

Greenville Central School District
Board of Education
Minutes Business Meeting
Monday
May 12, 2008.

I. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, May 12, 2008 in the High School Library. Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

A. Members present: Wilton Bear, Jr.
 Tina Dombroski
 Ann Holstein
 Gregory Lampman
 Anne Mitchell
 Rosanne Moore
 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
 Lisa Knowles, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
 Michael Laster, High School Principal
 Peter Mahan, Elementary Principal
 JoAnn Morse, Substitute MS/HS Assistant Principal
 Jeffrey Palmer, Acting Middle School Principal
 Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

B. There were approximately five (5) visitors to the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda with the addition of Item G. School Management

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda for the Business Meeting on Monday, May 12, 2008.

III. Accolades

Ronald Case and Jacob Church, Questar III Automotive Technology students, finished fifth in the nation at the 2008 National Automotive Technology Competition held in New York City in late March.

Utica National Insurance Award: School Safety Excellence Award Presentation to the Greenville Central School District Board of Education by Michael Needham, Needham Risk Management. *(Greenville Central School District is one of one hundred school districts and Board of Cooperative Educational Services in New York State to receive the "2008 School Safety Excellence Award" from Utica National Insurance Group. The Greenville Central School District Board of Education is presented this award to commemorate the safety efforts of the District.)*

Tammy Sutherland, introduced Michael Needham who congratulated the Board of Education and members of the school district for providing a safe & healthy school community. Mr. Needham presented President Wilton Bear, Jr. and Tammy Sutherland a plaque in recognition of the school districts' outstanding efforts to create a safe school environment as a direct result of the district's diligence and adherence to safety principles and thanked them for their hard work. Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintended also thanked Mr. Needham for his leadership and direction. The award program has three levels (titanium, platinum, and gold) and this year GCS received titanium, one level higher than last year.

IV. Open Forum

Board member Tina Dombroski thanked the many volunteers who made the Elementary PTA After-School Enrichment a huge success and the faculty at Ellis who participated in the Second Annual Family Science Night. Board member Anne Mitchell also commented on the High School production of *Les Miserables*, directed by Jonathan Meredith stating it was the most amazing production she has ever seen at GCS and even better than some professional theater performances. Thank you to all who performed and to our music department.

✓ V. Action Items: A - F

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve (A-D)

A. Minutes of April 7, 2008 Budget Workshop and the April 14, 2008 Regular Business Meeting and the April 22, 2008 Special Meeting

B. Treasurer's Report, Statement of Conditions, Revenue Report and Transfer of Funds for the month ending April 30, 2008 (FY 2008-55)

C. Internal Claims Audit Report from April 3, 2008 to April 30, 2008 (FY2008-56)

D. Special Student Services Recommendations

1. Committee on Special Education from the meetings of February 28, March 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 26, 27, and April 10, 2008.
2. Committee on Special Preschool for March 19, 2008, April 2 and 9, 2008.

E. Personnel Agenda

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve (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. Leave of Absence

1. Name of Employee: Colleen Hall
Position: Middle School Principal
Effective: July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
(This leave of absence is contingent upon appointment by Questar III BOCES as the Director of Curriculum and Communications assigned to Greenville.)

b. Appointments

1. Name of Appointee: Alicia Lewis
Position: Music Teacher K-12
Tenure Area: Music
Certification: Initial, Music expiring August 31, 2013
Column & Step Placement: Column I Step I @ \$39,788 pro-rated for 2007-2008
Probationary Appointment: March 24, 2008 to March 23, 2011
Commencement of service: March 24, 2008
Status: Cleared for employment

- c. Substitute Appointments:
 - 1. Name of Appointee: Jesse Braverman
 Position: Extended Term Substitute & per diem
 Certification: Special Education-Permanent;
 Social Studies-Permanent
 Effective: May 19, 2008
 Status: Cleared for employment
(Mr. Braverman is the extended term substitute for the Middle School Functional Skills class)
 - 2. Name of Appointee: Deirdre Doohan
 Position: Substitute Teaching Assistant ~per diem
 Certification: Uncertified; High School Diploma
 Effective: May 13, 2008
 Status: Conditional

d. Extra Duty Compensation-Sports

- 1. Resignations
 - a. Name: Gordon Conrow
 Position: Boys’ Varsity Track
 Effective: March 3, 2008
(Mr. Conrow resigns for personal reasons and will not receive any compensation.)
 - b. Name: Carrie McIntyre
 Position: Boys’ Modified Track
 Effective: March 3, 2008

(Ms. McIntyre was appointed as Boys’ Varsity Track Coach at the April Board of Education meeting as a result of Mr. Conrow’s resignation. Ms. McIntyre will receive the compensation as the coach for the entire season.)

e. Extra Duty Compensation-Department Chairperson

- 1. Andrew Murphy Whole Student Center Department Chair
 Effective February 26, 2008
(Due to the retirement of Robert D’Agostino, Mr. Murphy has been recommended for this position.)

