

Greenville Central School District
Board of Education
Minutes
Business Meeting
Monday
February 8, 2010

7:00 p.m.

High School Library

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, February 8, 2010 in the High School Library. Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

A. Members present: Wilton Bear, Jr.
 Tina Dombroski
 Ann Holstein
 Gregory Lampman
 Anne Mitchell
 Rosanne Stapleton

Member absent: Lawrence Tompkins

Others present: Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent
 Jacqueline O'Halloran, District Clerk
 Donna Accuosti, Elementary Assistant Principal
 Scott Gardiner, Director of Technology
 Colleen Hall, Director of Curriculum and Communications
 Lisa Knowles, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
 Michael Laster, High School Principal
 Peter Mahan, Elementary School Principal
 Karen Morin, Supervisor of Transportation
 Brian Reeve, Middle School Principal
 Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
 Tammy J. Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent for Business
 Scott Turrin, Assistant High School Principal & Director of Athletics
 Paul Ventura, Sr., Food Service Supervisor

There were approximately eighteen (18) visitors to the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton to approve the Agenda for the Business Meeting of February 8, 2010.

III. Accolades

Congratulations were extended to Kathleen Gruhle, Denise Mulholland, Margaret Robertson and Jane Scrafford for successfully facilitating a Pennies for Peace campaign. The Pennies for Peace campaign empowers communities in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan to promote education. These faculty members used this opportunity to reinforce the character education traits of responsibility, citizenship, and empathy with our students as well as broaden cultural awareness as members of a global family. The Board of Education congratulated the teachers and students for their charitable Pennies for Peace donation of \$950.50.

Congratulation on behalf of the Board of Education to the following students that were selected from the Scott M. Ellis Fifth Grade Concert Band to participate in the Spring All-County Festival to be held March 24 and 25, 2010 at Hunter-Tannersville High School: Olivia Baumann, Flute; Amanda Terrell, Clarinet; Katherine Koehler, Alto Saxophone; Austin Case, Trumpet; Silas Yelich, Trombone; Scott Davis, Tuba and Lucas Makely, Percussion

Joseph Chase and Zachary Wellstood, Greenville Central School District 11th grade students attending Tech Valley High School, discussed their educational program at Tech Valley. They discussed their experiences with project based learning as relevant, meaningful work on issues of importance and the development of projects applicable to real world situations. They noted that Technology plays an important role in learning at Tech Valley with a 1:1 student-to-network computer ratio. The relocation of the Tech Valley facility to the University of Albany East campus was a positive change. Students are self-directed lifelong learners who work collaboratively with each other and local businesses at Tech Valley in order at to succeed in today's world. Both students detailed a typical day at the Tech Valley campus.

The Board of Education thanked both Mr. Chase and Mr. Wellstood on their excellent presentation and wished them further success at Tech Valley. Superintendent Dudley complimented the students on their recent presentations and tour provided to the Albany Chamber of Commerce on February 5, 2010.

IV. Forum

District parent and member of the Greenville Friends of Music, Anna Papadakis, commented on the success of Cabaret Night on February 6, 2010 at the Greenville High School. She thanked Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and his staff, Paul Ventura, Sr., Food Service Supervisor and Tracy Churchill, Food Service for all their hard work in making the evening such a success.

V. Action Items: A – G:

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve items (A) – (B):

A. Accept Minutes of the Business Meeting of January 11, 2010

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; Cafeteria Profit and Loss Statement; and Transfer of Funds for General Fund for the month ending January 31, 2010 (FY2010-56)

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

C. Accept Internal Claims Report for month ending January 31, 2010 (FY2010-57)

D. Accept Special Student Services Recommendations

1. Committee on Special Education from the meetings of January 7 and 14, 2010

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve (E) the Personnel Agenda:

