

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
GREENE, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014**

A Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:03 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

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Richard Boeltz, President
Mr. Ethan Day, Vice-President
Mr. Timothy Crumb (arrived @ 7:20 p.m.)
Mrs. Karen Hendershott
Mrs. Helen Hunsinger

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Tammie McCauley
Mr. James Strenkert

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Jonathan Retz, Superintendent
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager
Mr. James Walters, Executive Principal 6-12
Mr. Timothy Calice, Director CSE/Associate Principal 6-12
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal
Mrs. Shelly Richards, Primary School Principal
Mrs. Mary Gell, CSE/CPSE Chairperson

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:03 p.m.:

- Special Education Placements
- Confidential Personnel Matter

Yes-4, No-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Hunsinger, seconded by Day, to approve the following placement(s):

#710021857; #710123239; #710123046; #710022495;
#710022595; #710021992; #710023156; #710022957;
#710022509; #710123558; #710022163; #710123625;
#710021980; #710023169; #710022283; #710022304;
#710123552; #710022639; #710022953.

Yes-4, No-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS**

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

Yes-5, No-0

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

RECONVENE

- 4. Add: Approve Minutes for Bus Vote
- 5. EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL
Add: 4. Appoint JV and Modified Baseball Coaches

**ADD./DELETIONS
TO AGENDA**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on February 19, 2014 and the Bus Vote held on February 25, 2014 as presented.

Yes-5, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES
2/19/14 & 2/25/14
BUS VOTE**

CALENDAR

- March 5 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- March 6 – Music In Our Schools – 7:00 p.m. – Auditorium
- March 12 – Budget Committee Meeting – 4:30 p.m.
- March 13 – Junior Honor Society Inductions – 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium
- March 19 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- March 20 – Kindergarten Parent Information Night – 6:30 p.m.
- March 26 – Budget Committee Meeting – 4:30 p.m.
- March 27 – Math/Science/Tech Night – Intermediate Gym K-12 – 6:30 p.m.
- March 28-30 – Footlights Production – Annie
- April 2 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- April 11 – Workers' Compensation Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
CAROLYN HUNTER-
STEM NIGHT**

- Carolyn Hunter, 4th grade Teacher and Science Chair, passed out a flyer inviting Board members to S.T.E.M. Night on March 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Intermediate school gym. Representatives from Raymond will also be there to demonstrate how science/math/technology concepts are used in real world activities.

BOY SCOUTS

- Conner Grant and Jakob Funnell, 6th grade students, were introduced. They were attending the board meeting as a requirement for their communications merit badge.

**TRANSPORTATION:
ARTICLE 19A REVIEW**

- Jordon Lilley reviewed the results of the Article 19A Review with the Board. There were a couple of minor things that needed to be corrected, but overall the transportation department did well. All drivers are in compliance.

**REPORTS:
ENROLLMENT REPORT**

- Enrollment Report with an ending enrollment of 1093 as of January 31, 2014 was noted.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following board action:

**RESIGNATION(S):
SANDY BADGER-
CAFETERIA WORKER**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to accept the resignation of Sandy Badger, Cafeteria Worker, effective March 1, 2014 with appreciation.
Yes-5, No-0

**NICOLE MILLS-
AIDE**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to accept the resignation of Nicole Mills, Aide, effective April 4, 2014 with appreciation.
Yes-5, No-0

**APPOINTMENT(S):
SHARON ZIMMER-
CUSTODIAL WORKER**

- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Hendershott, to appoint Sharon Zimmer as a Custodial Worker effective March 6, 2014 for a one-year probationary period ending March 4, 2015.
Yes-5, No-0

SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS

- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hendershott, to appoint Gage Crumb to the Substitute Teacher 7-12 Roster effective March 6, 2014, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.
Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-1(Crumb)
- Motion made by Day, seconded by Hunsinger, to appoint Geoffrey Daniels to the Substitute Teacher 7-12 Roster effective March 6, 2014, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.
Yes-5, No-0

- Motion made by Hendershott, seconded by Crumb, to appoint Kyle Boeltz to the Substitute Teacher 7-12, LTA 7-12, and Maintenance Worker Rosters effective March 6, 2013, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.
Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-1(Boeltz)

SUBSTITUTE ROSTERS

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to appoint Carrie Cashen as a part-time bus washer/cleaner effective March 6, 2014 for a one-year probationary period ending March 4, 2015.
Yes-5, No-0

**CARRIE CASHEN –
PART-TIME BUS
WASHER/CLEANER**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to approve the trip request of the high school chorus to perform at Music in the Parks Festival/Dorney Park in Macungie, PA on Saturday, May 17, 2014. Transportation will be provided by coach bus with Jordon Lilley, Transportation Supervisor, approving the drivers prior to the trip.
Yes-5, No-0

