

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

7:00 p.m.

High School Library

**I. Call to Order**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 8, 2010 in the High School Library. Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

A. Members present:

Wilton Bear, Jr.  
Tina Dombroski  
Ann Holstein  
Gregory Lampman  
Anne Mitchell  
Rosanne Stapleton  
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  
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 three (3) visitors to the meeting.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda for the Business Meeting of March 8, 2010.

**III. Accolades**

Two students from Greenville High School were chosen to participate in the Columbia-Greene Community College (C-GCC) 14th Annual Juried Art Show. Sophomore Matthew Tarbox and senior Stephanie Bouillon had their art work displayed in the C-GCC Foundation Gallery at the campus Arts Center through February 26th. Superintendent Dudley and Board President Bear welcomed Matthew Tarbox to the meeting and complimented him on the realistic nature of his graphite pencil drawing depicting a fox. Congratulations to Matthew and Stephanie, their parents and teacher Sean Stewart on their accomplishments and this prestigious honor.

High School senior, Jonah Coe-Scharff has been selected to participate in the 2010 New York State Band Directors Association (NYSBDA) High School Honor Concert Band. Each year, from hundreds of applicants, Honor Band members are selected by a committee of NYSBDA board members who carefully review each applicant's NYSSMA solo evaluation scores. Jonah will play trombone in the Honor Concert Band under the direction of Dr. William Berz, Professor of Music at the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers, State University of New Jersey. The band rehearsed and performed during the NYS Band Directors Annual Symposium held March 5 -7 in East Syracuse, NY. Selection to this prestigious ensemble results from the demonstration of exceptional musicianship and outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations to Jonah, his parents and teacher Michael Benedict.

#### **IV. Forum**

Board member Lawrence Tompkins commented the Press Event for the Greene Commercial Center, a unique collaboration between C2 Biotechnologies, Greenville Central School District, Questar III and the Greene IDA, a significant partnership joining the business community with education, was very impressive and the District should be proud.

#### **V. Action Items: A – G:**

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve items (A) – (C) below:

**A. Accept Minutes of the Business Meeting of February 8, 2010 and the Workshop of January 30, 2010**

**B. Accept Treasurer's Report; Appropriations 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 February 28, 2010 (FY2010-64)**

**C. Accept Internal Claims Report for month ending February 28, 2010 (FY2010-65)**

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins and carried unanimously to accept item (D) below:

**D. Accept Special Student Services Recommendations**

- 1. Committee on Special Education from the meetings of February 4 and 11, 2010**
- 2. Committee on Special Education for Preschool from the meeting of January 27, 2010**

Tina Dombrosk moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to approve item (E) below:

**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. Substitutes**

1. Name:	Nathan Loomis
Position:	Substitute Teacher (Cairo-Durham)
Certification:	N/A; McGill University, B.A. Philosophy
Effective:	February 22, 2010
Salary:	\$80.00 per diem
Status:	Cleared for employment

2. Name:	Michael Grandone
Position:	Substitute Teacher & Teaching Assistant

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| Certification: | N/A; Queens College CUNY,<br>B.A. English                         |
| Effective:     | St. John's University, M.S. Education<br>March 9, 2010            |
| Salary:        | Teacher: \$80.00 per diem<br>Teaching Assistant: \$75.00 per diem |
| Status:        | Cleared for employment  |
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3. Name: Deborah Belanouane  
 Position: Substitute Teacher & Teaching Assistant  
 Certification: N/A; A. A. Social Science  
 Effective: March 9, 2010  
 Salary: Teacher: \$80.00 per diem  
 Teaching Assistant: \$75.00 per diem  
 Status: Cleared for employment
  
  4. Name: James Raskopf  
 Position: Substitute Teacher & Teaching Assistant  
 Certification: N/A; B.S. Communication/Information  
 Design  
 Effective: March 9, 2010  
 Salary: Teacher: \$80.00 per diem  
 Teaching Assistant: \$75.00 per diem  
 Status: Cleared for employment
  