E. 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 personnel appointments:

1. Unclassified

a. Leave of Absence

1. Name: Michelle Place
Position: Speech Therapist
Tenure Area: Speech~Remedial
Effective: January 19, 2010 to April 12, 2010
Category: Medical

b. Amended Leave of Absence ~ Extended

1. Name: Jennifer FitzGerald
Position: Special Education
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping
Conditions~General Special Education
Effective: January 25, 2010 through April 26, 2010
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...")

c. Resignation

1. Extra Duty Compensation Sports

a. Name: Richard Gage
Position: Co-Coach Boys' Modified Basketball
Effective: January 27, 2010

d. Substitutes

1. Name: Lisa Meyer
Position: Extended Term Substitute
Certification: Bachelor of Science;
Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) Initial
Effective: December 1, 2009
Salary: \$43,179.00 prorated
Status: Cleared for employment
(According to the current GFA contract Article 1.3, extended term substitute teachers are to be paid on the teacher salary schedule, at the step as determined by the District, for each consecutive day worked for the same teacher for forty-five (45) days or more. Such pay will be retroactive to the first day of employment in that assignment. Effective on the 45th day, the extended term substitute will be entitled to the benefits of the CBA.)

2. Name: Angelica Mera
Position: Substitute Teacher, per diem
(Cairo-Durham)
Certification: N/A;
Effective: February 9, 2010
Salary: \$80.00 per diem
Status: Cleared for employment

3. Name: Kendall Fritze
Position: Substitute Teacher, per diem
Certification: N/A; Bachelor of Arts; Psychology
School Counseling, Provisional
Effective: February 9, 2010

Salary: \$80.00 per diem
Status: Cleared for employment

4. Name: Substitutes per lists for 2009-2010
Positions: Teacher & Teaching Assistant
(FY2010-58)

2. Classified

a. Probationary Appointment

1. Name: Randolph Brown
Position: Bus driver
Classification: GCCS Non-competitive
Permanent serving Probation: February 9 to October 19, 2010
Commencement of Service: February 9, 2010
Salary: Year 1 @ \$16.78 per hour
Status: Cleared for employment

b. Permanent from Probationary

1. Name: Sara Statham
Position: Aide/Monitor
Classification: GCCS Non-competitive
Date of Permanent Appointment: September 1, 2009
Status: Cleared for Employment

(Permanent appointment is retroactive to date of hire. The probationary period will end on February 28, 2010)

2. Name: Lisa Beattie
Position: Food Service
Classification: GCCS Non-competitive
Date of Permanent Appointment: September 9, 2009
Status: Cleared for Employment

(Permanent appointment is retroactive to date of hire. The probationary period will end on March 8, 2010)

3. Name: Tracy Churchill
Position: Food Service
Classification: GCCS Non-competitive
Date of Permanent Appointment: September 1, 2009
Status: Cleared for Employment

(Permanent appointment is retroactive to date of hire. The probationary period will end February 28, 2010)

4. Name: Pamela DeMarco
Position: Food Service
Classification: GCCS Non-competitive
Date of Permanent Appointment: September 1, 2009
Status: Cleared for Employment

(Permanent appointment is retroactive to date of hire. The probationary period will end February 28, 2010)

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c. Substitutes

1. Name:	JoAnne Battista
Position:	Substitute LPN
Effective:	January 11, 2010
Salary:	\$80.00 per diem
Status:	Cleared for employment

2. Name:	Carole Virano
Position:	Substitute Aide/Monitor & Clerical
Effective:	February 9, 2010
Salary:	Per diem: Aide Monitor \$10.54 per hour Clerical \$11.57 per hour
Status:	Cleared for employment

3. Name: Patricia Trippiedi
Position: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective: February 1, 2010
Salary: \$13.99 per hour

4. Name: Substitutes per lists for 2009-2010
Positions: Clerical, Food Service, Cleaner,
Aide/Monitor, Bus Driver
(FY2010-59)

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.

F. Business Management

Rosanne Stapleton moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to approve items (1) –(2):

1. Accept donations

a. Janine's Floral Creations to the Gifted & Talented Committee for \$45.00.

(This donation is to purchase chess boards and timers for student need to benefit the Chess Club through the Gifted & Talented program.)

