

Greenville Central School District
Board of Education
Minutes
Business Meeting
Monday
May 9, 2011

7:00 p.m.

MS/HS Library Media Center

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, May 9, 2011 in the MS/HS Library Media Center. Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 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, Elementary Assistant Principal
Colleen Hall, Director of Curriculum and Communications
Michael Laster, High School Principal
Peter Mahan, Elementary School Principal
Anders Rasmussen, CASDA Administrative Intern
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 fifteen (15) visitors to the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Rosanne Stapleton moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda for the Business Meeting of May 9, 2011

III. Accolades

Congratulations were extended to Elaina Spahmer and Maddison Ackerman , 2nd place winners of the 7th grade Science Fair on April 2 at the Cocksackie-Athens CSD. Their combined project "The Epic Super Coolness of Hot Ice", demonstrated the properties of Chemistry.

Congratulations were extended to 6th grader Erin Sprague and 7th grader Makayla Peseka who won the best tasting lemonade contest on Saturday, April 23 with their Sour Power Drop Lemonade. Lemonade Day took place on May 1st and 77 Greenville students registered to participate. Greene County was the first county in New York to embrace Lemonade Day.

IV. Open Forum

There were no comments.

V. Action Items: A – F:

Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve items (A) and (B):

A. Accept Minutes of the Business Meeting of April 11, 2011, the Budget Workshop of April 4, 2011, the Special Meeting of April 14 and the Special Meeting of April 26, 2011

B. Accept Reports: (FY2011-59)

- 1. Treasurer’s Reports for the month ending April 30, 2011**
- 2. Appropriation Reports for General, Federal, Cafeteria and Capital Funds for the month ending April 30, 2011**
- 3. Revenue Reports for the General, Federal, Cafeteria and Capital Funds for the month ending April 30, 2011**
- 4. Cafeteria Profit and Loss Statements for the month ending April 30, 2011**
- 5. Transfer of Funds for General Fund for the month ending April 30, 2011**
- 6. Internal Claims Report for month ending April 30, 2011**

Jason Reinhard moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to approve item (C):

C. Accept Special Student Services Recommendations

- 1. Committee on Special Education from the meetings of March 1, 2, 3, 15, 22, 24 and 30, 2011**
- 2. Committee on Special Education for Preschool from the meeting of March 16, 2011**

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to approve item (D):

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. Substitutes

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| 1. Name: | Kimberly Lencewicz |
| Position: | Substitute Teacher |
| Certification: | Childhood Education, Grades 1-6,
Permanent |
| Effective: | April 18, 2011 |
| Salary: | \$101.00 per diem |
| Status: | Cleared for employment |
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| 2. Name: | Wendy Doney |
| Position: | Substitute Teacher |
| Certification: | Visual Arts, Initial, Expiring 1/31/16 |
| Effective: | April 25, 2011 |
| Salary: | \$101.00 per diem |
| Status: | Cleared for employment |

2. Classified

a. Leave of Absence

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| 1. Name: | Sky Ben |
| Position: | Custodian/Night Foreperson |
| Effective: | May 4, 2011 through May 6, 2011 |
| Category: | Military |

(This paid Leave of Absence is necessary to fulfill Mr. Ben’s obligation with the US Air Force Reserve. Mr. Ben will return to work on May 9, 2011.)

b. Substitutes

1. Name: Jacqueline Rauf
Position: Substitute Aide/Monitor & Clerical
Effective: April 25, 2011
Salary: Aide/Monitor: \$10.55 per hour
Clerical: \$11.60 per hour
Status: Conditional

c. Permanent from Probationary

1. Name: Michael Ryan
Position: Bus Driver
Classification: GCCS Non-competitive
Date of Permanent Appointment: November 1, 2010
Status: Cleared for employment
(Permanent appointment is retroactive to date of hire. The probationary period will end May 23, 2011 .)

2. Name: Michelle Cotter
Position: Aide/Monitor
Classification: GCCS Non-competitive
Date of Permanent Appointment: November 9, 2010
Status: Cleared for employment
(Permanent appointment is retroactive to date of hire. The probationary period will end June 1, 2011 .)

3. Name: Patricia Focken
Position: Aide/Monitor
Classification: GCCS Non-competitive
Date of Permanent Appointment: November 9, 2010
Status: Cleared for employment
(Permanent appointment is retroactive to date of hire. The probationary period will end June 1, 2011 .)

