

GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2007

**I. Call to Order:**

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A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, January 8, 2007 in the High School

Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**A.** Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. led the Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

**B.** Members present: Wilton Bear, Jr.  
Tina Dombroski  
Ann Holstein  
Gregory Lampman  
Anne Mitchell  
Rosanne Moore  
Lawrence Tompkins

Others present: Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent  
Tammy Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Nancy Beers, School District Clerk  
Margaret Kelly, Director of Communications  
Lisa Knowles, Director of Special Student Services  
Michael Laster, High School Principal  
Peter Mahan, Elementary Principal  
Tina Minehan, Elementary Assistant Principal  
Brian Reeve, MS/HS Assistant Principal  
Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Building and Grounds

**C.** Mr. Bear welcomed approximately 9 visitors to the meeting.

**II.** Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve the agenda for the business meeting Monday, January 8, 2007.

**III. Accolades**

The Board expressed appreciation to students and to the Music Department for the wonderful Holiday concerts and activities.

**IV. Open Forum**

There were no comments during the open forum.

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to: (A-C)

**A.** Approve Minutes of December 11, 2006 Business Meeting

**B.** Approve Treasurer's Report, Statement of Conditions, Internal Claims Audit Report, and Transfer of Funds for the month ending December 31, 2006 (FY2007-33)

**C. Special Student Services**

1. Accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from the meetings of December 4, 6, 14, 15, and 20, 2006; and Committee on Pre-School Special Education meetings of December 12 and 19, 2006

#### **D. Personnel Agenda**

Gregory Lampman 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. Request for Leave**

###### **1) Special Education teacher – child rearing**

Name of appointee:	Amy B. Latham
Position:	Elementary Special Education
Effective:	Approximately February 19, 2007 through March 30, 2007

teacher

###### **b. Appointments**

###### **1) Extended-term substitute teacher**

Name of appointee:	Maria Jennings
Tenure area:	N/A Extended-term substitute
Commencement of service on tenure:	N/A
Commencement of service:	January 2, 2007 through March 30, 2007
Certification status:	Permanent, Special Education
Column & Step Placement:	Column I, Step 1
Status:	Conditional

teacher

*(This appointment is due to the child rearing leave of special education teacher Amy Latham. According to the current GFA contract Article 1.3, extended-term substitute teachers are to be paid on the teacher salary schedule, at the step as determined by the District, for each consecutive day worked for the same teacher for forty-five (45) days or more. Such pay will be retroactive to the first day of employment in that assignment. Effective on the 45<sup>th</sup> day, the extended-term substitute will be entitled to the benefits of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Ms. Jennings will be paid retroactively at Column IV, Step 1 after serving 45 consecutive days.)*

###### **2) 2006-2007 Extra Duty, Co-curricular, Extra-curricular, and Athletics**

###### **a) Coaches**

Varsity tennis	Robert Gray
JV girls' softball	Justin Bruce
Varsity boys' track	Gordon Conrow
Modified boys' track	Carrie McIntyre
Varsity girls' track	Gloria Bear
Modified girls' track	Shannon Corrigan

###### **b) Mentor Teacher**

Name of appointee:	JoAnn Simmons
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Assigned to: Patricia Blackwell  
Commencing: December 19, 2006 through  
December 18, 2007

3) Substitute teachers and teaching assistants

Name of appointee: Maria Jennings  
Position: Substitute teacher per~diem  
Certification status: Certified, Special Education,  
Elementary  
Effective: December 20, 2006 through  
June 30, 2007  
Status: Cleared for employment

Name of appointee: Jennifer Raskopf  
Position: Substitute teacher per~diem  
Certification status: Non-certified, reinstatement  
Effective: December 19, 2006 through  
June 30, 2007  
Status: Cleared for employment

Name of appointee: Aleksen G. Speck  
Position: Substitute teacher and teaching  
assistant per~diem  
Certification status: Non-certified, BA  
Effective: January 9, 2007 through  
June 30, 2007  
Status: Conditional