2. Approve textbooks

a. Title:	<u>U.S. History & Government</u>
Author:	Andrew Peiser/Michael Serber
Class:	U.S. History (11 th 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.)

- b. 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.)
- c. 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.)
- d. 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, Teacher and HS Principal Michael Laster.)
- e. 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.)

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to approve item (3):

3. Approve 2009-2010 Tuition Rates: BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville Central School District Tuition Rates for 2009-2010 be established as follows:

	2008/2009 Actual Rates	2009/2010 Estimated Rates
Regular Education:		
Grades K-6	\$6,261.00	\$7,060.00
Grades 7-12	\$7,127.00	\$9,427.00
Special Education:		
Grades K-6	\$23,081.00	\$22,896.00

Grades 7-12	\$23,947.00	\$25,263.00
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(The estimated tuition rates are based on a formula defined in §174.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner. In previous years the formula used allowed for two rates for Special Education students depending on the level of service. Under the new foundation aid, the formula only allows for one rate. Since we are a “closed” campus, these rates are for the students that have been grandfathered, as well as for foster students. The cost for foster students is charged back to the district that the child attended before being placed in foster care.)

G. School Management

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to approve items (1) – (5):

- 1. Approve request for an increase of \$2,000.00 in support of the Greenville Public Library for a total of \$37,000.00 to be included on the 2010 School District ballot.**
(On advice of Girvin & Ferlazzo, separate proposition(s) are required for each town library. As a point of information, the action by the voters is for the amount of only the increase. There fore, if the resolution is defeated, the funding is maintained at the level from the previous year.)

- 2. Approve Health Service Contract between the Greenville Central School District and the North Greenbush Common School District for \$236.43. (FY2010-60)**
(This contract provides services for 2009-2010 for one [1] GCSD resident student attending the LaSalle Institute in Troy in the amount of \$236.43.)

- 3. Approve Health & Welfare Service Contract between the Greenville Central School District and the Bethlehem Central School District for \$4,554.00. (FY2010-61)**
(This contract provides services for 2009-2010 for two [2] GCSD resident students attending the Bethlehem Children’s School at \$759.00 per student and for four [4] GCSD resident students attending St. Thomas the Apostle School at \$759.00 per student.)

- 4. Approve Tutorial contract between Four Winds Saratoga and the Greenville Central School District for twenty eight dollars (\$28.00) an hour for five (5) hours of instruction per week. (FY2010-62)**
(This contract is for tutorial services for one [1] Greenville Central School district resident student at Four Winds Saratoga at \$28.00 per hour for five [5] hours of instruction per week.)

5. Approve Field Trip

Trip Destination:	Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth, MA
Date:	June 3, 2010; 6:30 am to 8:30 pm
Students:	Grades 3 & 4, approximately 176 students
Chaperones:	3/4 Team, Aides & Nurse

(The approximate cost is \$46.00 per student. Various fundraising activities including bake sales, soup sales, spaghetti suppers and a golf tournament will help defray the financial cost per student.)

VI. Discussion

A. Wireless service on GCSD campus ~ Scott Gardiner

Director of Technology, Scott Gardiner, reported to the Board of Education that wireless internet service on the Greenville Central School District campus , the result of an agreement between the District and Greene County IDA, Service is accessible in the High School and Middle School in designated areas and athletic fields. District wide service will be completed in the near future.

- B. Annual Questar Meeting & Dinner
(Annual Meeting & Dinner to be held at the Questar III Administrative Building on Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Business meeting will start at 5:45 pm with dinner and student presentations to follow. Invitations forthcoming along with the 2010-11 tentative BOCES budget.)
- C. Questar III Conference “Responding to the Fiscal Crisis” Part II
(Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Questar III Conference Center. Lunch will be served. Invitations with RSVP dates are forthcoming)
- D. Presentation ~ Professional Development
 Colleen Hall, Director of Curriculum & Communications, opened the presentation highlighting the following benefits of professional development to increase student achievement:
- The Professional Practices Committee is currently reviewing and revising the district Professional Development Plan
 - Five key elements of quality Professional Development
 - Exploration of theory through discussions
 - Demonstration or modeling of a skill
 - Practice of a skill under simulated conditions
 - Feedback
 - Peer coaching
 - Structures that support Professional Development
 - Professional Practices Committee
 - Quality Education Committee
 - Building Level Teams
 - Mentor Program
 - Director of Curriculum
 - Curriculum Coordinators
 - Staff Development Facilitator
 - Professional Development opportunities at Greenville through workshops and presentations

