. February 18, 2015 – Will hold the regularly scheduled Board meeting as there are items that will need action.

3. February 26, 2015 - After student dismissal at 11:30, Undersheriff Dan Frair will make a presentation to staff regarding law enforcement's response to an active shooter situation. After the presentation, there will be simulated incidents in the Middle School for the elementary staff and in the High School for middle and high school staff.

4. March 24, 2015 – A speaker from the John Walsh Foundation For Missing and Exploited Children, will be speaking with students regarding social media and cyber bullying issues. A presentation will be made at each building and an evening program for the community.

5. BOCES Regional Transportation – Discussions and exploration of sharing transportation services within the DCMO BOCES is being explored. Superintendent Retz will be meeting with the Transportation Department tomorrow to discuss some of the possibilities and potential issues/concerns. This is one way districts can initiate cost saving measures, which the Governor is pushing for. Superintendent Retz shared a slide show with the Board which set forth some of the cost saving possibilities, issues that could arise, and questions to be answered.

How the regions were divided up posed some questions. It is not feasible for Greene to travel to Sherburne for maintenance on a bus. It may make more sense for contiguous districts to look into sharing some services, such as Greene and Oxford.

Concerns regarding bus routes, familiarity with students, and drivers becoming BOCES employees were expressed. A concern regarding the promise of services being aidable and whether or not it is truly cost effective were also raised.

There are several districts that have indicated they are not interested in participating. There are still a lot of unanswered questions and work to be done on any type of program.

Sue Proscia, a bus driver, stated that the majority of bus drivers work for their benefits and are not interested in any type of consolidation where they could potentially lose their benefits and being a part of Greene Central School.

6. Response to Governor's State of the State Address – Superintendent Retz reported on the Governor's State of the State address. The Governor is withholding 1.1 billion dollars in additional aid with its release contingent upon the legislature acting on his reform proposal.

- He has stated that there will be no aid runs until the legislature acts. On March 1st districts need to submit a levy increase to the Comptroller, but not sure how to do that when we have no idea what the state aid will be. Districts will be forced to use last year's numbers and hope for additional aid. In light of the Governor's proposals, the CSA group of Superintendents, are developing an action plan to address concerns. The action plan includes ways to communicate the seriousness to constituents, drafting a letter and promoting a letter writing campaign. Key points – aid runs are essential; adjustments to foundation aide; mandate relief; and charter school cap raise. Opportunities to meet face-to-face with legislators are also being explored such as a dinner sponsored by our BOCES followed by a public forum.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
KAREN HENDERSHOTT**

- Board member Karen Hendershott asked about the January ELA Regents results. Mr. James Walters, High School Principal, stated that he would review the results with the Board at the March 4th meeting, as he will not be in town for the second February board meeting.

- Marie Scofield, GTA President, stated that NYSET is also developing ads and forums to inform the public of the educational needs of the state. Ms. Scofield also thanked the Board for the new pool equipment. She expressed concern regarding losing additional classroom space due to the proposed new location of the Board Room. Regarding evaluation of coaches, she stated that it is a negotiable item which the district can propose anytime during negotiations, and they have not done so during the current negotiations.

MARIE SCOFIELD

- Sue Proscia, Bus Driver, asked if the February 26th half-day would apply to special needs students who go to programs outside of GCS and if so, could the School Messenger call indicate that to the parents.

SUE PROSCIA

- Jordon Lilley stated that they would probably be going as usual.

- Scott Youngs asked if the Board could provide a status of the teachers' contract negotiations.

SCOTT YOUNGS

- Superintendent Retz stated that the negotiations are ongoing and all parties are continuing to discuss/work on issues.

- Motion made by Strenkert, seconded by Crumb, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.
Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk