

GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
September 10, 2007

**I. Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, September 10, 2007 in the High School Library. Wilton Bear, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:48 P.M.

- A.** Members present: Wilton Bear, Jr.  
Tina Dombroski  
Ann Holstein  
Anne Mitchell  
Rosanne Moore  
Lawrence Tompkins
- Members absent: Gregory Lampman
- Others present: Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent  
Tammy Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Lorraine Spinner, School District Clerk Pro-tem  
Colleen Hall, Middle School Principal  
Margaret Kelly, Director of Communications  
Lisa Knowles, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Michael Laster, High School Principal  
Peter Mahan, Elementary School Principal  
Karen Morin, Supervisor of Transportation  
Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Building and Grounds

- B.** There were approximately 6 visitors at the meeting.

**II. Approval of Agenda and appointment of Clerk Pro-tem**

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve the agenda for the business meeting Monday, September 10, 2007; and to appoint Lorrie Spinner as Clerk Pro-tem for such meeting.

**III. Accolades**

Superintendent Dudley congratulated Teacher Aide, Anne Rhodes, on her retirement and indicated a plaque that would be mailed to Ms. Rhodes commemorating her service to the District.

**IV. Forum**

Resident, Richard Ferriolo presented the Board of Education with a sample historical road marker that was donated by his son-in-law, Bradley Boomhower. He suggested that the sample be used at the Potter Hollow School House for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in October. He provided Board members with a copy of suggested wording that was developed by the Historical Committee for the purchase of an actual historical road marker. He also provided a list of historical remembrance items that may be sold with the proceeds used to purchase the suggested historical road marker. He quoted an estimated cost of \$800 with shipping and a post for the sign included. He also suggested that a plaque be purchased for the inside of the Potter Hollow School House to indicate the date when restoring the building is completed. He stated his hope that having the building on the Historical Register would help to obtain grants and donations for the restoration of the building.

Mr. Ferriolo suggested that the GCS Business Office handle the proceeds obtained by the sale of the historical remembrance items. Board Member Anne Mitchell stated that the funds received from the sale would need to be handled by the Foundation and designated specifically for an historical road marker.

Superintendent Dudley stated that she will check with the Historical Parks Commission about the logo rights and legal requirements for the purchase and placement of a historical road marker.

Mr. Ferriolo stated that he was told that the Town of Rensselaerville road authority would have to approve a location for a historical road marker.

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

Larry Tompkins moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore to: (A-C)

**A.** Approve minutes of August 13, 2007 Business Meeting and August 27, 2007 Special Meeting

**B.** Approve Treasurer's Report, Statement of Conditions, Internal Claims Audit Report, Revenue Report, and Transfer of Funds for the month ending August 31, 2007 **(FY2008-18)**

**C.** Approve Special Student Services Recommendations

1. Committee on Special Education from the meetings of August 15 and 21, 2007; and the
2. Committee on Pre-school Special Education of August 15, 2007

Mr. Tompkins moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to remove the Internal Claims Audit Report from the motion, and table it for further clarification concerning the report.

**D. Personnel Agenda**

Rosanne Moore moved, seconded by Ann Holstein 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. Appointments**

1) 1.0 FTE English teacher

Name of appointee:	Jacqueline Moylan
Tenure area:	English
Probationary period:	September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2009
Commencement of service on tenure:	September 1, 2009
Commencement of service:	September 1, 2007
Certification status:	Permanent, English 7-12
Column & Step Placement:	Column IV, Step 26 (\$68,467.00)
Status:	Conditional
<i>(This position will provide instruction for ELA, AIS, and the Challenge Program.)</i>	

2) 1.0 FTE Science teacher

Name of appointee:	Brian Lovelace, Ph.D.
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Tenure area:	Science
Probationary period:	September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010
Commencement of service on tenure:	September 1, 2010
Commencement of service:	September 1, 2007
Certification status:	Provisional, Physics 7-12 expiring February 1, 2009; General Science 7-12 Extension expiring January 31, 2009; and Initial, Mathematics expiring September 1, 2009
Column & Step Placement:	Column X, Step 3 plus 108 graduate credits (\$56,798.00)
Status:	Cleared for employment

*(This position will fill a vacancy due to the retirement of Sandra Orris, and will provide instruction for physics, physics labs, general science, and mathematics.)*

3) 1.0 FTE School Nurse

Name of appointee:	Deborah Theiss-Mackey
Position:	School Nurse
Classification:	GCCS/Non-competitive
Probationary period:	September 6, 2007 through March 6, 2008
Commencement of service:	September 6, 2007
Column & Step Placement:	Column I, Step 1 (\$39,788.00 Pro-rated @ \$39,390.12)
Status:	Cleared for employment

