

Greenville Central School District
Board of Education
PROPOSED AGENDA
Business Meeting
Monday
January 11, 2010

7:00 p.m.

High School Library

✓ = Board action is expected.

Information noted in italics is provided as reference and/or background for the Board of Education on the particular matter or item.

I. Call to Order by President Wilton Bear, Jr.

- A. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Roll call and quorum check**
- C. Introduction and welcome of visitors**
- D. Fire evacuation procedures**

✓ **II. Approval of Agenda**

III. Accolades

Congratulations to Leslie Kudlack who has been elected to a position on the Board of Directors of the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teacher (NYSAFLT) as the Director for the Capital Region for 2010-2012. NYSAFLT is a dynamic and effective professional organization supporting the teaching of foreign languages, that is “Languages Other than English” [LOTE] in New York State.

Congratulations to the Greenville High School faculty and administration for receiving authorization to instruct the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme [IB ~DP] at Greenville High School effective September 2010. Appreciation is expressed to Principal Michael Laster and Teacher Melissa Palmer, IB ~DP Coordinator Designate, for their exemplary leadership in achieving this approval and to those many faculty members in the High School who have participated in the required professional development and curriculum writing resulting in this program offering to our students at GCSD.

IV. Forum

NOTE: The 30 minute forum is the time the Board sets aside to hear comments from the public. This is an opportunity for residents to voice concerns or compliments, especially about items on the agenda. However, this is not the time to register complaints about individuals or about items that have not first been addressed through proper channels.

✓ **V. Action Items: A – G:**

✓ **A. Accept Minutes of the Business Meeting of December 14, 2009**

✓ **B. Accept Treasurer’s Report; Appropriation Status Reports for the General, Federal, Cafeteria and Capital Funds; Revenue Report for the General, Federal, Cafeteria and Capital Funds; Student Activities Report; Cafeteria Profit and Loss Statement; and Transfer of Funds for General Fund for the month ending December 31, 2009**

✓ **C. Accept Internal Claims Report for month ending December 31, 2009**

- ✓ **D. Accept Special Student Services Recommendations**
 - 1. **Committee on Special Education from the meetings of December 11, 16, 17 and 22, 2009**
 - 2. **Committee on Special Education for Preschool from the meetings of December 16 and 22, 2009**
- ✓ **E. Approve Personnel Agenda** *(Please refer to the Personnel Agenda attachment)*
- ✓ **F. Business Management**
 - 1. **Accept donations**
 - a. Gilson PipeMan Education Program to the Agriculture & Technology Department for micropipets of various sizes valued at \$1,188.00
(A micropipet is a piece of lab equipment used in DNA work that moves very small volumes of liquid .)
 - b. Kevin Drossel and GNH Lumber to the High School Drama Club for eleven (11) gallons and ten (10) quarts of paint valued at approximately \$20.00 per gallon and \$10.00 per quart
 - 2. **Approve Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemption Rates for 2010:**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville Central School Board of Education establish the Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemption Rates for 2010.
(By law, each municipality must adopt the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption. For the last five years the Board has adopted the same scale as Greene County [Catskill, Coxsackie-Athens, and Cairo-Durham continue to adopt the same scale].
This year the Greene County Legislature will be adopting a maximum income limit of \$19,500.00 with a sliding scale for 2010 [As per Laura J. VanValenburg-Director, Real Property Tax Services, the county limits will not be changing for either exemption. The decision was based on the fact that last year the county increased the limit by \$1,000.00 rather than the usual \$500.00 due to the large increase in Social Security COLA, as well as the 0% increase for the upcoming 2010.] It is recommended to adopt the same scale as the County for the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption and the Disabled Citizen Tax Exemption.

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| Maximum income limit \$19,500.00 | 50% |
| \$19,500.01 - 20,499.99 | 45% |
| 20,500.00 - 21,499.99 | 40% |
| 21,500.00 - 22,499.99 | 35% |
| 22,500.00 - 23,399.99 | 30% |
| 23,400.00 - 24,299.99 | 25% |
| 24,300.00 - 25,199.99 | 20% |
| 25,200.00 - 26,099.99 | 15% |
| 26,100.00 - 26,999.99 | 10% |
| 27,000.00 - 27,899.99 | 5%) |
 - 3. **Approve Agreement for the Greenville Central School District Cafeteria Benefit Plan.**
(Upon execution of this Agreement, the Greenville Central School District agrees to pay Preferred Group Plans, Inc. [PGP] annual and monthly fees which will be due within thirty[30] days after the billing date. A participant is any employee with a salary reduction for Premium Expense, Dependent Care and/or Medical Reimbursement. Changes in the plan or additional reports, requested by the GCSD will be billed as indicated in the rate schedule.)

