

Greenville Central School District
Board of Education
Minutes
Business Meeting
Monday
February 9, 2009

7:00 p.m.

High School Library

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, August 11, 2008 in the High School Library. Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Others presents: Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent
Jacqueline O'Halloran, District Clerk
Donna Accuosti, Elementary Assistant Principal
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 six (6) visitors to the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda for the Business Meeting of February 9, 2009.

III. Accolades

The faculty at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School thanked the Greenville Rotarians for their generous donation of dictionaries. Each year third grade students are given a dictionary by the Rotary Club of Greenville. The dictionaries are a valuable tool that will be well used by students for years to come. Also thanked were Robin Frechette and Wells Packard for personally presenting the dictionaries to the third graders.

Peter Mahan Elementary Principal introduced faculty members, Kathleen Nelson and Pamela Hollinde, to the Board of Education to present information on the elementary technology program. The first project presented by Kathleen Nelson engaged students in sharing holiday greetings with students from across the United States. Highlights included:

- Goal #1 provided students with access to a variety of resources which enable them to be critical thinkers and develop skills for their future study and employment.
- Goal #2 was to increase the student's ability to achieve, communicate, and plan in the digital community.
- Student used digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively.
- Students used Google Maps for a map of Greenville and Google Earth to research the towns they were communicating with.

The second project presented by Pamela Hollinde engaged first and second grade students in an interdisciplinary study of maps and communities. Students had to define what a community is and identify the basic needs of a community. They drew "birds-eye view" maps of their community. Students will understand the relationships and common themes that connect mathematics, science, and technology and apply the themes to these and other areas of learning.

IV. Forum

There were no comments from the public. Board member Gregory Lampman congratulated the Greenville Varsity Boys' basketball team on their exciting 54-52 historic victory over Patroon Conference leader Maple Hill on February 4, 2009.

V. Action Items: A – G:

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to approve the following (A) – (D):

A. Accept Minutes of the Business Meeting of January 12, 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; Cafeteria Profit and Loss Statement; and Transfer of Funds for General Fund for the month ending January 31, 2009 (FY2009-45)

C. Accept Internal Claims Report for month ending January 31, 2009 (FY2009-46)

D. Accept Special Student Services Recommendations

- 1. Committee on Special Education from the meetings of December 10 & 18, 2008 and January 5 & 15, 2009.**
- 2. Committee on Special Education for Preschool from the meetings of December 17 & 18, 2008 and January 14, 2009.**

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Rosanne Stapleton and carried unanimously to approve (E) the Personnel Agenda.

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

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| Name of Appointee: | Courtney Longton |
| Position: | Extended Term Substitute |
| Tenure Area: | N/A |
| Probationary Period: | N/A |

Certification: Childhood Education Grades 1-6, Initial;
Literacy Education Initial pending
Effective: January 12, 2009
Salary: Column IV Step 1 at \$42,898.00 per year
Status: Cleared for Employment

2. Name of Appointee: Amanda Bowden
Position: Substitute Teacher & Teaching Assistant
Certification: N/A; BS Psychology, SUNY Oneonta
Effective: January 8, 2009
Salary: \$75.00 per diem
Status: Cleared for employment
3. Name of Appointee: Mentor Nimani
Position: Substitute Teacher & Teaching Assistant
Certification: N/A; Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy May 2003 Master of Arts, International 7 Comparative Law 2001; Graduate Jurist Degree 1996
Effective: January 28, 2009
Salary: \$75.00 per diem
Status: Cleared for employment

b. Extra Duty Compensation 2008-2009

1. Clubs

- a. Name of Appointees: Janine Martin, Jennifer Fitzgerald & Jacqueline Moylan
Position: Co-Middle School Assistant Musical Directors
Stipend: \$750.00 Total

2. Mentors

- a. Name of Appointee: Kathleen Nelson
Assigned to: Courtney Longton
Effective: February 10, 2009 to June 30, 2009
Salary: \$1,750.00 prorated

2. Classified

a. Leave of Absence

1. Name: April Bishop
Position: Custodian
Effective: February 16, 2009 to February 27, 2009
Category: Medical Leave without pay

b. Probationary

1. Name of Appointee: Douglas Steere
Position: Assistant Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds
Classification: GCCS Competitive
Probationary Period: February 10, 2009 to August 9, 2009
Commencement of Service: February 10, 2009
Salary: \$49,000 (2008-2009 school year)
Status: Cleared for employment

(The Greenville Central School District was notified on January 22, 2009 that Mr. Steere passed the Greene County Civil Service exam on November 1, 2008 with the highest score.)

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

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

- 1. 2008-2009 Tuition Rates: BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville Central School District Tuition Rates for 2008-2009 be established as follows:**

Grades K – 6 \$6,612.00
Grades 7 – 12 \$7,477.00

Special Education:
Grades K – 6 \$23,640.00
Grades 7 – 12 \$24,505.00

(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.)

- 2. Award surplus bids (FY2009-47)**

(Bids were opened in the District Office on Wednesday, January 14, 2009. There were two [2] bidders, one of whom is ineligible as an employee of the district according to Board of Education Policy #4.310. It is recommended to award a bid to: Dory Benning in the amount of \$25.00. All bids are on file in the District Office.)

- 3. Approve Declaration of Surplus**

(The following items listed below by Scott Gardiner, Director of Technology, for declaration of surplus are excess, damaged, technologically outdated or incompatible with current systems or not energy efficient due to age:

*Two hundred [200] Compaq EN Pentium III 733 Mhz desktop computers
purchased in Summer of 2000*

Thirty [30] various brand 15” CRT monitors in various conditions)

- 4. Approve donation to the Greenville FFA in memory of Anne Anderson from August Jones in the amount of \$40.00.**

- 5. Approve special individualized contract with Four Winds Saratoga for tutorial services for one Greenville Central School inpatient student at the rate of \$28.00 per hour for ten (10) hours of instruction per week. (FY 2009-48)**

G. School Management

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve item (1):

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Sharlene Szandyba as a parent member on the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

(Ms. Szandyba was appointed as a substitute aide/monitor at the January 12, 2009 Board of Education meeting and therefore must resign as a parent member of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.)

VI. Discussion

- A. Update on Capital Projects~Scott M. Ellis Project (EXCEL):
Tammy J. Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent for Business informed the Board that steel will be erected starting February 17, 2009 and during the following week all construction will all be above ground and mason work will begin.
- B. Saturday, January 31 Workshop
Three towns were represented at the Workshop on Saturday, January 31, 2009: Greenville, Rensselaerville and New Baltimore. Perspectives on each town's long range plans were discussed. Ideas were shared on preserving rural character while also encouraging new business and growth. Board of Education members were enthusiastic on keeping lines of communication open with all eleven towns that comprise the District and continuing this Workshop in the future.
- C. Discussion on the proposed Greenville Central School District Calendar for 2009-2010
Superintendent Dudley thanked Colleen Hall, Jeffrey Palmer and the Calendar Committee for the draft of the 2009-2010 school district calendar. The calendar will be placed on the March 2009 Board of Education's agenda for action.

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 7:48 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 9:13 p.m. Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to return to open session.

X. Adjournment

At 9:14 p.m. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

District Clerk

Board of Education President