2. Operational

- a. Abolish position
 - 1. Position: Aide to the Nurse @ 6.5 hours per day
 Classification: GCCS/Non-competitive
 Effective: March 25, 2008
- b. Create position
 - 1. Position: Licensed Practical Nurse @ 6 hours per day for 10 months
 Classification: GCCS/Non-competitive
 Effective: TBA

c. Resignation

1.	Name:	Catherine Hughes
	Position:	Aide to the Nurse @ 6.5 hours per day
	Classification:	GCCS/Non-competitive
	Effective:	March 24, 2008

d. Appointments

1.	Name of Appointee:	Catherine Hughes
	Position:	Teacher Aide @ 6.5 hours per day from March 25, 2008 through and including May 13, 2008 at \$13.41 per hour; effective May 14, 2008 through June 30, 2008 at \$12.85 per hour for 5 hours per day; Health insurance benefits will continue for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year only
	Classification:	GCCS/Non-competitive
	Commencement of permanent appointment:	March 25, 2008
	Status:	Cleared for employment
2.	Name of Appointee:	Kenneth Cyr
	Position:	Cleaner
	Classification:	GCCS/Non-competitive
	Step Placement:	Per contract Year 7 at \$13.98 per hour
	Probationary period:	April 21, 2008 to October 20, 2008
	Commencement of Service:	April 21, 2008
	Status:	Conditional

e. Substitute Appointments

1.	Name of Appointee:	Mark Gamsjager
	Position:	Substitute Bus Driver
	Effective:	March 27, 2008
	Status:	Conditional
2.	Name of Appointee:	Doris Monahan
	Position:	Substitute Bus Driver
	Effective:	April 24, 2008
	Status:	Conditional
3.	Name of Appointee:	Mary Brill
	Position:	Substitute Clerical, Support Staff, Food Service & Custodian
	Effective:	May 13, 2008
	Status:	Conditional

f. Permanent Appointments from Probationary –GCCS

1.	Name of Appointee:	Sky Ben
	Position:	Custodian
	Commencement of permanent appointment:	May 26, 2008
	Status:	Cleared for Employment

2. Name of Appointee: Daphane Pearson
 Position: Administrative Assistant
 Commencement of permanent
 Appointment: May 13, 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

Anne Holstein moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to approve Items (1-12)

1. Approve solicitation of bids for 2008-2009:

- a. Refuse removal
- b. Physical Education supplies
- c. Cafeteria supplies
- d. Custodial supplies
- e. Transportation parts and supplies
- f. Heating and air conditioning upgrades for the District Office
- g. Parking lot upgrades for the District Office
- h. Kitchen Hood System (capital)
- i. Town/School Water Extension

2. Approve 2008-2009 Certification of Final Request for Services from Questar III (FY2008-57)

(If approved, the President of the Board Education is required to sign this document on behalf of the Board of Education. The signature indicates that the procurement of the services were authorized by the Board of Education for the 2008-2009 school year.)

3. Approve Health Service Contract with the Four Winds Saratoga Psychiatric Health System District for services for commencing in March 2008 at the rate of \$26.00 per hour for ten (10) hours of instruction per week for approximately two weeks. (FY2008-58)

(Expense-This contract provides tutorial services for one (1) Greenville Central School District resident student inpatient at the Four Winds Saratoga Psychiatric Health System.)

4. Approve Health and Welfare Services Contract with the South Colonie Central School District for 2007-2008 in the amount of \$559.11 (FY2008-59)

(Expense-This contract provides health and welfare services for one (1) Greenville Central School District resident student who is attending Christian Brothers Academy for the 2007-2008 school year.)

5. Approve the Health and Welfare Services Contract with the Cairo-Durham Central School District for twelve (12) students in the amount of \$3,654.12

(Revenue-This contract provides health services for twelve (12) Cairo-Durham students that are attending Grapeville Christian Academy) for the 2007-2008 school year.)

6. **Approve the Health and Welfare Services Contract with the Catskill Central School District for six (6) students in the amount of \$1,827.06.**
(Revenue-This contract provides health services for six (6) Catskill students that are attending Grapeville Christian Academy for the 2007-2008 school year.)
7. **Approve the Health and Welfare Services Contract with the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District for twenty-seven (27) students in the amount of \$8,221.77.**
(Revenue-This contract provides health services for twenty-seven (27) Coxsackie-Athens students that are attending Grapeville Christian Academy for the 2007-2008 school year.)
8. **Approve the Health and Welfare Services Contract with the Hudson City School District for two (2) students in the amount of \$609.02**
(Revenue-This contract provides health services for two (2) Hudson City School students that are attending Grapeville Christian Academy for the 2007-2008 school year.)
9. **Approve the Health and Welfare Services Contract with the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District for nine (9) students in the amount of \$2,740.59.**
(Revenue-This contract provides health services for nine (9) Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk students that are attending Grapeville Christian Academy for the 2007-2008 school year.)
10. **Approve the Health and Welfare Services Contract with the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District for one (1) student in the amount of \$304.51.**
(Revenue-This contract provides health services for one (1) Windham-Ashland-Jewett student that is attending Grapeville Christian Academy for the 2007-2008 school year.)
11. **Approve the Health and Welfare Services Contract with the Taconic Hills Central School District for two (2) students in the amount of \$609.02.**
(Revenue-This contract provides health services for two (2) Taconic Hills students that are attending Grapeville Christian Academy for the 2007-2008 school year.)
12. **Approve the Consulting Agreement and Terms and Conditions with Needham Risk Management Resource Group for the 2008-2009 school year. (FY2008-60)**
(For these services, Client shall pay Consultant at the rate of \$1,250.00 per calendar month for up to 185 hours per year ["Base Annual Hours"] actually spent by Consultant rendering the services. For authorized services in excess of the Base Annual Hours, Client shall pay Consultant at the rate of \$65.00 per hour.)

