

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

7:00 p.m.

High School Library

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 9, 2009 in the High School Library. Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Members present: Wilton Bear, Jr.
 Tina Dombroski
 Ann Holstein (7:05 p.m.)
 Gregory Lampman
 Anne Mitchell
 Rosanne Stapleton (7:12 p.m.)
 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 twenty-six (26) visitors to the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda for the March 9, 2009 meeting.

III. Accolades

Superintendent Dudley, Tammy Sutherland, and Karen Morin presented Peter Whitbeck a plaque in memory of his brother John Whitbeck.. She expressed her thanks for John's four years of service as a bus driver for the children of the Greenville School District.

Middle School Principal Jeffrey Palmer introduced Challenge Teacher Jacqueline Moylan to provide an overview of the Middle School Enrichment Program. Students assisting in the presentation were six graders Caroline Bobrick and Zoe Rudloff and eighth graders, David Herbstritt and Kate Kulas. Presentation highlights included:

- Book Making
- Robotics
- Understanding the Stock Market
- Computer Enrichment

High School Principal Michael Laster introduced high school students, Emily Evans and Dylan Dombroski who presented the following benefits regarding the Accelerate U Program:

- Internet based instructional student online course
- Positive effect on ability to meet all students' needs and interests
- High quality, engaging courses
- Course offerings aligned with New York State Standards and Regents diploma requirements
- New York State certified and Accelerate U-trained teachers to teach online
- Engaging instructional content
- Due enrollment, once local offerings have been exhausted
- Opportunity to take courses not offered at Greenville High School

IV. Open Forum

Several Greenville baseball students expressed to the Board of Education their support of James Silk, the 2007-2008 baseball coach followed by a few parents from the community who also supported his coaching abilities.

V. Action Items: A – G:

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

A. Accept Minutes of the Business Meeting of February 9, 2009 and the Workshop of January 31, 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 February 28, 2009 (FY2009-49)

C. Accept Internal Claims Report for month ending February 28, 2009 (FY2009-50)

D. Accept Special Student Services Recommendations

- 1. Committee on Special Education from the meetings of January 21 & 22, 2009 and February 3, 4, 5, 6 & 10, 2009**
- 2. Committee on Special Education for Preschool from the meetings of February 5, 2009**

E. Approve Personnel Agenda

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to approve (E) the 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. Tenure Appointment

1. Name of Appointee: Peter Mahan
Tenure Area: Administration, Elementary Principal
Commencement of service on Tenure: March 1, 2009
Certification Status: Permanent-School District
(SDA & SAS) School Psychologist, Permanent
(Mr. Mahan also has previously been appointed to service on Tenure in K-12 Administration.)

b. Substitutes

1. Name of Appointee: Kelly Mitchell
Position: Substitute Teacher
Certification: Nursery, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6 Permanent
Effective: March 10, 2009
Salary: \$90.00 per diem
Status: Cleared for Employment
2. Name of Appointee: Paul Byron
Position: Substitute Teacher & Teaching Assistant
Certification: Physical Education Initial expiring 1/31/10
Effective: March 10, 2009
Salary: \$90.00 per diem
Status: Cleared for Employment

c. Extra Duty Compensation Before/After School 2008-2009

1. Name of Appointee: Denise Mulholland
Subject Area: ELA/Math Extra Help (.5 Unit)
2. Name of Appointee: Kate Gruhle (.5 Unit)
Subject Area: ELA/Math Extra Help
(Before/After School ELA/Math Support was for a total of seven [7] units, anticipated effective dates from September 14, 2008 to March 13, 2009. One unit equals thirty [30] days for a stipend of \$1,500.00 per unit.)

d. Extra Duty Compensation Sports 2008-2009

1. Name of Appointee: Kevin Drossel
Position: Modified Boys' Baseball
Stipend: \$1665.00
2. Name of Appointee: Brian Haller
Position: Co-coach Varsity Girls' Softball
Stipend: \$1,553.00
3. Name of Appointee: Christopher Hagan
Position: Co-coach Varsity Girls' Softball
Stipend: \$1,553.00
4. Name of Appointee: Casey Gannon
Position: Junior Varsity Girls' Softball
Stipend: \$2,825.00