4) .4 FTE Art teacher

Name of appointee:	Mari Anne Russo
Tenure area:	NA/.4 FTE
Probationary period:	NA/.4 FTE
Commencement of service on tenure:	NA/.4 FTE
Commencement of service:	September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008
Certification status:	Permanent, Art
Column & Step Placement:	Column IV, Step 23 (\$64,395.00 pro-rated @ \$25,758.00)
Status:	Cleared for employment

*(This position was created at the May 14, 2007 Board Meeting and as a part-time position is created annually.)*

5) 1.0 FTE Teaching Assistants (2)

Name of appointee:	Tracy Bensen
Tenure area:	Teaching Assistant
Probationary period:	Commencing September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010
Commencement of service on Tenure:	September 1, 2010
Certification:	Level 1
Column & Step Placement:	Step I (\$21,884.00)
Status:	Cleared for employment

Name of appointee:	Julie Hallenbeck
Tenure area:	Teaching Assistant
Probationary period:	Commencing September 1, 2007

Commencement of service on Tenure:	through August 31, 2010 September 1, 2010
Certification:	Level 1
Column & Step Placement:	Step I (\$21,884.00)
Status:	Cleared for employment

*(Three Teaching Assistant positions, part of the 2007-2008 school district budget, were created at the May 14, 2007 Board Meeting. Two appointments were at the August 13, 2007 Board Meeting, one of the above appointments is the third, and the other is a vacancy due to the resignation of Charylie Dines.)*

6) Substitute teachers and teaching assistant

Name of appointee:	Laurie Albright
Position:	Substitute teacher per~diem
Certification:	Certified
Effective:	September 11, 2007 through June 30, 2008
Status:	Cleared for employment

Name of appointee:	Mari Anne Russo
Position:	Substitute teacher per~diem
Certification:	Certified
Effective:	September 11, 2007 through June 30, 2008
Status:	Cleared for employment

7) Extra Duty, Co-Curricular, Extra-curricular, and Athletics 2007-2008

a) Coaches

JV boys' soccer	Eugene Rodriguez
Modified boys' soccer	Kevin Lewis

**2. Operational**

a. Leave of Absence

1) Aide/Monitor

Name of employee:	Diane M. Fox
Position:	Aide/Monitor
Effective:	September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008
Type:	Extended Personal Leave

b. Appointments

1) Bus driver

Name of appointee:	Dawn M. Becker
Position:	Bus driver
Classification:	GCCS/Non-competitive
Probationary period:	September 5, 2007 through March 5, 2008
Commencement of service:	September 5, 2007
Step placement:	Per contract (\$15.54 per hour)
Status:	Cleared for employment

2) Bus driver

Name of appointee:	Joseph Kraft, Jr.
Position:	Bus driver
Classification:	GCCS/Non-competitive

Probationary period:	September 5, 2007 through March 5, 2008
Commencement of service:	September 5, 2007
Step placement:	Per contract (\$15.54 per hour)
Status:	Cleared for employment

*(The appointments above will fill two (2) bus driver vacancies.)*

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.

#### **E. Business Management**

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to: (1-7)

##### **1. Award bid for contract transportation routes**

*(Bids were opened in the Business Office on Wednesday, August 29, 2007 for 2007-08 contract transportation routes. Packets were mailed to three (3) prospective bidders, with one (1) response. It is recommended to award three (3) new routes, and nine (9) rollover routes as follows:*

##### New Routes: Coxsackie Transportation:

Claverack Academy (7 students)	\$320.00 per diem
Ichabod Crane / Taconic Hills HS (2 students)	\$173.00 per diem
Columbia HS / Genet MS (2 students)	\$273.00 per diem

*Rollovers: (continuation of routes approved last year) includes 2.5% CPI*

##### Coxsackie Transportation:

Red Mill Elementary (2 students)	\$301.24 per diem
Rensselaer Education Center (a.m.) St. Colman's (p.m.) (1 student)	\$185.49 per diem
Wildwood - Curry Rd. (3 students)(includes aide on bus)	\$322.26 per diem
Wildwood – Latham & Holland Ave. (5 students)	\$268.55 per diem
Langan School / Parsons (3 students with shared aide on bus)	\$182.45 per diem \$51.25 (aide per diem)
Coxsackie HS (5 students)	\$135.30 per diem

##### Chalet Services:

Children's Annex (1 student)	\$201.41 per diem
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##### O-Roo Transportation:

Cobb Memorial School (1 student)	\$179.40 per diem
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*A collaborative bid was opened on Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at Coxsackie-Athens with Coxsackie-Athens, Cairo-Durham, Catskill, and Greenville for the transportation of students to Tech Valley High School. Coxsackie Transport was the lowest bidder @ \$47.00 per student, per diem. Greenville Central School District will have two students attending Tech Valley HS.)*

- 2. Approve Contract Between Greenville Central School District and Cobb Memorial School for the 2007 Summer Special Education Contract (FY2008-19)**  
*(Tuition for two students in attendance shall be \$125.04 per student per diem. In the event that there is a requirement for the services of a 1:1 aide for the student, the tuition cost for the 1:1 aide services for the school program shall be \$82.32 per day. Educational services will be provided as needed and consistent with the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and include but not limited to classroom language instruction and work, individual remedial and developmental tutoring, specialized reading and language instruction, physical education, art, activities and services deemed essential to the child.)*
- 3. Approve Contract Between Greenville Central School District and The Center for Disability Services, Inc. (FY2008-20)**  
*(This contract will provide instruction for two (2) resident students to attend Langan School during the 2007-2008 school year. The District shall pay the tuition costs while the child is enrolled in the school of the Contractor. Tuition shall be \$3,296.70 per month for the regular school year component, except that a partial month resulting from a new enrollment or discharge shall be paid on a pro-rated basis of \$824.18 per week for the school year component. Tuition will be paid for all days of enrollment, and shall also be paid for all days of absence due to illness, legal reasons, teacher conference, and workshops. The District will contract separately for Assistive Technology devices, Music Therapy services, Teacher of the Visually Impaired services, Orientation and Mobility services and Psychological Triennials. Upon District request, a Psychological Triennial will be conducted by the Contractor on the District's behalf for a fee of \$400.00.)*
- 4. Approve Contract Between Greenville Central School District and Parsons Child & Family Center in the amount of \$33,822.00 (FY2008-21)**  
*(This contract provides instruction for one resident student to attend Parsons Child & Family Center for a six week summer session in the amount of \$4,633.00 and tuition for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$29,189.00.)*
- 5. Approve Contract Between Greenville Central School District and Wildwood Summer Extension Program in the amount of \$39,876.00 (FY2008-22)**  
*(This contract provided instruction for disabled children admitted by Wildwood, who because of the type of disability or combination of disabilities, cannot receive appropriate instruction in a public school. These services are for six students from July 2, 2007 through August 10, 2007 @ \$6,646.00 each for a total of \$39,876.00.)*
- 6. Declaration of Surplus--197 Used Textbooks published in 1970 through 1995 (FY2008-23)**  
*(These books have been recommended as surplus by High School Principal, Michael Laster. After contacting several companies, Textbook Warehouse has agreed to purchase 52 Pre-Algebra books at \$5.00 per book. A fee of \$2 will be paid for any books with an imperfect binding.)*
- 7. Approve the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services between the Board of Education of the Greenville Central School District and Questar III (FY2008-24)**  
*(Education Law permits the School District to contract with Questar III for a period in excess of one (1) year, but not exceeding five (5) years; and Questar III will facilitate*

*the provision of lease/purchase financing for two (2) Xerox MTE01968 network printers with a four year annual payment schedule of \$42,534.72 reimbursed at the rate of 65.4%.)*

## **F. School Management**

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to: (1)

### **1. Appoint District Planning Committee Membership**

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

Marianne Augstein	Greenville Paraprofessional Federation
<i>(Therefore, District Planning Committee membership to date includes:</i>	
<i>Wilton Bear, Jr.</i>	<i>Board of Education</i>
<i>Cheryl A. Dudley</i>	<i>Superintendent of Schools</i>
<i>Michael Laster</i>	<i>Cabinet</i>
<i>Lisa Knowles</i>	<i>Cabinet</i>
<i>Tammy Sutherland</i>	<i>Leadership</i>
<i>Eric Herbstritt</i>	<i>PTA</i>
<i>Rachel Anderson</i>	<i>Greenville Faculty Association</i>
<i>Maria Marquit</i>	<i>Greenville Paraprofessional Federation</i>
<i>Marianne Augstein</i>	<i>Greenville Paraprofessional Federation</i>
<i>Wells Packard</i>	<i>Budget Advisory Committee</i>
<i>Jane Scrafford</i>	<i>Quality Education Committee</i>
<i>Patti DeTillio</i>	<i>Community Member)</i>

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to: (2-4)

### **2. Adopt Board of Education Goals for 2007-2008**

- Ensure a long-term comprehensive Master Plan for facilities and infrastructure to support educational excellence and advance the broader needs of the community;
- Develop a comprehensive energy efficiency policy for the District;
- The Board will be informed about how to nurture a school community that celebrates human diversity and values, and develops the gifts and talents of each student.