✓ **G. School Management**

1. Approve Disaster Sheltering Agreement between the Greenville Central School District and the American Red Cross for use of GCSD facilities

(The Northeastern Chapter of the American Red Cross is updating on a two-year basis, the disaster sheltering agreements with school districts. The GCSD will permit, to the extent of its ability and upon request of the Red Cross, the use of its facilities by Red Cross as mass shelters or service centers for victims of disaster. The Red Cross agrees that it will replace or reimburse the GCSD for any supplies or equipment used by the Red Cross.)

2. Approve “The Race to the Top (RTTT)” Memorandum of Understanding between the Greenville Central School District and the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

(RTTT is an unprecedented \$4.35 billion competitive grant program designed to encourage and reward States that are creating conditions for education innovation and reform and are achieving significant improvement in student outcomes. This program is the largest discretionary funding package for education ever offered by the US Department of Education, and New York State is among only four states eligible for the largest grants up to \$700 million.)

VI. Discussion

A. Board Committee report updates

- Quality Education Committee
- Greenville Educational Foundation
- Technology Committee
- Gifted & Talented Committee
- District Planning Committee
- Audit Committee (Report on Federal Compliance Audit)
- Budget Advisory Committee

B. Presentation of new textbooks

1. Title: U.S. History & Government
Author: Andrew Peiser/Michael Serber
Class: U.S. History (11th grade)
Publisher: Amsco
Copyright: 2006
Cost: \$25.00 (hardcover)
Quantity: 80

(This book will replace one purchased in 1999-2000. Recommended by Robert Gray, Social Studies Department Chairperson and HS Principal Michael Laster.)

2. Title: Current Issues in American Democracy
Author: Gerson Antell/Walter Harris
Class: Participation in Government (12th grade)
Publisher: Amsco
Copyright: 2001
Cost: \$13.75 (softcover)
Quantity: 75

(No textbook is currently used for this class. Recommended by Robert Gray, Social Studies Department Chairperson and HS Principal Michael Laster.)

3. Title: Economics for Everybody

Author: Gerson Antell/Walter Harris
Class: Economics (12th grade)
Publisher: Amsco
Copyright: 2007
Cost: \$19.50 (softcover)
Quantity: 75

(This book will replace one purchased in 2000-2001. Recommended by Robert Gray, Social Studies Department Chairperson and HS Principal Michael Laster.)

4. Title: Environmental Systems and Societies Course Companion
Author: Jill Rutherford
Class: International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
Environmental Systems & Societies
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Copyright: 2009
Cost: \$40.00 (softcover)
Quantity: 25

(This is a new textbook for a new course. Recommended by Rachel Anderson, Department Chairperson and HS Principal Michael Laster.)

5. Title: Theory of Knowledge
Author: Richard van de Lagemaat
Class: International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
Theory of Knowledge
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
Copyright: 2005
Cost: \$30.00 (softcover)
Quantity: 25

(This is a new textbook for a new course for 2010-2011 Theory of Knowledge. Recommended by Rachel Anderson, Teacher and HS Principal Michael Laster.)

C. Board of Education Policy 8.160-01 Use of School Facilities

D. Greenville Day 2010 ~ Letter from Community Partners of Greenville

E. Intermunicipal Agreement and draft of Contract

1. Town of Greenville
2. Cairo-Durham Central School District

F. Presentation ~ Ancillary Services

(Operations & Maintenance, Transportation and Food Service)

G. Questar III Workshops

1. School Finance January 23, 2010
(Follow-up meeting from the November 21, 2009 Workshop "Strategies for Surviving a Financial Crisis 8:15 am – 1:30 pm)
2. Connecting District and School Leadership May 20, 2010
(A dinner meeting [6:00-7:30 pm] with Board members invited entitled "Effective Leadership at the District and Building Level", designed to connect Boards to the overall mission and set the stage for the Summer Leadership Institute for school district leadership teams.)

H. Progress on Board of Education Goals

I. Process for Board of Education Policy Review

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

VIII. Closing Open Forum

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IX. Executive Session

It is expected that the Board of Education will adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters concerning particular persons. The Board will return to public session after Executive Session but will not be taking any action and then will adjourn.

