

Greenville Central School District
Board of Education
PROPOSED AGENDA
Business Meeting
Monday
February 11, 2008.

7:30 p.m.

High School Library

- ✓ = Board action is expected.
Information noted in italics is provided as reference and/or background for the Board of Education on the particular matter or item.

I. Call to Order by President Wilton Bear, Jr.

- A. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Roll call and quorum check**
- C. Introduction and welcome of visitors**
- D. Fire evacuation procedures**

✓ **II. Approval of Agenda**

✓ **III. Resignation and Appointment of Officers** - On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

- A. Clerk of the Board:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Nancy Beers as District Clerk effective February 11, 2008.
(Appreciation is extended to Ms. Beers for her service to the Board of Education.)
- B. Clerk of the Board:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints Jacqueline O'Halloran as District Clerk effective February 11, 2008.
The President of the Board of Education will administer the Oath of Office to the District Clerk.

IV. Accolades

Presentation to Teacher Retiree: Robert D'Agostino
(Mr. D'Agostino retires after thirty-four (34) years of service to the children of the Greenville Central School District.)

V. Forum

NOTE: The 30 minute forum is the time the Board sets aside to hear comments from the public. This is an opportunity for residents to voice concerns or compliments, especially about items on the agenda. However, this is not the time to register complaints about individuals or about items that have not first been addressed through proper channels.

✓ **VI. Action Items: A - G**

- ✓ **A. Minutes of January 14, 2008 Business Meeting and January 26, 2008 Workshop**
- ✓ **B. Treasurer's Report, Statement of Conditions, Revenue Report and Transfer of Funds for the month ending January 2008.**
- ✓ **C. Internal Claims Audit Report of January 3 to February 1, 2008.**
- ✓ **D. Special Student Services Recommendations**
 - 1. Committee on Special Education from the meetings of January 10 and January 11, 2008**
 - 2. Committee on Pre-School Special Education from the meeting of January 16, 2008**
- ✓ **E. Personnel Agenda** *(Please refer to the Personnel Agenda attachment)*

✓ **F. Business Management**

1. Declaration of Surplus

(Bids were opened in the Business Office on Thursday, January 31, 2008. All bids are on file in the Business Office.)

2. Tax Certiorari

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with legal counsel of Girvin & Ferlazzo to execute the Stipulations of Settlement on behalf of the District for:
Verizon of New York, Inc. v. Town of Cossackie
Verizon of New York, Inc. v. Town of Cairo

*“RE: Verizon of New York, Inc. v. Town of Cossackie:
Girvin & Ferlazzo represented the Greenville Central School District in the above reference tax certiorari proceeding brought by Petitioner Verizon of New York, Inc., against the Town of Cossackie for a review of the 2007 tax assessments entered for property coded under tax map numbers 628.089- 1881, 628.089-1882, and 628.001-1881.
The 2007 assessments for these three parcels and the amount of the reduction requested by Verizon were as follows:*

<i>Parcel</i>	<i>2007 Assessment</i>	<i>Requested Assessment</i>	<i>Difference</i>
628.089-1881	\$1,963,801	\$1,090,918	(-)\$872,883
628.089-1882	\$ 198,499	\$ 145,091	(-)\$88,230
628.001-1881	\$233,000	\$110,269	(-)\$88,230
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$2,395,300</i>	<i>\$1,346,278</i>	<i>(-)\$1,049,022</i>

We are informed that the Town Assessor and Verizon have reached an agreement which would resolve the 2007 assessment dispute and fix the assessment for 2008 and 2009. The stipulated assessments for 2007, 2008, and 2009 under the settlement would be as follows:

<i>Parcel</i>	<i>2007 Assessment</i>	<i>2008 Assessment</i>	<i>2009 Assessment</i>
628.089-1881	\$1,818,487	\$1,527,859	\$1,237,231
628.089-1882	\$183,811	\$154,435	\$125,059
628.001-1881	\$210,684	\$166,052	\$121,393
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$2,212,982</i>	<i>\$1,848,346</i>	<i>\$1,483,683</i>

The proposed settlement would result in a reduction in the 2007 assessment of \$182, 318, and the District would be obligated to provide a refund of any school taxes paid on that amount, or approximately \$4,428.90 based on the District's 2006-2007 tax rate of \$24.2919 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The reduction, however, is considerable less than the \$1,049,022 reduction originally claimed by Verizon, which would have resulted in a potential refund liability of approximately \$25,482.69. The 2008 and 2009 assessments would include further stipulated reductions, although not to the extent originally requested by Verizon.

Girvan & Ferlazzo consider that the proposed settlement is reasonable and the result of arm's length negotiations between the Town Assessor and

Verizon as to the fair assessed values of the parcels, and represents at least as good an outcome as could be obtained through litigation of the issues raised and therefore recommend that the District consent to the proposed settlement.