*(The above goals were drafted at the Board of Education Workshop of July 30<sup>th</sup> and discussed by the Board of Education at the meeting of August 13, 2007.)*

Anne Mitchell directed that the coma be moved in the third bullet after the word “values” to after the word “diversity.”

### **3. Approve Overnight field trip(s)**

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| <b>a.</b> Trip Destination:     | Springfield Marriott, West Springfield, MA  |
| Dates:                          | September 14, 2007 (9:00 am departure) through September 15, 2007 (10:00 pm arrive at Greenville) |
| Students:                       | 15 FFA students will attend The Big E   |
| Chaperones:                     | Rachel Anderson and Michaela Kehr   |
| <br><b>b.</b> Trip Destination: | <br>Ramada Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN  |
| Dates:                          | October 20, 2007 (6:00 am departure) through October 28, 2007 (5:00 pm arrive at Greenville)      |
| Students:                       | 10-15 FFA students - National FFA Convention  |
| Chaperones:                     | Rachel Anderson and one TBD   |

Mr. Tompkins questioned the transportation costs for field trips. Superintendent Dudley explained that a spreadsheet is being developed for all costs of field trips for the year including substitute rates, charter buses, DOT certifications, and credentials of drivers.

**4. Appoint Board Member, Lawrence Tompkins, as Voting Delegate to the Annual NYSSBA Convention**

*(The 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention for the New York State School Boards Association will be held in New York City on October 25-28, 2007. The Board of Education should provide direction to the Greenville Board of Education voting delegate at the Board of Education meeting in October. The list from the "Proposed Resolutions and Voting Delegate's Guide for the Annual Business Meeting" was previously received in more detail by the Board of Education and is available to the public on the NYSSBA website.)*

**VI. Discussion:**

**A. Opening of School for 2007-2008**

Elementary Principal, Peter Mahan, welcomed approximately 600 students including 104 Kindergartners; eleven classrooms were moved within the building over the summer; and his faculty will focus on using meeting times for instructional discussions.

Middle School Principal, Colleen Hall thanked Peter Mahan for a terrific class of 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The Middle School welcomed 318 students. New courses this year included English Honors 7 & 8, Book Making, and Lego Robotics.

High School Principal, Michael Laster welcomed approximately 500 students including 130 in the senior class. The new NYSED math standards have begun this year. Mr. Laster thanked Bob Schrader and the Buildings and Grounds staff for moving the Whole Student Learning Center to the new location.

Superintendent Cheryl Dudley thanked the following for their hard work which contributed to a smooth opening day for students: Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Bob Schrader, and Transportation Supervisor, Karen Morin, and all staff. She also thanked Board Vice-President, Anne Mitchell, who welcomed back faculty and staff at the Superintendent's Conference Day that was held on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Budget Calendar for 2008-2009 fiscal year**

Superintendent Dudley asked Board Members to email her or Tammy Sutherland with ideas to be incorporated in a draft 2008-2009 Budget Calendar that will be presented to the Board for discussion in October.

*(The presentation of the budget will be at the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 in the High School Auditorium and the Annual Vote and Election is scheduled by NYS to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008.)*

**C. Update on Capital Projects**

Tammy Sutherland provided an update on Capital Projects. She stated that the District Office has moved to its new location and that most of the furniture has been received.

The Excel Aide Project for the elementary elevator will be discussed by the District Planning Committee at their next meeting on September 26 at 4:00 pm. They are looking at a December Open Forum for community input to be held with a question and answer period.



**D. Reminder of September 17, 2007 Tour of Facilities**

Board Members were reminded of the Board of Education tour of the school district grounds and facilities to be conducted on Monday, September 17, 2007 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria. As directed by the Board of Education, members of the Budget Advisory Committee have been invited to participate.

**E. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Greenville Central School District and Scott M. Ellis Elementary School**

Elementary Principal Peter Mahan provided an update on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to be held October 5-8, 2007. The Committee is working on the finishing touches, providing directions, speakers, and safety matters. A list of alumni is being gathered and the itinerary will be posted on the website.

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

There were no new items.

**VIII. Closing Open Forum**

There were no comments.

**IX. Executive Session**

At 8:15 p.m. Mr. Tompkins moved, seconded by Ms. Dombroski to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article Fourteen of Civil Service Law; and 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 8:41 P.M. Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to return to open session.

**X. Adjournment**

At 8:43 P.M. Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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Clerk Pro-Tem

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Board President