

Greenville Central School District
Board of Education
PROPOSED AGENDA
Business Meeting
Monday
April 14, 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. Accolades

Presentation of plaque to Support Staff Aide Retiree Eileen Stapf.

(This plaque is presented to Ms. Stapf in recognition of her 25 years of service and dedication to the children of the Greenville Central School District.)

Presentation of plaque to Nancy Beers as former District Clerk.

(This plaque is presented to Nancy Beers in recognition of her service as District Clerk for the past five and a half years.)

Ronald Case and Jacob Church Questar III CTE students receive recognition

(Ronald Case and Jacob Church left Monday, March 24 for the Eastern Regional Automotive Technology championships in New York City to compete against forty other teams. This is the first time in Greenville Central School District history that two Greenville students have made it to national competition. These students came in first place in the Eastern New York Coalition of Automotive competition which qualified them for the New York International car show this March.)

IV. 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.

✓ **V. Action Items: A – G**

- ✓ **A. Minutes of March 10, 2008 Business Meeting and the March 3 and March 17, 2008 Budget Workshop Meetings**
- ✓ **B. Treasurer's Report, Statement of Conditions, Revenue Report and Transfer of Funds for the month ending March 31, 2008**
- ✓ **C. Internal Claims Audit Report from March 3, 2008 to April 3, 2008**
- ✓ **D. Special Student Services Recommendations**
 - 1. Committee on Special Education from the meetings of January 30, January 31, February 7, February 12, February 14, February 25 and February 26, 2008**
(No CPSE Recommendations)
- ✓ **E. Personnel Agenda** *(Please refer to the Personnel Agenda attachment)*

✓ **F. Business Management**

1. Adopt 2008-2009 Proposed School Budget

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the proposed financial budget for the 2008-2009 school year of \$_____ for presentation to the residents of the Greenville Central School District at the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 and for a vote of the qualified residents of the District on Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

2. Approve Health & Welfare Services Contract with the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$4,110.48.

(This contract provides health and welfare services for nine (9) Greenville Central School District resident students who are attending the Helderberg Christian School for the 2007-2008 school year.)

3. Approve Health Service Contract with the North Greenbush Common School District for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$197.98.

(This contract provides Physician, Nurse, school Psychological, and School speech services for one (1) Greenville Central School District resident student attending the LaSalle Institute for the 2007-2008 school year.)

4. Tax Certiorari

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with legal counsel of Girtin & Ferlazzo to execute the Stipulations of Settlement on behalf of the District

for: Verizon of New York, Inc. v. Town of Greenville	\$1,315.58 refund
Verizon of New York, Inc. v. Town of Durham	\$12.15 refund
Verizon of New York, Inc. v. Town of New Baltimore	\$509.48 refund
Verizon of New York, Inc. v. Town of Conesville	\$45.03 refund

(“RE: Verizon of New York, Inc. v. Town of Greenville:

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 Greenville for a review of the 2007 tax assessments entered for property coded under tax map 632.000-9999-631.900-1881 and 632.000-9999-631.900-1882. Of the two properties, I believe that only parcel 1882 is located within the District.

The 2007 assessments for this parcel, and the amount of the reduction requested by Verizon is as follows:

Parcel	2007 Assessment	Requested Assessment	Difference
1882	\$868,754	\$512,788	(-) \$355,966

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:

Parcel	2007 Assessment	2008 Assessment	2009 Assessment
1882	\$810,601	\$694,481	\$578,362

The proposed settlement would result in a reduction in the 2007 assessment for parcel 1882 of \$58,153, and the District would be obligated to provide a refund of

any school taxes paid on that amount, based on the District's 2007-2008 tax rate. The reduction, however, is considerably less than the \$355,966 reduction originally claimed by Verizon. The 2008 and 2009 assessments would include further stipulated reductions, although not to the extent originally requested by Verizon.

