

Greenville Central School District
Board of Education
Minutes
Business Meeting
Monday
January 12, 2009

7:00 p.m.

High School Library

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, December 8, 2008 in the High School Library. Wilton Bear, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Wilton Bear, Jr.
Tina Dombroski
Ann Holstein
Gregory Lampman
Anne Mitchell
Rosanne Stapleton (7:03)
Lawrence Tompkins

Others presents: Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent
Jacqueline O'Halloran, District Clerk
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
Jeffrey Palmer, 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 eight (8) visitors to the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda for the Business Meeting of January 12, 2009.

III. Accolades

Joseph Chase and Melissa Silvia, Greenville Central School District 10th grade students who attend Tech Valley High School presented an overview of Tech Valley High School. Innovative methods of learning prepare students to participate in the growing high-tech and global economy. Tech Valley High School helps students develop 21st century skills, meet New York State learning standards in all subjects and apply their learning in real-world projects. Both Joseph Chase and Melissa Silvia commented that the school emphasizes collaboration and partnerships and highlighted the following advantages of attending Tech Valley:

- preparedness for the future
- unique opportunities
- project based learning
- developing good work ethics and becoming self-directed
- summer work projects and community service

The Board of Education congratulated both students, wished them continued success at Tech Valley High School, and thanked them for their presentation.

IV. Forum

There were no comments.

V. Action Items: A – G:

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to accept the following items (A) – (D):

A. Accept Minutes of the Business Meeting of December 8, 2008.

B. Accept Treasurer's Report; Appropriation Status Reports for the General, Federal, Cafeteria, Capital Funds and Student Activities; 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 December 31, 2008 (FY2009-39)

C. Accept Internal Claims Report for month ending December 31, 2008 (FY2009-40)

D. Accept Special Student Services Recommendations

1. Committee on Special Education from the meetings of December 1, 3 and 4, 2008

(No Recommendations on Special Preschool)

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve (E):

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

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| 1. Name of Appointee: | Susan Carpenter |
| Position: | Substitute Teacher & Teaching Assistant |
| Certification: | N/A; Siena College, Bachelors of Business Administration; European University, Montreux, Switzerland, Masters of Business Administration |
| Effective: | December 4, 2008 |
| Salary: | Per diem \$75.00 |
| Status: | Cleared for employment |
| 2. Name of Appointee: | Samantha Katagiri |
| Position: | Substitute Teacher |
| Certification: | N/A; Quinnipiac University Fall 2006-present |
| Effective: | December 8, 2008 |
| Salary: | Per diem \$75.00 |
| Status: | Cleared for employment |
| 3. Name of Appointee: | Rachel Gevlin |
| Position: | Substitute Teacher |
| Certification: | N/A; 73 undergraduate credits |
| Effective: | January 13, 2008 |
| Salary: | Per diem \$75.00 |
| Status: | Cleared for employment |

b. Extra Duty Compensation 2008-2009

1. Sports

- a. Name of Appointee: Carrie McIntyre
Position: Modified Cross Country
Stipend: \$1,665.00
- b. Name of Appointee: Robert Bentley, Jr.
Position: Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach
Stipend: \$2,348.00
- c. Name of Appointee: John Hicks
Position: Modified Boys' Basketball
Stipend: \$2,348.00

2. Classified

a. Resignation

1. Name: April Bishop
Position: Cleaner
Effective: December 7, 2008
(This resignation is contingent on Ms. Bishop's appointment as a custodian below)

b. Appointment

1. Name of Appointee: Donna Mayr
Position: Night Foreperson
Classification: GCCS Non-Competitive
Probationary Period: N/A
Commencement of Service: December 8, 2008
Stipend: Pro-rated at \$1,996.50
Status: Cleared for employment
(Ms. Mayr is a custodian; additional duties will be added to her current job duties. The salary is paid as a stipend and is split between two employees assigned to different buildings.)

c. Probationary

1. Name of Appointee: April Bishop
Position: Custodian
Classification: GCCS Competitive
Probationary Period: December 8, 2008 to June 7, 2009
Commencement of Service: December 8, 2008
Salary: Year 6 at \$14.82 per hour
Status: Cleared for employment
2. Name of Appointee: Andrea Wilson
Position: Bus Driver
Classification: GCCS Non-Competitive
Probationary Period: December 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009
Commencement of Service: December 1, 2008
Salary: Year 1 at \$16.21 per hour
Status: Cleared for employment

d. Substitutes

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| 1. Name of Appointee: | Susan Carpenter |
| Position: | Substitute Clerical & Aide/Monitor |
| Effective: | January 13, 2009 |
| Status: | Cleared for employment |
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| 2. Name of Appointee: | Sharlene Szandyba |
| Position: | Substitute Aide/Monitor |
| Effective: | January 13, 2009 |
| Status: | Cleared for employment |
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| 3. Name of Appointee: | Paula Spahmer |
| Position: | Substitute Clerical & Aide/Monitor |
| Effective: | January 13, 2009 |
| Status: | Cleared for employment |
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| 4. Name of Appointee: | Thomas Mitchell |
| Position: | Substitute Technology Assistant |
| Effective: | December 1, 2008 |
| 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

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins and carried unanimously to approve items (1) and (2):

1. Approve Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemption Rates for 2009: BE IT

RESOLVED that the Greenville Central School Board of Education establish the Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemption Rates for 2009

(By law, each municipality must adopt the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption. For the last four 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 2009 (increase of \$1000.00). It is my recommendation that we continue to adopt the same scale as the County for the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption and the Disabled Citizen Tax Exemption.