  5. Name: Melissa Seaburg  
 Position: Substitute Teacher & Teaching Assistant  
 Certification: Childhood Education, Grades 1-6  
 Effective: March 9, 2010  
 Salary: Teacher: \$98.00 per diem  
 Teaching Assistant: \$75.00 per diem  
 Status: Cleared for employment
  
  6. Name: Patience Gully  
 Position: Substitute Teacher  
 Certification: Special Education (Permanent),  
 Reading (Permanent)  
 Pre-K, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6  
 (Permanent)  
 Effective: February 8, 2010  
 Salary: \$98.00 per diem (not represented by the  
 CBA-GFA)  
 Status: Cleared for employment
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- b. Extra Duty Compensation Sports 2009-2010
1. Name: James Silk  
 Position: Varsity Boys' Baseball  
 Stipend: \$3,215.00
  
  2. Name: Kevin Drossel  
 Position: Junior Varsity Boys' Baseball  
 Stipend: \$2,924.00

3. Name:	Lisa Johnson
Position:	Modified Boys' Baseball
Stipend:	\$1,723.00

## 2. Classified

### a. Probationary

1. Name:	Nobalee Monkell
Position:	Aide/Monitor
Classification:	GCCS Non-Competitive
Permanent serving probation:	March 9, 2010 to November 16, 2010
Commencement of Service:	March 9, 2010
Salary:	Year 1 at \$12.64 per hour
Status:	Cleared for employment

### b. Substitutes

1. Name:	Michelle Karpp
Position:	Substitute Aide/Monitor, Food Service & Clerical
Effective:	March 9, 2010
Salary:	Aide/Monitor: \$10.54 per hour Food Service: \$8.75 per hour Clerical: \$11.57 per hour
Status:	Cleared for employment

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

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to approve items (1) – (2) below:

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby designates The Daily Mail as the official newspaper of the District for the remainder of 2009-2010  
(As a result of changes in the local newspaper publishing businesses, the official newspaper of the Greenville Central School District for the remainder of 2009-2010 school year effective March 9, 2010 will be the The Daily Mail. The Greene County Local Courier will still be used for general publicity but not for items such as bid and Board of Education notices.)

Discussion: Impact of the lack of newspapers for district residents of Albany County on the bidding process. Superintendent Dudley recommended The Daily Mail be approved at this time and further research will be completed to provide advertisement of bids.

## 2. Approve donations

- DonorsChoose.org for one (1) Kodak M863 Digital Camera valued at \$116.99 and two (2) desk pads with wood grain binding valued at \$24.99 each.  
(The proposal for this project was developed by school psychologist Michael Flagg. DonorsChoose.org provides an opportunity for public school teachers to post classroom project requests on the website of DonorsChoose.org. All donations to the GCSD must be approved by the Board of Education. DonorsChoose receives a variety of requests from teachers across the nation, for example, pencils for a poetry writing unit, violins for a school recital, and microscope slides for a biology class to name but a few.)

- b. Greene County IDA for equipment and materials for the BioTech Incubator Business in the amount of \$8,528.00 supporting the Greenville Central School District BioTech Agriculture program.
- c. FPI Mechanical for gas and water renovations for the BioTech Incubator Business in the amount of \$5,000.00 supporting the Greenville Central School District BioTech Agriculture program.

## **G. School Management**

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to approve items (1) – (4) below:

- 1. Approve request for an increase of \$2,000.00 in support of the Rensselaerville Library for a total of \$20,000.00 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. Therefore, if the resolution is defeated, the funding is maintained at the level from the previous year.)*

- 2. BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Greenville Central School District approve participation in a study of shared services for centralized records management for Greene County.