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| 5. Name of Appointee: | Margaret Finch |
| Position: | Varsity Girls' Track |
| Stipend: | \$3,530.00 |
| 6. Name of Appointee: | Carrie McIntyre |
| Position: | Boys' Varsity Track |
| Stipend: | \$3,530.00 |
| 7. Name of Appointee: | Gloria Bear |
| Position: | Modified Girls' Track |
| Stipend: | \$1,322.00 |
| 8. Name of Appointee: | Ryan Morris |
| Position: | Modified Boys' Track |
| Stipend: | \$1,322.00 |
| 9. Name of Appointee: | Robert Gray |
| Position: | Varsity Tennis |
| Stipend: | \$2,348.00 |
| 10. Name of Appointee: | Victor Zeh |
| Position: | Winter Intramurals |
| Stipend: | \$1,009.00 |
| 11. Name of Appointee: | Victor Zeh |
| Position: | Spring Intramurals |
| Stipend: | \$1,009.00 |

2. Classified

a. Resignation

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| 1. Name: | Brittany Collins |
| Position: | Licensed Practical Nurse |
| Effective: | March 3, 2009 |

b. Substitutes

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| 1. Name of Appointee: | Karla Porto |
| Position: | Substitute Aide/Monitor, Food Service, Cleaner |
| Effective: | March 10, 2009 |
| Status: | Cleared for employment |
| 2. Name of Appointee: | Dawn Becker |
| Position: | Substitute Bus Driver |
| Effective: | February 23, 2009 |
| Status: | Cleared for employment |
| 3. Name of Appointee: | Nobalee Monkell |
| Position: | Substitute Clerical & Food Service |
| Effective: | March 10, 2009 |
| 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

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to approve the following items (1) – (7):

- 1. Accept donation from the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region to the Greenville Central School District for \$600.00.**

(Judy Spring will receive two hundred dollars [\$200.00] for an interdisciplinary project based on the Revolutionary time period and Sean Stewart will be granted four hundred dollars [\$400.00] for an art in education experience based on the 40th anniversary of the exploration of the Hudson River. The Trustees of the Foundation re excited to offer their first grants and are grateful to the Board of Education for their ole in accepting these donations.)

- 2. Accept donation to Scott M. Ellis Elementary from General Mills Box Tops for Education in the amount of \$482.40.**

(This donation will be used to offset field trip expenses at Scott M. Ellis.)

- 3. Approve special individualized contract with Four Winds Saratoga and the Greenville Central School District at the rate of \$28.00 per hour for ten (10) hours of instruction per week. (FY2009-51)**

(This contract is for tutorial services for one [1] Greenville Central School District resident student as an inpatient at Four Winds.)

- 4. Approve Contract with Capital Region BOCES and Ellis Hospital Psychiatric Unit to provide the educational component of inpatient service in the amount of \$98.00 per day. (FY2009-52)**

(This unit is designed as a short-term, acute stay unit with a projected average length of stay of approximately ten days. The unit is designed to serve adolescents in the nine county Capital District area as well as adjacent counties. This educational component is currently for one [1] Greenville Central School District resident student.)

- 5. Approve change order for the Scott M. Ellis Elementary (EXCEL) project in the amount of \$5,298.00. (FY2009-53)**

(An allowance for discovered conditions is incorporated in the contract for every contractor. There is an allowance in the amount of \$15,000.00 in the contract between the District and the General Contractor. Additional costs beyond this allowance from the contingency allocation for the project, still within the total project budget, require approval by the Board of Education in the form of a change order. The change order provides for removing an existing manhole, relocating and repairing a sanitary line, relocating and repairing Electrical Duct Bank [conduit encased in concrete]. Change Order #1 consists of the amount necessary to relocate the sanitary line [beyond the allowance], repair existing 8" storm drainage line, relocate existing sump pump drain line and adding 3/4" crushed stone to the foundation.)

- 6. Approve the solicitation of bids for a 4 x 4 regular cab pickup truck with plow and liftgate.**

(The bid specifications will be completed by Thursday, March 5, 2009.)

- 7. Special Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the District Office**

(The purpose of the meeting is for the Greenville Central School Board of Education to vote on the proposed Questar III Administrative Budget & Election.)