RE: Verizon of New York, Inc. v. Town of Cairo
Girvin & Ferlazzo has appeared on behalf of the Greenville Central School District in the above referenced tax certiorari proceeding brought by Petitioner Verizon of New York, Inc., against the Town of Cairo for a review of the 2007 tax assessments entered for property coded under tax map numbers 622.89-9999-631.9-1881, 622.89-999-631.9-1882, and 622.89-9999-631.9-1883. Only the parcel under tax map number 622.89-9999-631.9-1883 is located within the District.

The 2007 assessed value for single parcel within the District was \$22,701. In its Petition, Verizon sought a reduction in assessed value to \$12,248, or a 54% reduction.

We are informed that the Town Assessor and Verizon have reached an agreement which would resolve the 2007 assessment dispute and fix the assessment for 2008 and 2009. The stipulated assessments for 2007, 2008, and 2009 under the settlement would be \$20,727, \$16,780, and \$12,833, respectively.

The proposed settlement would result in a reduction in the 2007 assessment in the amount of \$1,974, and the District would be obligated to provide a refund of any school taxes paid on that amount, or approximately \$51.02 District's 2006-2007 tax rate of \$25.8979 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The 2007 reduction, however, is considerable less than the \$12,248 reduction originally claimed by Verizon, which would have resulted in a potential refund liability of approximately \$270.63. The 2008 and 2009 assessments would include further stipulated reductions, although not to the extent originally requested by Verizon.

Girvin & Ferlazzo consider that the proposed settlement is reasonable and the result of arm's length negotiations between the Town Assessor and Verizon as to the fair assessed values of the parcels, and represents at least as good an outcome as could be obtained through litigation of the issues raised and therefore recommend that the District consent to the proposed settlement.”)

✓ **G. School Management**

1. Adopt textbook

Title:	<u>AMSCO'S Geometry</u>
Author:	Ann Xavier Ganteri
Class:	Geometry & Applied Math III
Publisher:	AMSCO
Copyright:	2008
Cost:	\$36.00
Quantity:	80

(This textbook will replace a 1998 text and was recommended by Principal Laster and Teachers Glenn Evans, Tadhg Russell, Sheron Malcolm, and Casey Gannon.)

VII. Discussion: A-C

A. Workshop of January 26, 2008

B. Building Level Team (BLT) Goals for 2007-2008

("...NYSED has recognized the need to link CR 100.11 reference to 'school-based planning' and 'shared decision-making' with the District need to increase focus on the larger perspective of education from a district-wide standpoint for setting long-range goals, coordinating best use of resources and programs, and measuring the impact of the team's efforts on student performance". The major responsibilities of a BLT include the following:

- To be knowledgeable about and committed to the SDM process and to continually assess SDM;*
- To identify specific educational issues and to ensure that building educational goals are developed, implemented and evaluated consistent with District educational philosophy to improve student achievement;*
- To develop means and standards for evaluating improvement in student achievement;*
- To refer matters beyond the authority of the BLT to the District Committee (QEC); and*
- To ensure open communication and to encourage and facilitate the participation of all stakeholders in the SDM process).*

C. Technology Committee:

(As part of K-12 District planning, Scott Gardiner, Supervisor of Instructional Technology has recommended to the Superintendent the formation of a Technology Committee for the purpose of creating a current K-12 technology plan. Our existing technology plan is not only expiring this year, but needs to incorporate several district initiatives that have developed since it was originally written [e.g. Extensive long range planning efforts including District Planning Committee and Goal development, Quality Education Committee, professional development initiatives, and Curriculum Mapping].

At the March Board of Education meeting it is anticipated that the following recommendations will be made for the Board's consideration for the structure and membership for appointment to the Technology Committee:

<i>Director of Technology:</i>	<i>Scott Gardiner</i>
<i>Computer Teacher (ES):</i>	<i>Kathleen Quackenbush</i>
<i>Computer Teacher (MS):</i>	<i>Debbie Mrozek-Ferrara</i>
<i>Computer Teacher (HS):</i>	<i>Linda Esposito</i>
<i>Faculty Member (ES):</i>	<i>Gloria Hilgendorff</i>
<i>Faculty Member (MS):</i>	<i>Kathy McAneny</i>
<i>Faculty Member (HS):</i>	<i>Jose Roselli</i>
<i>Curriculum Coordinator:</i>	<i>Rachel Anderson</i>
<i>QEC Member:</i>	<i>Jane Scrafford</i>
<i>Cabinet Member:</i>	<i>Lisa Knowles</i>
<i>Parent Member 1:</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Parent Member 2:</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Student Member:</i>	<i>TBD</i>

If the Technology Committee is approved by the Board of Education, a format for soliciting parent and student participation would be developed.)

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

IX. Closing Open Forum

NOTE: The 15 minute Closing Open Forum is the time the Board sets aside to hear comments from the public. This is an opportunity for residents to voice concerns or compliments, especially about items on the agenda. However, this is not the time to register complaints about individuals or about items that have not first been addressed through proper channels.