RE: Verizon of New York, Inc. v. Town of Durham

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 Durham for a review of the 2007 tax assessments entered for property coded under tax map numbers 930.00-6-3, 930.00-6-3.1 and 930.00-6-3.2. Of the two properties, I believe that only parcel 3.2 is located within the District.

The 2007 assessments for this parcel, and the amount of the reductions requested by Verizon, is as follows:

Parcel	2007 Assessment	Requested Assessment	Difference
3.2	\$11,119	\$9,393	(-) \$1,726

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:

Parcel	2007 Assessment	2008 Assessment	2009 Assessment
3.2	\$10,636	\$9,671	\$8,707

The proposed settlement would result in a reduction in the 2007 assessment for parcel 3.2 of \$483, and the District would be obligated to provide a refund of any school taxes paid on that amount, based on the District's 2007-2008 tax rate. The reduction, and resulting refund liability, is largely de minimus. The 2008 and 2009 assessments would include further stipulated reductions, although not to the extent originally requested by Verizon.

I believe that the proposed settlements are 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. I therefore recommend that the District consent to the proposed settlement.

RE: Verizon of New York, Inc. v. Town of New Baltimore

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 New Baltimore for a review of the 2007 tax assessments entered for property coded under tax map numbers 942.00-6-3.3, 940.00-6-3.4, and 942.00-6-3.5. Of the three properties, only parcel 6-3.5 is located within the District.

The 2007 assessment for this parcel was \$307,900. By the Stipulation, 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:

Parcel	2007 Assessment	2008 Assessment	2009 Assessment
6-3.5	\$286,999	\$245,197	\$203,395

The proposed settlement would result in a reduction in the 2007 assessment for parcel 6-3.5 of \$20,901, and the District would be obligated to provide a refund of any school and library taxes paid on that amount, based on the District's 2007-2008 total tax rate of \$24.3757 per \$1,000 in assessed value, or \$509.48.

RE: Verizon of New York, Inc. v. Town of Conesville
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 Conesville for a review of the 2007 tax assessments entered for four properties, only one of which (666.-2808) is located within the District.

The 2007 assessment for this parcel was \$3,100. By the Stipulation, the Town Assessor and Verizon have reached an agreement which would resolve the 2007 assessment by lowering the assessment to \$1,860. The proposed settlement would result in a reduction in the 2007 assessment for parcel 2808 of \$1,240, and the District would be obligated to provide a refund of any school and library tax paid on that amount, based on the District's 2007-2008 total tax rate of \$23.4664 per \$1,000 in assessed value, or \$45.03."

5. Accept donations:

a. From TARGET in the amount of \$147.54

(This donation for the Middle and High School from TARGET is from the "Take Charge of Education School Fundraising Program". The faculty and staff extended their appreciation to TARGET and to the parents who participate on behalf of the MS/HS students. The funding will be used to purchase graphing calculators for the Math Department)

b. From TARGET in the amount of \$168.90

(This donation for Ellis Elementary School from TARGET is from the "Take Charge of Education School Fundraising Program". The faculty and staff extended their appreciation to TARGET and to the parents who participate on behalf of Ellis Elementary School students. The funding will be used to purchase math manipulatives for students.)

c. From the 25th Reunion Committee of the Class of 1982 in the amount of \$310.00 for the Greenville Athletic Association.

(The 25th Reunion Committee of the Class of 1982 has made this generous donation to the Greenville Athletic Association and it is intended to be used towards the banner restoration efforts for the gymnasium.)

d. From "kids in need FOUNDATION" in the amount of \$500.00.

(This Foundation will fund a project "The Moon as Home or Vacation" in the amount of \$500.00 to enhance the solar system unit of study in sixth grade.)

6. Approve Solicitation of bids

- a. Installation and purchase of a Fuel Management System**
- b. Installation and purchase of Gym Wall Mats**
- c. Removal of Asbestos in the District Office**

✓ **G. School Management**

1. Approve 2008-2009 School Calendar

(The Calendar Committee prepared a preliminary calendar for the 2008-2009 school year taking into consideration the Questar III and Capital Region BOCES' calendars.)