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%)

2. Accept Fire Safety Reports (FY2009-41)

✓ **G. School Management**

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to approve (1):

- 1. Budget Advisory Committee Membership:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints the additional individuals to the Budget Advisory Committee for 2008-2009:

Elementary Parent Member

Taknika Salvio

Middle/High School Parent Member

Michelle Gage

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve items (2), (3) and (4):

- 2. Approve Cross Contract with Capital Region BOCES to provide educational services to students admitted to Ellis Hospital Psychiatric Unit to provide the educational component of in-patient service for \$98.00 per day during the student's stay in the hospital. (FY2009-42)**

(This provides for required educational services to any Greenville Central School District resident student[s] who may be admitted to and are eligible for services in the Ellis Hospital Psychiatric Unit during the 2008-2009 school year. This educational component offered by the Capital Region BOCES will be provided by a teacher and a teaching assistant on a full-time basis and a half-time social worker.)

- 3. Approve Health Service Contract with the North Greenbush Common School District in the amount of \$204.81 for one (1) Greenville Central School District resident student for the 2008-2009 school year. (FY2009-43)**

(This contract provides for health and welfare services for one (1) Greenville Central School District resident student attending LaSalle Institute in Troy for the 2008-2009 school year.)

- 4. Approve Health Service Contract with the Bethlehem Central School District in the amount of \$4,452.00 for six (6) Greenville Central School District resident students at \$742.00 each for the 2008-2009 school year. (FY2009-44)**

(This contract provides for health and welfare services for a total of six [6] Greenville Central School District resident students, three [3] students attending St. Thomas the Apostle School and three [3] students attending the Bethlehem Children's School, all within the Bethlehem Central School District, for the 2008-2009 school year.)

VI. Discussion

A. Update on Capital Projects

Assistant Superintendent for Business, Tammy J. Sutherland provided the following updates regarding the Scott M. Ellis Project (EXCEL):

- the asbestos abatement was completed over the December break and all air samples came back clear
- the work area has been enclosed so that heat can be provided for the foundation concrete work
- inspections have been completed for both the sub base and for the steel rebar for the footings and both passed
- the footings are scheduled for pour on Wednesday morning (January 14, 2009)
- work above ground should begin within two weeks

Board member Gregory Lampman inquired as to whether or not the schedule for completion has been delayed and Ms. Sutherland responded that they are approximately four weeks behind.

B. Saturday, January 31 Workshop

(A Board of Education Workshop will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the High School Library. The members of the Town and Planning Boards from the following communities within the Greenville Central School District have been invited:

*Berne, Cairo, Coeymans, Conesville, Cossackie, Durham, Greenville
New Baltimore, New Scotland, Rensselaerville, Westerlo)*

Superintendent Dudley stated that individual invitations and agendas will go to all the Town Board Members and Town Planning Board Members for the January 31, 2009 Board of Education Workshop. All potential participants were notified of the meeting date in December 2008 through their respective Town Clerks.

C. Saturday, January 24 Workshop

(The workshop scheduled for Saturday January 24, 2009 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, sponsored by Questar III BOCES, "Fiscal Decision Making for School District Leaders during Challenging Economic Times", will be held at the Questar III BOCES Conference Center. Districts are encouraged to send a team to participate including District BOE members, superintendent, as well as district and school administrators.)

Any Board of Education members interested in attending the Questar III Workshop for January 24, 2009 should contact the District Clerk.

D. Gifted and Talented Committee Presentation

Peter Mahan, Elementary Principal, introduced Eric Herbstritt, Elementary PTSA President, to present the Board with information regarding Greenville Central School's Gifted and Talented Program at the Elementary School. Mr. Herbstritt highlighted the following goals of the Gifted and Talented Committee:

- To increase and achieve academic excellence demonstrated by performance and mastery level knowledge and competencies the New York State Standards
- To increase students' ability to achieve, communicate, and plan in the digital global community
- To assist in communicating K-12 enrichment opportunities for faculty and parents

Michael Laster, High School Principal highlighted the following regarding the International Baccalaureate Programme being initiated at the High School:

- The IB Programme goal is to provide students with the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills to succeed in a rapidly changing, 21st century global society.
- The IB diploma programme is a two (2) year academically challenging and balanced curriculum with final examinations that prepare students for university and life success.
- Benefits of the IB diploma programme: it is a two year option for 11th and 12th graders; it is widely recognized for credit at leading universities worldwide; it encourages students to ask challenging questions, learn how to learn, develop a strong sense of self and ability to understand their own and other cultures.
- Fall of 2010 implementation of anticipated IB Programme course offerings at Greenville.

E. Enews and Events Calendar

Colleen Hall, Director of Curriculum and Communications, shared with the Board of Education the December 2008 *e-news*. The Greenville Central School District launched its first *e-news* October 24, 2008 and to date 400 people subscribe. Ms. Hall thanked Questar III and Scott Gardiner for their help with initiating this new project. Board member Anne Mitchell asked how we were advertising for *e-news* and Ms. Hall explained that there are sign-up sheets in all schools for parents to register for *e-news*, sign-up sheets at all school concerts, and advertisements have been sent to our local newspapers. Ms. Hall also demonstrated how to access the school district's website and events calendar. Superintendent Dudley thanked Ms. Hall for all her hard work on instituting the GCSD *e-news*.

F. Questar III Calendar for 2009-2010~Proposed

Superintendent Dudley commented that a recommendation for the District calendar for 2009-2010 will be prepared in the near future based on the final Questar III 2009-2010 calendar..

**G. NYSSBA 2009 State Issues Conference and Rally: “Fighting for Our Future”
March 1, 2 and 3, 2009**

There was no interest from the Board to attend this rally.

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 7:58 p.m. Lawrence Tompkins 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 8:45 p.m. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to return to open session.

X. Adjournment

At 8:46 p.m. Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

District Clerk

Board of Education President