G. School Management

Rosanne Moore moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve the following Resolution (1):

1. **Appoint Hearing Officer, Robert Hite, Esq. in a certain matter of disciplinary charges involving an employee of the Greenville Central School District**
BE IT RESOLVED that Robert Hite, Esq. is appointed as Hearing Officer in a certain matter involving disciplinary charges involving this employee of the Greenville Central School District.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has preferred disciplinary charges pursuant to Civil Service Law Section 75 against George White, an employee of the Greenville Central School District; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Greenville Central School District desires to exercise its authority to appoint a hearing officer to hear this matter and return a report and recommendation to it concerning the proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that Robert Hite, Esq. is appointed as Hearing Officer in a certain matter involving disciplinary charges involving this employee of the Greenville Central School District. Mr. Hite is directed to conduct the hearing and return his report and recommendations in accordance with Civil Service Law Section 75.

VI. Discussion:

A. Reminders regarding the Budget Vote:

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. Draft 2008-2009 Board of Education Calendar

(A calendar for the 2008-2009 Board of Education Meetings is scheduled for adoption at the Organizational Meeting in July, 2008)

Board members discussed the time for Board of Education meetings for the 2008-2009 school year will start at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. Lawrence Tompkins also noted that on the calendar that Audit Committee meetings would then be held at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. Tammy Sutherland explained that an additional Audit Committee meeting would be added on September 2, 2008 to review the draft of the external audit. Anne Mitchell stated she could not attend the November 24, 2008 Workshop and the Board of Education decided to change that date to November 17. The calendar will be a discussion item at the June Board of Education meeting before final approval at the July Organizational Meeting.

C. Next Greene County School Boards Meeting June 4, 2008 at Hunter-Tannersville School District

Jacqueline O'Halloran, District Clerk will provide the Board of Education with further information regarding the topics included and registration deadlines as soon as they are available.

D. Announcement of top ten graduates:

Corinne Smith, Valedictorian
Erin Ricci, Salutatorian
Katharine Harvey
Tara Spahmer
Brittany Marrone
Kelly Curtin
Gregory Domermuth
Amanda Jackson
Katilyn Benninger
Anna Plattner

E. Questar III Budget Results:

(On April 22, 2008 the school boards of Questar III's twenty-two component school districts voted 20-2 to approve its \$3.8 million administrative budget for 2008-09. School boards also elected incumbents John Hill from Valley Falls, NY (Hoosic Valley Central School District), Marilyn Noonan from Catskill, NY (Catskill Central School District) and James Keegan from

Claverack, NY (Hudson City School District) to three-year terms beginning July 1. Additionally, Joseph (Seph) Garland from Coxsackie, NY (Coxsackie-Athens Central School District) was elected to fill the seat of Pick Jurgens, who retires June 30, 2008 after 30 years of board service.

- F. 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. The Assistant Superintendent for Business will discuss potential costs to the District and the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds will discuss the general scope of work to be completed.)

Tammy Sutherland stated the estimated cost will be approximately \$20,000 and the all bids will be open on June 4, 2008. At the June 9, 2008 Board of Education meeting, the water proposal, including costs, will be presented to the Board. Superintendent Dudley outlined the advantages because instead of only one campus access to water, this proposal would provide the District two and insure better fire safety as the hydrant will be by the Transportation facility. Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, further explained that if we had to shut off one water source at the Elementary school we would still have water available at the Middle and High School buildings. The responsibilities for the Town of Greenville and the Greenville Central School District or the potential extensions and improvements were outlined in the draft of the Intermunicipal Agreement.

VIII. Board Members’ input for possible discussion at a later date
No comments

- IX. Closing Open Forum
Parent Member, Vickie Tripp Anderson asked for an explanation of Section 75 in Item G of the May 12 Agenda. Superintendent Dudley explained Civil Service Law Section 75 is regarding disciplinary charges and due process.

Anne Mitchell commented on the copies of the School Law notebooks that were given to the Board of Education members at the meeting. Board member Lawrence Tompkins said they were copies from a School Law conference he went to last fall and they were very informative, helpful, and a very good resource for Board members.

- X. Executive Session
At 8:11 p.m. Anne Holstein moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell 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 9:10 p.m. Gregory Lampman seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to return to open session.

- X. Adjournment
At 9:11 p.m. Anne Mitchell seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

School District Clerk

Board President