2. Approve requests for support of the Greenville Public Library at \$32,500.00; and for the Rensselaerville Library at \$15,000.00 to be included on the 2008 School District Ballot

3. Special Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. 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. Ballots and biographies of the candidates will be mailed from Questar early next week)

4. Appoint Technology Committee Membership

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints the following individuals as additional members of the Technology Committee for 2007-2008:

Parent Member 1	Edward Cox
Parent Member 2	Susan Womack
Student member	Dylan Dombroski

5. Appoint Election Inspectors for the 2008 Budget Vote & Election

(These individuals will serve as Election Inspectors for the 2008 Annual Meeting and vote as necessary.)

Lynn Bowden	Gloria Caggiano (Chairperson)
Kelly Curtin	Joel Arnone
Jacob Church	Salvatore DeTillio
Peter Johnson	Brianna Myers
Jennifer Kerns	Katie Shriver
Katie O'Connor	Justin Smith
Erin Ricci	Emileigh Tanner

(The following individuals will serve as substitute Election Inspectors)

Amber Berbiglia	Axel Kammerer
Ashley Becker	Sean Garrison
Ryan Drasser	Carolann Hubbard
Kathleen Feit	Jessica Novak
Elizabeth Garcia	Elizabeth Novak
Karle McDonald	Kelly Stevens

6. Approve Agenda – Annual Budget Hearing of Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Greenville Central School District
Greenville High School Auditorium
Tuesday, May 13, 2008
7:30 PM

Agenda Annual Budget Hearing

- 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. Presentation and discussion of the Proposed 2008-2009 School District Budget
- III. Questions and answers on item II
- IV. Introduction of candidates for Board of Education
- V. Adjournment

7. Declaration of participation in the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center for the 2008-2009 school year

(Approval of this item indicates the intention of the Greenville Central School District to be a member of the above-named Teacher Center and to support its operation in accordance with Education Law 316. This requires approval by the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, and the President of the Greenville Faculty Association.)

VI. Discussion:

A. Reminders regarding the Budget Vote:

(Monday, April 21, 2008 deadline for filing petitions for Board Members to District Clerk by 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 21, 2008 deadline to submit [to the District Clerk] propositions to be added to the ballot

May 5, 12 and 19 Budget Open Hours in the District Office from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 2008 proposed budget available to the public on business days

*Wednesday, May 7, 2008 Budget Bus 4:30-5:30 p.m. Bryant's Supermarket, Greenville
6:00-7:00 p.m. Main Street Rensselaerville*

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Voter Registration in the Elementary School Lobby

*Saturday, May 10, 2008 Budget Bus 9:00-10:00 a.m. Hilltown Farm & Garden, Westerlo
10:30-11:30 a.m. Tip Top Furniture, Freehold
12 Noon-1:00 p.m. Green Hill Café, Norton Hill*

Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Annual Budget Hearing in the High School Auditorium

Tuesday, May 20, 2008 from 1:00-9:00 p.m. Budget Vote in the Elementary School Cafeteria)

B. Town of Greenville Water Proposal

(The Town of Greenville requested a meeting with the Greenville Central School District to discuss a proposal to change water service to the High School, Middle School, and Transportation facility. Representatives from the Town of Greenville and the School District met with the engineer and architect for the District, Lowell Dewey, P.E. of C&S Companies and David Stieglitz, Stieglitz Snyder Architecture, to discuss the scope of the work and possible options for an intermunicipal agreement.)