X. Executive Session

It is expected that the Board of Education will adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters concerning particular persons. The Board will return to public session after Executive Session but will not be taking any action and then will adjourn.

Conduct of Executive Sessions: Upon a majority vote of its total membership, taken in an open meeting pursuant to a motion identifying the general area or areas of the subject or subjects to be considered, a public body may conduct an executive session for the below enumerated purposes only, provided, however, that no action by formal vote shall be taken to appropriate public moneys:

- matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;
- any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or Informer;
- information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
- discussions regarding proposed, pending, or current litigation;
- collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of Civil Service Law;
- 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;
- the preparation, grading, or administration of exams;
- the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition, sale, or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of these things.

With certain limited exception, no official action can be taken on issues discussed in executive session without first returning to public session. An exception includes voting on charges against a tenured teacher. No public body, including a school board may vote to appropriate money during an executive session. All members of the board of education, other than a student board member, and any other person authorized by the board may attend an executive session. Thus, only those people invited by the board may attend. It is important that a school board exercise discretion in deciding whom to invite into executive session because of important confidentiality issues. Board members must maintain confidential information acquired in executive session.

X. Adjournment

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. Professional

a. Retirement

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| 1. | Name of employee: | Robert A. D'Agostino |
| | Position: | English Teacher |
| | Certification: | English 7-12 |
| | Tenure area: | English |
| | Effective date: | February 25, 2008 |

b. Appointments

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| 1. | Name of appointee: | Suzanne Regensburger |
| | Position: | Substitute School Nurse |
| | Licensure: | Registered Nurse |
| | Effective: | February 12, 2008 to June 30, 2008 |
| | Status: | Conditional |
| 2. | Name of appointee: | Katie M. Beeman-Grandchamp |
| | Position: | Substitute Teacher & Teacher Assisant~per diem |
| | Certification: | Non-Certified Associates in Arts Degree (5-15-01) |
| | Effective: | February 12, 2008 to June 30, 2008 |
| | Status: | Conditional |
| 3. | Name of appointee: | Melissa Snow |
| | Position: | Substitute Teacher Assistant ~per diem |
| | Certification: | Non-certified, High School Diploma |
| | Effective: | February 12, 2008 to June 30, 2008 |
| | Status: | Conditional |

c. Extra Duty Compensation Sports 2007-2008

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| 1. | Boys' Varsity Track | Gordon Conrow |
| 2. | Girls' Varsity Track | Gloria Bear |
| 3. | Boys' Modified Track | Carrie McIntyre |
| 4. | Girls' Modified Track | Shannon Koon |

2. Operational

a. Appointments

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| 1. | Name of Appointee: | Maryann Giglio |
| | Position: | Cleaner |
| | Classification: | GCCS/Non-competitive |
| | Probationary period: | February 25, 2008 to August 25, 2008 |
| | Commencement of service: | February 25, 2008 |
| | Step Placement: | Per contract @ \$12.90/hour (Year 1) |
| | Status: | Cleared for Employment |
| | <i>(This appointment will staff a vacant cleaner position.)</i> | |

2. Name of Appointee: Phillip Edwards
 Position: Custodian
 Classification: GCCS/Competitive
 Probationary period: January 23, 2008-July 23, 2008
 Commencement of service: January 23, 2008
 Step Placement: Per contract at \$13.12/hour (Year 4)
 Status: Conditional

3. Name of Appointee: Melissa Snow
 Position: Substitute Support Staff, Food Service
 Effective: February 12, 2008 to June 30, 2008
 Status: Conditional

b. Termination

1. Name of Employee: Cynthia Abrams
 Position: Cleaner
 Classification: GCCS/Non-competitive
 Effective Date: February 22, 2008
(Section 71 of New York's Civil Service Law allows the appointing authority of any civil service employee to separate an employee from his or her position if the employee sustains a work related injury and is absent from his/her position for one year or more. If a medical officer certifies that an employee is fit to perform the duties of the former position, the employee shall be instated to their former position, if vacant, or to a vacancy in a similar position or a position in a lower grade in the same occupational field, or to a vacant position for which the employee were eligible to transfer. If at the time of reapplication no appropriate vacancy exists to which reinstatement may be made, or if the workload does not warrant the filling of such vacancy, the employee's name will be placed on a preferred list for appointment to a vacancy in the former position and the employee shall be eligible for reinstatement from such preferred list for a period of four years. In the event the employee is reinstated to a position in a grade lower than that of the former position, the employee's name shall be placed on the preferred eligible list for the former position or any similar position.)

3. Other

a. Appointments

1. Name of Appointee: Jacqueline O'Halloran
 Position: Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools @ 40 hours per week, twelve (12) months per year

 Classification: GCCS/Exempt
 Commencement: January 22, 2008
 Step Placement: Per contract @ \$23.52 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.