**TRIP REQUEST –
CHORUS – MUSIC IN
THE PARKS FESTIVAL**

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to appoint Jesse Fendryk, JV Baseball Coach, and Pete Mansheffer, Modified 7/8 Baseball Coach for the Spring 2014 season.
Yes-5, No-0

**APPOINTMENT(S):
JV & MODIFIED 7/8
BASEBALL COACHES**

- Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, reviewed the budget planning documents with the Board. The Budget Committee has reviewed all budget line items and set preliminary budgets. There are still ongoing discussions regarding programs, BOCES budgets, and state aid which will affect the final budget numbers. The goal is to present a final budget for Board approval on April 2nd. As the budget figures stand right now, the proposed budget shows an increase of 0.77%, or \$187,009.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mr. Rubitski also shared the property tax cap calculations. Based on Greene's allowed adjustments, our tax cap limit will be 2.98% with a simple majority vote. Last year it figured out to be 2.85%.

Using estimates for state aid, current budget figures, and a 1.46% (current CPI) tax levy increase Greene will have a \$840,984 shortfall. As in the past, to balance the budget, the district can increase the tax levy, use reserves, further cost saving adjustments, or any combination of the three.

The Budget Committee will make recommendations for the Board's final review.

- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hunsinger, to establish the date, time and place for the annual budget meeting and vote as follows:

**ESTABLISH DATE,
TIME & PLACE FOR
ANNUAL BUDGET
MEETING AND VOTE**

Annual Meeting (Budget Hearing):

Monday, May 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle/High School Auditorium, 40 South Canal Street, Greene, NY.

Budget Vote & Board Member Elections:

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., in the lobby of the Auditorium of the Middle/High School building, 40 South Canal Street, Greene, NY.

Board Petitions: Must be submitted by April 21, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. (Crumb & Hendershott seats open)

Yes-5, No-0

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BOARD OUTSTANDING
ACTIONS LIST**

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<u>Bd. Mtg. 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
7/17/13	Dept. Chair Presentation	Superintendent	July/August
8/7/13	Revenue & Budget Status Review	M. Rubitski	TBD

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

- Superintendent, Jonathan Retz, reported on the following:

- 1. NYS Wrestling Championship** – Congratulations to Christian Dietrich, a sophomore, who won the NYS Division II State Wrestling Championship at 182 pounds on March 1st. Christian did not give up any points in his state championship matches and only 4 points all season. There is a nice article on the web page.
- 2. NYSCOSS Conference** – Superintendent Retz thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the NYSCOSS conference. Superintendent Retz heard from the Commissioner and was able to attend several valuable break-out sessions.
- 3. Lobby Day** – Superintendent Retz had dinner with representative Clifford Crouch and had a good discussion on the needs of rural school districts. There is talk of a Senate proposal to phase out the gap elimination adjustment over the next two years. Legislators are pushing for additional money for schools, but details have not been finalized.
- 4. Possible Capital Project** - Together with administrators, a preliminary list has been developed and shared with Tetra Tech architects and engineers. A 7-9 million dollar capital project is possible with no local tax levy impact. The preliminary list includes roof repairs, paving parking lots, technology, and other building specific needs. The preliminary list will be sent to the Buildings & Grounds Committee for their review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
CONNER GRANT**

- Conner Grant, 6th grade student, asked what "second" on a motion was.

PRESIDENT BOELTZ

- President Boeltz explained that the Board follows parliamentary procedures when dealing with business issues. A motion and a second indicates that there is enough interest among Board members to proceed with discussion and a vote.

JAKOB FUNNELL

- Jakob Funnell, 6th grade student, stated that he had heard a rumor that Raymond was buying the school.

SUPT. RETZ

- Superintendent Retz stated that Raymond's need is for parking space. They did rent classroom space from us at the beginning of the school year while they were completing a building renovation. But they are not interested in buying the school.

- Jakob Funnell also asked why the Board has meetings.

VICE-PRESIDENT DAY

- Vice-President Day answered that the Board makes the big decisions for the entire school. Board meetings are subject to open government laws and anyone can attend meetings.

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- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn to Executive Session for negotiations and a particular personnel issue at 8:45 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
Yes-5, No-0
- Motion made by Crumb, seconded by Day, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:37 p.m. **ADJOURN EXECUTIVE**
Yes-5, No-0
- President Boeltz reconvened the meeting at 9:37 p.m. **RECONVENE**
- Motion made by Hunsinger, seconded by Hendershott, to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**
Yes-5, No-0

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Marie Utter
District Clerk