C. Financial Oversight, Accountability & Fiduciary Responsibilities for Board Members

(This course is an approved curriculum to meet the six (6) hour financial oversight, accountability, and fiduciary responsibilities training requirement for newly elected school board members on Saturday May 31, 2008 from 9:00 am to 3:30 PM at Questar III)

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. Resignation

1.	Name:	William S. Pugliese
	Position:	.4 ESL Teacher
	Tenure:	.4 FTE-Not applicable
	Certification status:	English to Speakers of Other Languages, Permanent
	Effective:	March 27, 2008

b. Substitute Appointments:

1.	Name of Appointee:	Thomas Kyle Grennen
	Position:	Substitute Teacher per~diem
	Certification:	Uncertified, Bachelor of Science-Montana State University; Masters of Divinity-Cambridge, MA
	Effective:	March 5, 2008
	Status:	Cleared for Employment
2.	Name of Appointee:	Susan Wall
	Position:	Substitute Teacher & Teaching Assistant per~diem
	Certification:	Uncertified, Associates in Science & Liberal Studies
	Effective:	March 5, 2008
	Status:	Cleared for Employment
3.	Name of Appointee:	Lisa Meyer
	Position:	Substitute Teacher per~diem
	Certification:	Uncertified, SUNY New Paltz-Sociology 98 credits 1979-1983
	Effective:	March 5, 2008
	Status:	Cleared for Employment
4.	Name of Appointee:	Christie Shields
	Position:	Substitute Teacher & Teacher Assistant per~diem
	Certification:	Uncertified; Maria College 1 year Liberal Arts ; College of St Rose Secondary Ed. Aug 2005 to present
	Effective:	April 15, 2008
	Status:	Cleared for Employment
5.	Name of Appointee:	JoAnn Morse
	Position:	Substitute Administrator
	Certification:	S.D.A
	Salary:	\$350.00 per~diem
	Effective:	April 7, 2008
	Status:	Cleared for Employment

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| 6. | Name of Appointee:
Position:
Certification: | David Bader
Substitute Teacher per~diem
Uncertified; AAS 81 credits;
Bachelor of Technology Degree
135 credits |
| | Effective:
Status: | March 25, 2008
Conditional |
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| 7. | Name of Appointee:
Position:
Certification: | Pam Germain-Asam
Substitute Teacher per~diem
Childhood Education Grades 1-6 |
| | Effective:
Status: | March 29, 2008
Cleared for Employment |
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- c. Extra Duty Compensation-Sports
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| 1. | Modified Boys' Track Coach | Laurie Albright |
| 2. | Varsity Boys' Track Coach | Carrie McIntyre |

2. Operational

a. Retirement

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| 1. | Name:
Position:
Classification:
Effective: | Eileen Stapf
Support Staff Aide
GCCS non-competitive
March 14, 2008 |
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b. Resignation

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| 1. | Name:
Position:
Classification:
Effective: | Matthew Lawton
Custodian
GCCS competitive
March 7, 2008 |
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c. Appointments

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| 1. | Name of Appointee:
Position:
Classification:
Probationary Period:
Commencement of service:
Step Placement:
Status: | Desmond Ballard
Mechanic
GCCS non-competitive
April 7, 2008 to October 6, 2008
April 7, 2008
Year 7 at \$16.82 per hour
Cleared for Employment |
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d. Substitute Appointments

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| 1. | Name of Appointee:
Position:
Effective:
Status: | Carla Panzarino
Substitute Support Staff
April 15, 2008
Cleared for Employment |
| 2. | Name of Appointee:
Position:
Effective:
Status: | Susan Wall
Clerical
April 15, 2008
Cleared for Employment |

3.	Name of Appointee:	Deirdre Doohan
	Position:	Substitute Support Staff & Clerical
	Effective:	March 25, 2008
	Status:	Conditional

e. Permanent Appointments (from Probationary –GCCS)

1.	Name of Appointee:	Mary Brill
	Position:	Bus Driver
	Commencement of permanent appointment:	March 28, 2008
	Status:	Cleared for Employment

(To receive a permanent appointment, the employee must have successfully completed the probationary period and be eligible for permanent status in that position.)

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.