

GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Business Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2008

I. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, April 14, 2008 in the High School Library. Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

A. Members present: Wilton Bear, Jr.
 Ann Holstein
 Gregory Lampman
 Anne Mitchell
 Rosanne Moore

Members absent: Tina Dombroski
 Lawrence Tompkins

Others present: Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent
 Jacqueline O'Halloran, School District Clerk
 Tammy Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent for Business
 Donna Accuosti, Elementary Assistant Principal
 Colleen Hall, Middle School Principal
 Margaret Kelly, Director of Communications
 JoAnn Morse, Substitute MS/HS Assistant Principal
 Jeffrey Palmer, MS/HS Assistant Principal

B. There were approximately nine (9) visitors to the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Rosanne Moore moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda for the Business Meeting on Monday, April 14, 2008.

IV. Accolades

Presentation of plaque to Support Staff Aide Retiree Eileen Stapf.

(A plaque will be mailed to Ms. Stapf in recognition of her twenty-five (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.

(A plaque was 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.)

V. Open Forum

There were no comments

VI. ACTION ITEMS A-G

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve: (A-D)

- ✓ **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 (FY2008-48)**
- ✓ **C. Internal Claims Audit Report from March 3, 2008 to April 3, 2008(FY2008-49)**
- ✓ **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**

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve 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. Professional

a. Resignation

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| 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:

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| 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 |

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| 3. | Name of Appointee:
Position:
Certification:

Effective:
Status: | Lisa Meyer
Substitute Teacher per~diem
Uncertified, SUNY New Paltz-
Sociology 98 credits 1979-1983

March 5, 2008
Cleared for Employment |
| 4. | Name of Appointee:
Position:

Certification:

Effective:
Status: | Christie Shields
Substitute Teacher & Teacher
Assistant per~diem
Uncertified; Maria College 1 year Liberal
Arts ; College of St Rose Secondary Ed. Aug
2005 to present
April 15, 2008
Cleared for Employment |
| 5. | Name of Appointee:
Position:
Certification:
Salary:
Effective:
Status: | JoAnn Morse
Substitute Administrator
S.D.A
\$350.00 per~diem
April 7, 2008
Cleared for Employment |
| 6. | Name of Appointee:
Position:
Certification:

Effective:
Status: | David Bader
Substitute Teacher per~diem
Uncertified; AAS 81 credits;
Bachelor of Technology Degree
135 credits
March 25, 2008
Conditional |
| 7. | Name of Appointee:
Position:
Certification:
Effective:
Status: | Pam Germain-Asam
Substitute Teacher per~diem
Childhood Education Grades 1-6
March 29, 2008
Cleared for Employment |

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

d. Substitute Appointments

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

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| 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.

F. Business Management

Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. read the following Resolution for the 2008-2009 Proposed School Budget and then referred to Tammy J. Sutherland for an explanation of the budget. The New York State budget was approved on April 9, 2008 and state aid amounts were finalized. Ms. Sutherland explained state aid projections, final revenue amounts, and expenditure adjustments resulting in the final budget figure. Ms. Sutherland further explained that we have basically maintained the 2007-2008 programs and we will look at items that were cut for next year.

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley, thanked William Ommerborn for his leadership and the rest of the Budget Advisory Committee members for their hard work and diligence during the budget process

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

1. Adopt 2008-2009 Proposed School Budget (FY2008-50)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the proposed financial budget for the 2008-2009 school year of \$25,875,903.00 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.

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve the following contracts (2 & 3):

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.(FY2008-51)

(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. (FY2008-52)

(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.)

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve the following tax certiorari resolution:

4. 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 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	20007 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.")

Anne Holstein moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to accept the following donations (a, b, c & d):

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 participated 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 participated 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.)

Board of Education President Wilton Bear, Jr., thanked all the above organizations for their generous donations to the Greenville Central School District.

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve the following solicitation of bids:

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

Ann Mitchell, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve:

1. Approve 2008-2009 School Calendar (FY2008-53)

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

Rosanne Moore moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to:

- 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**

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve:

- 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 were mailed from Questar last week)

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

- 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

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to the following appointments:

- 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 Polonski
Kaylee McDonald	Kelly Stevens

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve the following agenda:

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

Rosanne Moore moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve the following declaration:

7. Declaration of participation in the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center for the 2008-2009 school year (FY2008-54)

(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.)

VII. 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

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)

Superintendent Dudley explained the fiscal responsibilities of the Board members in attending these courses at no expense to the District.

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

Anne Mitchell requested future information about the possibility of the YMCA sponsoring a before and after school program for district parents and children at the family's expense. Ms. Dudley expressed that a parent survey will be completed exploring the option if there is interest.

VIX. Closing Open Forum

Parent Member, Vickie Tripp Anderson expressed her thanks and appreciation to the teachers of Ellis Elementary on their Second Annual Science Fair Night on April 10, 2008. She thought it was an excellent way to introduce families to the sciences at the elementary level. Ms. Anderson also asked how the election process for the Questar III Board was determined. Superintendent Dudley explained that each year the 23 component school boards vote on Board seats available on the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Board of Cooperative Educational Services. Board President, Mr. Bear further explained that these positions should include five members from Rensselaer County, Four members from Columbia County, and two members from Greene County. A school district may not be represented by more than one board member.

Margaret Kelly reminded the public to please attend Greenville's production *Les Miserables* on April 25 and 26 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 p.m. The music department has done a fantastic job and it promises to be an incredible production.

X. Executive Session

At 8:14 p.m. Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore 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 9:22 p.m. Rosanne Moore moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to return to open session.

XI. Adjournment

At 9:23 p.m. Anne Mitchell moved seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

School District Clerk

Board President