

Greenville Central School District
Board of Education
Minutes
Business Meeting
Monday
January 9, 2012

7:00 p.m.

MS/HS Library Media Center

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, January 9, 2012 in the MS/HS Library Media Center. Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Members present: Wilton Bear, Jr.
Ann Holstein
Gregory Lampman
Anne Mitchell
Jason Reinhard
Rosanne Stapleton
Lawrence Tompkins

Others present: Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent
Jacqueline O'Halloran, District Clerk
Donna Accuosti, Director of Human Resources
Colleen Hall, Director of Curriculum and Communications
Michael Laster, High School Principal
Peter Mahan, Elementary School Principal
Rebecca Martin, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Anders Rasmussen, House Principal
Brian Reeve, Middle School Principal
Karen Schrader, Supervisor of Transportation
Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
Tammy J. Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Paul Ventura, Sr., Food Service Supervisor

There were approximately forty (40) visitors to the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda for the Business Meeting of January 9, 2012

Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemption Hearing

(“Currently, section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law enables school districts to grant persons age 65 or over, by board resolution, the following exemptions:

- *A 50 percent exemption for those who have up to \$20,500 in personal income, as defined by law[§467(3)].*
- *An exemption of between 5 and 45 percent along a sliding scale for those whose income is above the income ceiling adopted by the school district, as set forth by statute.*

...In addition, any county, city, town village or school district may adopt a local law, ordinance, or resolution to grant up to a 50 percent tax exemption on the assessed value of real property owned by one or more persons age 65 or over, by a husband, and wife, siblings, a parent and an adult child with a disability one of whom is age 65 or over... After the hearing....the board then must give a copy of the resolution to the assessor, who prepares the tax roll that will be affected by the tax exemption... ”
School Law 32nd Edition, Chapter 28 Assessment and Collection of Taxes, Section 28:26.)

This year the Greene County Legislature has adopted a maximum income limit of \$20,500 with a sliding scale for 2012 as per Laura J. VanValkenburg, Director, Real Property Tax Services, Greene County. The county limits will remain the same as 2011..

The Greene County Senior Citizen and the Disabled Tax Exemption is as follows:

<i>Maximum income limit \$20,500.00</i>	<i>50%</i>
<i>\$20,500.01 - 21,499.99</i>	<i>45%</i>
<i>21,500.00 - 22,499.99</i>	<i>40%</i>
<i>22,500.00 - 23,499.99</i>	<i>35%</i>
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<i>25,500.00 - 26,499.99</i>	<i>20%</i>
<i>26,500.00 - 27,499.99</i>	<i>15%</i>
<i>27,500.00 - 28,499.99</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>28,500.00 - 28,899.99</i>	<i>5%</i>

It is recommended in agenda item V. Action E.1 to adopt the same scale as Greene County for the Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemption.)

There were no public comments during the Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemption Hearing.

III. Accolades

Congratulations were offered to the following teachers who have earned National Board Certification:

- ❖ Erin DuBois in School Counseling/Early Childhood through Young Adult
- ❖ Robin Parvis in Generalist/Middle Childhood
- ❖ Karen Rosenberg in Generalist/Early Childhood

The National Board of Professional Teaching Standards is recognized as the source for the highest standards and practices that lead to improved teaching, learning, and leading. National Board Certified Teachers must demonstrate advanced teaching knowledge, skills and practices.

IV. Open Forum

District resident, Tara Licata addressed the Board of Education to request that for 2012-2013 the sixth grade be maintained at four sections to ensure that the quality of instruction be maintained.