Elementary Assistant Principal, Donna Accuosti, acknowledged Gail Richmond, Mentor Teacher and Leslie Kudlack District Mentor Coordinator and explained how our Comprehensive Induction program provides interns with the supports and tools needed for success by guiding their work and further developing their skills to handle the full range of their responsibilities. The following interns and mentors spoke briefly about their experiences:

- Mentor Psychologist Pamela Agan Smith with intern Michael Flagg
- Mentor Music Teacher Christine Wegrzyn with intern Alicia Lewis
- Mentor 7th Grade Teacher JoAnn Simmons with teacher Theresa Carlton
- Mentor Social Studies teacher Stephen Siebrecht with teacher Benjamin Katagiri

Ms. Accuosti explained the mission of National Board Certification is to advance the quality of teaching and learning by:

- Maintaining high and rigorous standards for what teachers should know and be able to do
- Providing a national voluntary system certifying teachers who meet these standards, and
- Advocating related educational reforms to integrate National Board Certification in American education and to capitalize on the expertise of the National Board Certified Teachers.
- Teachers Sheila Brady and Rachel Anderson shared their experiences as they continue the process of becoming National Board Certified Teachers in Early Childhood Generalist and Adolescence & Young Adult Science respectively.

The Board of Education thanked Colleen Hall and Donna Accuosti and all teaching personnel for the excellent presentation on Professional Development.

- E. Regulation for BOE Policy 8.160-01 Use of School Facilities
Superintendent Dudley after consultations with the school attorney, it is not necessary to revise the current Administrative Regulation at this time. It is the intent of the Board of Education to have the school campus and facilities accessible to the community in a welcoming manner.
- F. NYSERDA Energy Star Program
Superintendent Dudley will contact some of the designated schools from the New York State Leader Award Recipients recognized by the US Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Program as part of the Board goal for energy conservation.
- G. Board Committee report updates
- Quality Education Committee
Ann Holstein reported that the review of new course initiatives has been completed and there are ongoing discussions regarding curriculum mapping and 21st century outcomes.
 - Greenville Educational Foundation
Ann Holstein reminded the Board of the April 17, 2010 fund raiser for the Foundation at the Mountain View Brassiere. Superintendent Dudley met with new leadership of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital District to lend clarity to endowment funds and special interest funds.
 - Technology Committee
There was no new report.
 - Gifted & Talented Committee
Anne Holstein reported that the Elementary Chess Club is successful with very enthusiastic student members. She also reported that the Committee is discussing the implementation of a compacted third and fourth grade mathematics curriculum.
 - District Planning Committee
Some members of the DPC may visit The College of St. Rose to study energy conservation at the campus. Stieglitz Snyder Architects will provide a summary for the Board from the Saturday Board of Education Workshop on January 30, 2010.
 - Audit Committee
There was no new report. The next Audit Committee meeting is May 10, 2010
 - Budget Advisory Committee
Anne Holstein reported that the instructional, interscholastic athletics and technology portions of the budget were discussed on February 2, 2010. The next BAC meeting will be February 23, 2010.

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

VIII. Closing Open Forum

Board member Ann Holstein thanked the Music Department and Christine Wegrzyn for the wonderful performance and all the hard work involved for Cabaret Night on February 6, 2010.

IX. Executive Session

At 8:49 p.m. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell 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 10:13 p.m. Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to return to open session.

X. Adjournment

At 10:14 p.m. Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

District Clerk

Board of Education President