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

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve item (1):

1. Approve solicitation of bids for 2011-2012

- a. Copy paper
- b. Physical Education & Athletic supplies
- c. Cafeteria supplies
- d. Custodial supplies
- e. Transportation parts and supplies
- f. Refuse removal
- g. Technology supplies

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton to approve item (2):

Discussion: Superintendent Dudley recommended to the Board that the following agenda item be amended to read:

“Approve contract with Stieglitz Snyder Architecture and the Greenville Central School District for the Electrical/Stage/Cafeteria Floor Renovation Project for \$55,000.00 subject to review by the school attorney”

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to amend the motion.

Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve Item (2) as amended above.

2. Approve contract with Stieglitz Snyder Architecture and the Greenville Central School District for the Electrical/Stage/Cafeteria Floor Renovation Project for \$55,000.00 (FY2011-60)

- (a. The design/specification for the replacement of the Greenville Central School District Middle School/High School Building electric service switchboard and sub-panels.*
- b. The design/specification to provide a generator quick connect switchboard to allow for the future installation of a generator.*
- c. The design/specification of a steel support structure required to suspend all new stage equipment.*
- d. The removal of the existing stage lighting system and the design/specification of a new stage lighting system including the design of new branch circuiting at the Scott M. Ellis Elementary School Auditorium.*
- e. The replacement of existing stage rigging and draperies at the Scott M. Ellis Elementary School Auditorium.*
- f. The removal of an existing vinyl composition tile floor in the Scott M. Ellis Elementary School Cafeteria and the design/specification for a diamond polished finish of the concrete sub-floor.)*

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve item (3):

3. Approve Final Service Contract with Questar III for \$1,135,494.29 for 2011-2012 (FY2011-61)

(If approved, the President of the Board of Education is required to sign this document on behalf of the Board of Education. The signature indicates that the procurement of the services was authorized by the Board of Education for the 2011-2012 school year.

F. School Management

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints Wilton Bear, Jr, Chairperson of the Annual Vote & Election on May 17, 2011

2. Approve Tutorial contract between Four Winds Saratoga and the Greenville Central School District for 2010-2011 (FY2011-62)

(This contract is for tutorial services for one [1] Greenville Central School District resident student at \$28.00 per hour for five (5) hours of instruction per week.

3. Approve Tuition Agreement between the Greenville Central School District and the Cairo-Durham Central School District for the 2010-2011 school year (FY2011-63)

(This agreement is for one [1] Cairo-Durham student with recommended placement in Middle School 8:1:1 classroom at \$26,894.00 prorated \$9,851.00 for three [3] months/twelve [12] days.)

VI. Discussion

A. Board Committee Reports

- Quality Education Committee: Ann Holstein
The Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 11, 2011
- Greenville Educational Foundation: Ann Holstein
Planning continues for Homecoming 2011 in conjunction with Greenville Day. Final preparations are being made for the GEF Appreciation Celebration on June 9, 2011 in the Ellis Courtyard.
- Technology Committee: Lawrence Tompkins
The Committee is very pleased with the progress in technology including an upgrade to a Cisco platform and a plan for Google Apps for email in September.
- Gifted & Talented Committee: Ann Holstein
The Chess Club was recently visited by a local chess expert. The Committee continues to develop the continuum on K-12 enrichment.
- District Planning Committee: Wilton Bear, Jr.
Next meeting is Wednesday, May 25, 2011.
- Audit Committee: Lawrence Tompkins, Gregory Lampman, Wilton Bear, Jr.
The Committee met with the external auditor and discussed possible changes on the rules relating to the reserve funds and GASB 45
- Budget Advisory Committee: Jason Reinhard
Next meeting is May 24, 2011.
- Universal Pre-K Committee: Anne Mitchell
Funds to the UPK Program for the 2011-2012 school year will be offered contingent upon the amount of state funding and responses to the RFP.
- Greene County School Boards: Gregory Lampman
Consultants submitted revised proposals for shared services in Greene County. Hunter-Tannersville CSD has withdrawn from the process. Upon review and vote by the Project Steering Committee, CASDA will be recommended for consideration by each Board of Education.

(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.)