V. Action Items: A – F:

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to approve items (A), (B) and (C):

A. Accept Minutes of the Business Meeting of December 12, 2011

B. Accept Reports for the month ending December 31, 2011 (FY2012-56)

- 1. Treasurer's Reports**
- 2. Appropriation Reports for General, Federal, Cafeteria and Capital Funds**
- 3. Revenue Reports for the General, Federal, Cafeteria and Capital Funds**
- 4. Cafeteria Profit and Loss Statements**
- 5. Student Activities Report**
- 6. Transfer of Funds for General Fund**
- 7. Internal Claims Report**

C. Accept Special Student Services Recommendations

1. Committee on Special Education from the meetings of:

- a. November 18, 28, and 30, 2011
- b. December 1, 8 and 15, 2011

2. Committee on Special Education for Preschool from the meeting of December 9, 2011

D. Approve Personnel Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools, Cheryl A. Dudley, that the Board of Education of the Greenville Central School District approve the following:

1. Unclassified

a. Leave of Absence

1. Name: Amie Roe
Position: Teaching Assistant
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) Initial
Expiring August 31, 2013
Effective: February 6, 2012 through May 11, 2012
Category: Child Rearing
("...Upon the birth ...of a child, a teacher shall be entitled to an unpaid child rearing leave [per contract] contingent upon sixty (60) days notice and returning from a leave only at the beginning of a school term unless otherwise agreed to by the Superintendent...")

b. Extra Duty Compensation Middle School Clubs 2011-2012

1. Name: Jonathan Meredith
Position: Middle School Co-Choral Director
Stipend: \$603.50
2. Name: Janine Rochler
Position: Middle School Co-Choral Director
Stipend: \$603.50
3. Name: Erin Upton
Position: Middle School Band Director
Stipend: \$1207.00

c. Extra Duty Compensation High School Clubs 2011-2012

1. Name: Jonathan Meredith
Position: High School Choral Director
Stipend: \$1566.00
2. Name: Jonathan Meredith
Position: High School Musical Director
Stipend: \$3131.00

d. Substitutes

1. Name: James Saburro
Position: Substitute Teacher & Teaching Assistant
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6),
Initial expiring 8/31/16
Effective: December 14, 2011
Salary: \$101.00 per diem Teacher
\$75.00 per diem Teaching Assistant
Status: Cleared for employment

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| 2. | Name: | James Barrie |
| | Position: | Tutor |
| | Certification: | Special Education, Permanent
Deaf and Hearing Impaired, Permanent |
| | Effective: | December 12, 2011 |
| | Salary: | \$30.00 per hour |
| | Status: | Cleared for employment |
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| 3. | Name: | Sara Parshley |
| | Position: | Substitute Teacher (Cairo-Durham) |
| | Certification: | N/A |
| | Effective: | January 10, 2012 |
| | Salary: | \$82.00 per diem |
| | Status: | Cleared for employment |
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| 4. | Name: | Amanda Petronio |
| | Position: | Substitute Teacher (Cairo-Durham) |
| | Certification: | Visual Arts, Initial expiring 8/31/16 |
| | Effective: | January 10, 2012 |
| | Salary: | \$101.00 per diem |
| | Status: | Cleared for employment |

2. Classified

a. Resignation

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| 1. | Name | Patricia Haaland |
| | Position: | Aide/Monitor |
| | Classification: | GCCS Non-competitive |
| | Effective: | January 20, 2012 |
| | Category: | Resignation |

Status: All conditional appointments are subject to receipt of a statement from each individual regarding criminal charges and are contingent upon receipt of criminal background clearance from the Commissioner of Education.

E. Business Management

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve items (1) through (5):

1. Approve Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemption Rates for 2012:

(BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville Central School Board of Education establish the Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemption Rates for 2012 By law, each municipality must adopt the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption. For the last seven years the Board of Education has adopted the same scale as the County. This year the Greene County Legislature has adopted a maximum income limit of \$20,500 with a sliding scale for 2012. It is recommended to adopt the same scale as Greene County for the Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemption.)

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2. **Approve transportation contract between the Greenville Central School District and Coxsackie Transport, Inc. (FY2012-57)**
(This is a thirty [30] day emergency contract for the transportation of one [1] district resident student to Langan School for services from December 14, 2011 through January 15, 2012 by Coxsackie Transport, Inc. at \$190.00 per diem. The bids for permanent transportation will be opened on January 11, 2012.)