*(Whereas, the Greene County Clerk, Michael Flynn has requested the Greenville Central School District to participate in a study that will examine the issue of a centralized records management center that will include Towns, Villages, School Districts and Fire Districts in Greene County. This study will examine the viability of the Greene County Clerk's Office to provide management of inactive records in a centralized location which could relieve local jurisdictions of the need to individually duplicate this task.*

*Whereas, this study is premised on the successful grant application to the New York State Department of State. The New York State Department of State requires that the Greene County Clerk demonstrate by resolution that Towns, Villages and School Districts have an interest in this study.*

*Whereas, the Greenville Central School District is agreeing only to participate in a study to examine the need and viability of such a centralized records management center. This resolution does not obligate the Greenville Central School District to participate in the potential effort to centralize records management.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville Central School District does hereby agree to participate in a study of a centralized records management center.)*

- 3. Approve Agreement between the Greenville Central School District and the Catskill Central School District for \$33,492.00 (FY2010-66)**

*(This is tuition for one [1] GCSD resident student to attend the CCSD Middle School 8:1:1 classroom. The estimated non-resident tuition rate is \$33,492.00.)*

- 4. Approve Amended "The Race to the Top (RTTT)" Memorandum of Understanding between the Greenville Central School District and the New York State Education Department (NYSED)**

*(This is a revised and second submission of the application. 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**

Ann Holstein reported the meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and the next meeting is Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

- **Greenville Educational Foundation**

Ann Holstein reported 50 tickets at \$28.00 each are available for the fund raiser at the Mountain View Brassiere on April 17, 2010.

- **Technology Committee**

Lawrence Tompkins reported the meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and the next meeting is March 16, 2010.

- **Gifted & Talented Committee**

Ann Holstein reported that the meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather a date will be scheduled in May for a Giffy's Chicken Barbeque.

- **District Planning Committee**

Wilton Bear reported that the scheduled meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

- **Audit Committee**

Lawrence Tompkins reported the Committee has not met since last report.

- **Budget Advisory Committee**

Ann Holstein reported the meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and the next meeting will be Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

### **B. Budget Workshops & Vote**

<i>Monday</i>	<i>February 22</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>High School Library</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>March 1</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>High School Library</i>
Monday	March 15	7:00 pm	High School Library
Monday	April 5	7:00 pm	High School Library
Questar III Vote & Election: Tuesday	April 27	6:00 pm	District Office
Voter Registration: Wednesday	May 5	3:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Ellis Elevator Lobby
Annual Budget Hearing: Tuesday	May 11	7:00 p.m.	High School Auditorium
Budget Vote: Tuesday	May 18	1:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Elementary Cafeteria

C. School Calendar 2010-2011

Superintendent Dudley requested the Board review the proposed calendar and will request Board action in April for the 2010-2011 School Calendar

D. Greene County School Boards Dinner March 18, 2010

It was noted that Superintendent Dudley, Tammy Sutherland, and Board members Wilton Bear, Jr., Tina Dombroski, Ann Holstein, Gregory Lampman, Rosanne Stapleton and Lawrence Tompkins will be attending the Greene County School Boards dinner on March 18, 2010 at Catskill High School. The District Clerk will RSVP.

E. School Tool and the Parent Portal ~ Scott Gardiner

Director of Instructional Technology, Scott Gardiner, discussed the use of the parent portal in School Tool school management system. The parent portal is one way the Technology Committee is meeting their goal of engaging the parents in our school community. Parents will be able to access information regarding their child's grades and attendance. Teacher email is easily accessible from the live site. By September 2010 School Tool will be accessible electronically to all parents.

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

Concern regarding district parents' accessibility to the Internet to utilize School Tool was noted. Superintendent Dudley suggested that parent access to the Internet can be determined in the Effective School Survey and to families new to the District through the registration process.

**VIII. Closing Open Forum**

Board member Rosanne Stapleton commented on how nice Girl Scout's International Day was at the High School this past weekend.

**IX. Executive Session**

At 7:59 p.m. Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Ann Holstein 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 and collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of Civil Service Law. At 10:02 p.m. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to return to open session.

**X. Adjournment**

At 10:03 p.m. Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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District Clerk

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Board of Education President