Conduct of Executive Sessions: Upon a majority vote of its total membership, taken in an open meeting pursuant to a motion identifying the general area or areas of the subject or subjects to be considered, a public body may conduct an executive session for the below enumerated purposes only, provided, however, that no action by formal vote shall be taken to appropriate public moneys:

- matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;
- any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;
- information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
- discussions regarding proposed, pending, or current litigation;
- collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of Civil Service Law;
- 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;
- the preparation, grading, or administration of exams;
- the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition, sale, or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of these things.

With certain limited exceptions, no official action can be taken on issues discussed in executive session without first returning to public session. An exception includes voting on charges against a tenured teacher. No public body, including a school board may vote to appropriate money during an executive session. All members of the board of education, other than a student board member, and any other person authorized by the board may attend an executive session. Thus, only those people invited by the board may attend. It is important that a school board exercise discretion in deciding whom to invite into executive session because of important confidentiality issues. Board members must maintain confidential information acquired in executive session.

X. Adjournment

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✓ **E. 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 personnel appointments:

1. Unclassified

a. Substitutes

1. Name: Debra Barragan-Suhner
Position: Substitute Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
Effective: December 8, 2009
Salary: \$98.00 per diem
Status: Cleared for employment
2. Name: Samantha DeTillio
Position: Substitute Teacher & Teaching Assistant
Certification: N/A; SUNY Albany Bachelor of Arts
Major History
Effective: December 14, 2009
Salary: \$80.00 per diem
Status: Cleared for employment
3. Name: Melanie Werenczak
Position: Substitute Teacher
Certification: N/A; SUNY College of Environmental Science
& Forestry Bachelor of Science in
Environmental Science
Effective: January 12, 2010
Salary: \$80.00 per diem
Status: Cleared for employment
4. Name: Jordon Church
Position: Substitute Teacher
Certification: Visual Art, Initial
Effective: January 4, 2010
Salary: \$98.00 per diem
Status: Cleared for employment

b. Extra Duty Compensation Clubs 2009-2010

1. Name: Kristine Raskopf
Position: MS Assistant Musical Director
Stipend: \$776.00

c. Extra Duty Compensation Sports 2009-2010

1. Name: Raymond Magee
Position: Co-Coach Boys' Varsity Volleyball
Stipend: \$1,462.00

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| 2. Name: | Stephanie Hamilton |
| Position: | Co-Coach Junior Varsity Cheerleading Co-Coach Varsity Cheerleading |
| Stipend: | JV \$1,215; Varsity \$1,607.50 Total \$2,822.50 |
| 3. Name: | Lisa Johnson |
| Position: | Co-Coach Boys' Modified Basketball |
| Stipend: | \$1,215.00 |
| 4. Name: | Richard Gage |
| Position: | C-Coach Boys' Modified Basketball |
| Stipend: | \$1,215.00 |

c. Afternoon/Evening Chaperone 2009-2010

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| 1. Name: | Sara Statham |
| Position: | Afternoon/Evening Chaperone |
| Stipend: | Per diem (Afternoon \$30.00; Evening \$38.00) |

2. Classified

a. Probationary

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| 1. Name: | Anna LePage |
| Position: | Bus Driver |
| Classification: | GCCS Non-competitive |
| Permanent serving probation: | December 7, 2009 to June 25, 2010 |
| Commencement of Service: | December 7, 2009 |
| Salary: | Year 1 at \$16.78 per hour |
| Status: | Cleared for employment |
| 2. Name: | Dina DeLuca |
| Position: | Clerk Typist |
| Classification: | GCCS Non-competitive |
| Permanent serving probation: | January 4, 2010 to July 16, 2010 |
| Commencement of Service: | January 4, 2010 |
| | <i>(Approved for training 12/29/09)</i> |
| Salary: | Year 1 at \$13.87 |
| Status: | Conditional |

b. Substitutes

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| 1. Name of Appointee: | Jeanette Henry |
| Position: | Substitute Bus Driver |
| Effective: | November 23, 2009 |
| Salary: | \$13.99 per hour |
| Status: | Cleared for employment |
| 2. Name: | JoAnne Battista |
| Position: | Substitute RN |
| Effective: | December 23, 2009 |
| Salary: | \$98.00 per diem |
| Status: | Cleared for employment |

c. Resignation

1. Name:

Kelly Snyder

Position:

Bus Driver

Effective:

January 8, 2010

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.