3. **Approve transportation contract between the Greenville Central School District and Q-Roo Transportation for December 12, 2011 to June 22, 2012 (FY2012-58)**
(Bids were opened in the District Office on Wednesday, November 30, 2011. Three [3] bid packets were mailed and two [2] companies responded. It is recommended to award one additional contract transportation route as follows:
 Q-Roo Transportation, Special Education~1 student
 VanderHeyden Hall, P.M. only \$49.99 per diem
All bids are on file in the District Office.)

4. **Declaration of Surplus**
(The following items are recommended for surplus by Scott Gardiner, Director of Technology:

178	IBM ThinkCentre S50 Pentium 4 desktops
23	Compaq E500 Pentium 3 laptops
20	Various Deskjet printers HP895, HP950
100	Compaq 71" CRT Monitors
4	HP Laserjet 4000 printers

5. **Accept donation**
 - a. Ellis Elementary PTA for clothing to assist our school nurses in meeting the needs of elementary students

F. School Management

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve items (1), (2) and (3):

1. **Approve Greenville Central School District Health & Welfare Services Contracts (FY2012-59)**
(Greenville Central School District is the provider of services under these contracts as required by NYSED and the cost per student is reimbursement to Greenville CSD, hence these contracts reflect revenue to offset costs incurred.)
 - a. Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District
(This contract provides health and welfare services for one [1] Berne-Knox-Westerlo CSD resident student that is attending Grapeville Christian School for the 2011-2012 school year at \$427.48 per student.)

 - b. Cairo-Durham Central School District
(This contract provides health and welfare services for fifteen [15] Cairo-Durham CSD resident students that are attending Grapeville Christian School for the 2011-2012 school year at \$427.48 per student.)

 - c. Catskill Central School District
(This contract provides health and welfare services for seven [7] Catskill CSD resident students that are attending Grapeville Christian School for the 2011-2012 school year at \$427.48 per student.)

- d. Coxsackie-Athens Central School District
(This contract provides health and welfare services for nineteen [19] Coxsackie-Athens CSD students that are attending Grapeville Christian School for the 2011-2012 school year at \$427.48 per student.)
 - e. Gilboa-Conesville School District
(This contract provides health and welfare services for two [2] Gilboa-Conesville CSD students that are attending Grapeville Christian School for the 2011-2012 school year at \$427.48 per student.)
 - f. Hudson City School District
(This contract provides health and welfare services for four [4] Hudson City SD students that are attending Grapeville Christian School for the 2011- 2012 school year at \$427.48 per student.)
 - g. Middleburgh Central School District
(This contract provides health and welfare services for three [3] Middleburgh CSD students that are attending Grapeville Christian School for the 2011-2012 school year at \$427.48 per student.)
 - h. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District
(This contract provides health and welfare services for two [2] Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk CSD students that are attending Grapeville Christian School for the 2011-2012 school year at \$427.48 per student.)
2. **Approve tutorial contract between the Greenville Central School District and Never Alone Adolescent Rehabilitation Center for 2011-2012 (FY2012-60)**
(This contract is for tutorial services for one [1] district resident student at \$39.00 per hour for ten [10] hours of instruction per week anticipated for the remainder of 2011-2012.)
 3. **Approve MOU between the Greenville Central School District and Ulster-Greene ARC for the School-to-Work Program for 2011-2012 (FY2012-61)**
(This MOU will provide a 1:1 aid to one District resident student for a period of three months from December 5, 2011 to March 5, 2012 at \$1,235.40 for each month the 1:1 aid will be provided.)