B. Questar III Vote Results

(Board action occurred for the following items at a special meeting on April 26, 2011 as follows:

The following incumbent Board members were unanimously re-elected

- *Mr. John Hill, Rensselaer County from Hoosic Valley Central School District;*
- *Mr. James Keegan, Columbia County, Hudson City School District.)*
- *Mr. Joseph Garland, Greene County, Coxsackie-Athens Central School District*
- *Ms. Marilyn Noonan, Greene County, Catskill Central School District*

The Administrative Budget was approved by the component district boards 20-2; for Questar III (Rensselaer, Columbia, Greene Counties BOCES) 2011-2012 in the amount of \$4,118,053.00.)

C. Reminder: Annual Budget Vote & Election:
(Annual Budget Hearing
Tuesday May 10 7:00 p.m. High School Auditorium

Budget Vote
Tuesday May 17 1:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. Elementary Cafeteria)

D. Common Core

Colleen Hall

The Common Core State Standards Initiative is a joint effort by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) www.nga.org and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) www.ccsso.org in partnership with Achieve, ACT, and the College Board. Through this initiative, Governors and state commissioners of education from across the country have committed to joining a state-led process to develop a common core of state standards in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics for grades K-12. One of the main goals is to develop a “common core of standards that are internationally benchmarked, aligned with work and post-secondary education expectations, and inclusive of the higher order skills that students need...”

In April 2009, Governor David Paterson and former Education Commissioner Richard P. Mills signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) along with fifty other states and territories to participate in the national dialogue to develop these voluntary standards.

On September 21st, 2009, the NGA Center and CCSSO released the first official draft of the college- and career-readiness standards and asked for a period of public feedback ending on October 21st, 2009. Revisions were incorporated, and a second round of public feedback was taken in March of 2010. Final Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics and CCSS for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects were unveiled June 2, 2010. States began adopting them immediately, many as part of their commitment to the federal Race to the Top reform efforts. The adoption process required states to adopt the CCSS word-for-word, but allowed for the addition of up to 15% more standards in each subject area to accommodate individual state concerns and preferences.

On July 19th, 2010, the New York State Board of Regents adopted the CCSS for Mathematics and CCSS for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, with the understanding that New York State may add additional expectations to the Common Core. Please see the July Regents item for additional details:

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2010Meetings/July2010/0710p12.swa1.htm>

To support the state’s adoption plan, from July 20th-23rd, 2010, a group of P-12 and higher education English Language Arts and Mathematics practitioners met in Albany to analyze the CCSS for ELA and Mathematics to determine if there were necessary additions for New York State (up to 15% of the whole). The recommended additions to the CCSS for ELA were developed for all students, including English Language Learners and students with disabilities, with the understanding that guidance materials will be developed for teachers of students in special populations. During the meeting, the group also developed recommended prekindergarten standards for the year prior to kindergarten. The Workgroup’s P-12 ELA recommendations are available below in a summary of their suggestions and in separate documents:

Colleen Hall, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, highlighted the following in the area of Literacy:

- Focus on Informational Text
- Extend Interest in Broad Literacy 6-12
- Text Complexity Matters
- Text-dependent Questions
- Writing Based on Evidence
- Academic Vocabulary

- E. Proposed Board of Education Calendar 2011-2012
It is anticipated the proposed Board of Education Calendar for 2011-2012 will be recommended for Board consideration at the Board of Education meeting in June.
- F. Instructional Configurations~ Ellis Elementary, Peter Mahan
Principal Mahan has recommended the following instructional configurations for 2011-2012:
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| Kindergarten level | Single Grade Configuration |
| Grades 1/2 | Looping Configuration |
| Grades 3/4 | Combined Looping and Multi-Age Configurations |
| Grade 5 | Team Teaching |
- G. Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation Light and Energy Management Solutions
Contracts for the High School, Middle School, Alternate Education, and Scott M. Ellis Elementary School
Assistant Superintendent for Business, Tammy Sutherland, discussed a Central Hudson Gas & Electric (CHGE) proposal regarding a Lighting and Energy Management solution for GCSD. Alliance Energy Solutions (AES) is the exclusive commercial electric contractor for CHGE Commercial Energy Efficiency Program and are offering Lighting Retrofits for a new energy efficient system to improve the overall lighting quality at no cost to the District. It is anticipated this will be recommended for Board consideration at the Board of education meeting in June.

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

There were no comments.

VIII. Closing Open Forum

There were no comments.

IX. Executive Session

At 8:20 p.m. Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss 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 9:22 p.m. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to return to open session.

X. Adjournment

At 9:23 p.m. Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

District Clerk

Board of Education President