G. School Management

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve the following items (1) – (4):

- 1. Approve request for an increase of \$2,500.00 in support of the Greenville Public Library for a total of \$35,000.00 to be included on the 2009 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 request for an increase of \$3,000.00 in support of the Rensselaerville Library for a total of \$18,000.00 to be included on the 2009 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.)
- 3. Approve 2009-2010 School District Calendar (FY2009-54)**
(The Calendar Committee prepared a preliminary calendar for the 2009-2010 school year taking into consideration the Questar III and Capital Region BOCES' calendars.)
- 4. Adopt textbooks**
 - a) Title: A Survey American History
Author: Alan Brinkley
Class: Advanced Placement US History
Publisher: McGraw-Hill
Copyright: 2008
Cost: \$107.00
Quantity: Thirty-five (35)
(This textbook will replace a 1998 text and was recommended by Principal Michael Laster and teachers Robert Gray and Corrina Bright.)
 - b) Title: Algebra 2 and Trigonometry
Author: Ann Xavier Gantert
Class: Math 11
Publisher: Amsco School Publications, Inc.
Copyright: 2009
Cost: \$37.00
Quantity: Seventy (70)
(This textbook will replace a 2003 text and was recommended by Principal Michael Laster and the High School Math Department teachers)

VI. Discussion

A. Update on Capital Projects

Tammy J. Sutherland discussed the Construction Schedule presented by Zandri Construction Corporation. The anticipated completion date is for the end of April or early May.

B. Reminders regarding the GCSD Budget Workshops and Vote:

(There are two [2] remaining Board of Education Budget Workshops:

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| <i>Monday</i> | <i>March 16</i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> | <i>High School Library</i> |
| <i>Monday</i> | <i>April 6</i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> | <i>High School Library</i> |

Voter Registration:
Wednesday May 6 2:00pm to 7:00pm Elementary School Library

Annual Budget Hearing:
Tuesday May 12 7:00 p.m. High School Auditorium

Budget Vote:
Tuesday May 19 1:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. Elementary Cafeteria)

C. Reminder:

High School presents the Musical Pippin
(High School Musical Director, Jonathan Meredith, will be presenting the Musical Pippin with a cast of nearly 40 students for their production on April 24, 25 and 26. Tickets will become available in early April through the Main Office.)

D. Board of Education Policy #6.170 on Residency

(The current Board of Education Policy 6.170 authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to admit one student annually who holds a J-1 Visa participating in an exchange program with Greenville High School [e.g. Rotary]. It is anticipated that there will be more than one request for the 2009-2010 school year for students holding a J-1 Visa.)

Board members discussed the attendance and impact of foreign exchange students at the Greenville Central School District for the 2009-2010 school year. After a review of Board Policy #6.170, it was agreed to make an exception for the upcoming school year to allow for the possibility of two exchange students. The following motion was made:

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to:
 Approve an exception to Board of Education Policy #6.170 to admit one (1) more student for the 2009-1010 school year who holds a J-1 Visa participating in a student exchange program with the Greenville High School.

E. Actuarial Valuation Postretirement Benefit Report

(GASB 45 [Governmental Accounting Standards Board] is a regulation which requires school districts to quantify the cost of providing post employment benefits other than pension benefits. For the Greenville Central School District these are premiums paid by the District on behalf of the eligible retirees for health insurance and prescription drug costs. The completion of an actuarial valuation is required as part of the process to comply with GASB 45. GASB 45 requires an expense item to be reflected on the financial statement that includes the benefits earned by active employees during the fiscal year, plus a portion of benefits already earned by both active and retired employees. GASB 45 implementation date for the Greenville Central School District is for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2009. Greenville contracted with Questar III to perform the required Actuarial Valuation Report. Ray Cerrone of Questar III reviewed the report with the GCSD Audit Committee. It is now available to the Board as an informational piece, no action is required.)

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

There were no comments

VIII. Closing Open Forum

Board member Lawrence Tompkins complimented and praised all the students on their presentation of enrichment programs at the Middle School and High School.

IX. Executive Session

At 8:08 p.m. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski 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 9:04 p.m. a motion was made to return to open session.

X. Adjournment

At 9:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

District Clerk

Board of Education President