VI. Discussion

A. Board Committee Reports

- Quality Education Committee: Ann Holstein
The Committee discussed the Response to Intervention (RTI) process and the future of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program.
- Greenville Educational Foundation: Ann Holstein
The meeting for January was cancelled. Superintendent Dudley received estimates via Dorthea Cotter from contractors for improvements to the Potter Hollow School House. The quotes exceed available funds for repairs.
- Technology Committee: Lawrence Tompkins
No report
- Gifted & Talented Committee [GATE]: Ann Holstein
Peter Mahan reported two students are participating in the Compacted 4/5 math program and an informational meeting for the program was held for parents of third graders The

committee is also drafting a committee charge; and received \$3,000.00 from fund raising, \$2,500 of which was donated to the Greenville Educational Foundation.

- District Planning Committee: Wilton Bear, Jr.
No report
- Audit Committee: Lawrence Tompkins, Gregory Lampman, Wilton Bear, Jr.
The Committee reviewed the Request for Proposals [RFP] from candidates for the External Auditor and interview questions are being finalized for the RFP interviews for auditing services on January 23, 2012.
- Budget Advisory Committee[BAC]: Jason Reinhard
Instructional administrators presented to BAC on January 3, 2012 and special education and technology present on January 17. Superintendent Dudley indicated BAC meetings are open to the public and minutes are posted on the District website.
- Greene County School Boards: Gregory Lampman
The final report from CASDA will be discussed at the GCSBA ~~dinner~~ meeting on January 10, 2012 at Cairo-Durham Middle School. Superintendent Dudley also commented on January 4 presentation at the Catskill Central School by Dr. Rick Timbs, Executive Director of the Statewide School Finance Consortium, on the inequity of school aid distributed to lower wealth districts compared to high wealth school districts.

B. Other Committee Reports

- Safety and Health Committee: Tammy Sutherland
No report
- Wellness Committee: Tammy Sutherland
To date there have been 86 district employees signed up for zumba and Weight Watchers. Zumba is sponsored by Blue Shield of Northeastern New York and Weight Watchers is offered at employee expense.

(Committee schedules vary as some do not meet every month. However, the committees are noted on the agenda each month to keep the Board informed.)

C. Board Report: Questar III Workshop of January 7, 2012
Instructional Programming ~ Special Education Learning

The workshop topics included:

- Special Education
- NYS mandates
- services offered by Questar III for students with disabilities
- Pupil Personnel Services [PPS] intermunicipal agreement and
- state aid formulas for reimbursement for special education public and private student placements

D. Reminder and Agenda ~ Board of Education Workshop
Saturday, January 28, 2012
10:00 am to 12:00 p,
MS/HS Library Media Center

Topics for discussion at the January 28 Workshop will include:

- Town Comprehensive Planning
- Shared Services for School Districts~CASDA study

- Property Tax Cap
- State Aid~The Statewide School Finance Consortium

E. Budget Advisory Committee Recommendation

(The Budget Advisory Committee recommends to the Board of Education a change in one of the Budget Bus locations on May 5, 2012 from Earlton [Due to safety and parking issues] or Norton Hill to:

*Freehold from 9:00 am - 9:45am and
Greenville 10:00 am - 10:45am)*

Due to parking and safety issues in Earlton and Norton Hill it was recommended and accepted to eliminate these locations on May 5, 2012 to:

Freehold from 9:00am-9:45am
Greenville from 10:00am to 10:45am

VII. Board Members' input for possible discussion at a later date

The School Quality Review (SQR) has been completed and Superintendent Dudley thanked teachers and administrators Colleen Hall, Peter Mahan, Brian Reeve, Linda Wistar, Karen Manning, James McElwey, Robin Parvis and Maureen Pulice for the exceptional quality of the report. As requested, the group will present the report at a future Board of Education meeting.

At the November Superintendent's Forum, the Superintendent was advised by School Attorney, Edward Sarzynski of HLSD of the District's requirement to conduct an annual census which will need to be completed this spring.

VIII. Closing Open Forum

There were no comments

IX. Executive Session

At 7:50 p.m. Gregory Lampan moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of Civil Service Law; and the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. At 8:55 p.m. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Jason Reinhard and carried unanimously to return to open session.

X. Adjournment

At 8:56p.m. Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins to adjourn the meeting.

District Clerk

Board of Education President