Name of appointee: Christopher Warga  
Position: Substitute teacher and teaching  
assistant per~diem  
Certification status: Non-certified, reinstatement  
Effective: January 2, 2007 through  
June 30, 2007  
Status: Cleared for employment

**2. Operational**

a. Retirement

1) Cleaner

Name of appointee: Dennis Oleksiw  
Position: Cleaner  
Classification: GCCS/non-competitive  
Effective: January 19, 2007  
*(The District thanks Mr. Oleksiw for 11 years of service.)*

b. Appointments

1) Substitutes

Name of appointee: Wanda Bates  
Position: Substitute cafeteria and support staff

Commencement of service:	(reinstatement as support staff) January 9, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Status:	Cleared for employment
Name of appointee:	Dawn Becker
Position:	Substitute bus driver
Commencement of service:	December 12, 2006 through June 30, 2007
Status:	Cleared for employment
Name of appointee:	Laurie Grimmond
Position:	Substitute cafeteria
Commencement of service:	January 9, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Status:	Conditional
Name of appointee:	Joseph Kraft Jr.
Position:	Substitute bus driver
Commencement of service:	January 2, 2007 through June 30, 2007
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.

## **E. Business Management**

### **1. Acceptance of donations:**

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to accept the following donations:

- a. \$500 donated by "GE Selkirk Employees' Good Neighbor Fund"  
*(These funds will be used to aid needy families in this area during the Holiday Season.)*
- b. Tennis ball server donated by GCS teacher Corrina Bright at an approximate value of \$150

### **2. Senior Citizen Tax Exemption Rates for 2007**

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville Central School Board of Education establish the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption Rates for 2007 as listed.

Section 1. As permitted by Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, real property owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over as therein defined, or by a husband and wife, either of whom is 65 years of age or over, or by siblings, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, or a disabled person (Section 459C), shall be exempt, to the extent set forth in Section 2 hereof, from taxation by the Greenville Central School District.

Section 2. Real property which meets the requirements for exemption pursuant to Section 1 hereof shall be exempt to the extent indicated below, provided that the income of the owner, or combined incomes of the owners if there is more than one, does not exceed the sum set forth below:

#### Senior Citizen And Disabled Tax Exemption Rates

Maximum income limit	18,000.00	50%
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18,000.01 - 18,999.99	45%
19,000.00 - 19,999.99	40%
20,000.00 - 20,999.99	35%
21,000.00 - 21,899.99	30%
21,900.00 - 22,799.99	25%
22,800.00 - 23,699.99	20%
23,700.00 - 24,599.99	15%
24,600.00 - 25,499.99	10%
25,500.00 - 26,000.00	5%

Section 3. This exemption shall not be available if a child resides on the premises and attends an elementary or secondary public school within the Greenville Central School District.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared after its effective date.

**3. G.H. Dorety Construction, Inc. Settlement Agreement (FY2007-34)**

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution: It is hereby resolved that the settlement agreement and release between the Greenville Central School District and G.H. Dorety Construction, Inc. dated December 12, 2006 is hereby approved and the President of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the School District. *(Payments to the contractors and subcontractors are to be made directly by the District in the following amounts: G. H. Dorety \$15,000.00; Shield Sales \$514.06; Cranesville Block \$8,698.35; GNH Lumber \$4,896.46; and Cowan Excavating \$25,138.92.)*

**4. District Asbestos Management Plan (FY2007-35)**

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to accept the proposal from Needham Risk Management Resource Group, LLC to update the District's Asbestos Management Plan. *(The fee for this scope of work is a lump sum payment of \$13,000 including sampling costs.)*

**F. School Management**

**1. Quality Education Committee Membership**

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint Tracy Boomhower to the Quality Education Committee for 2006-2007 to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools.

*(The majority of members of this Committee were appointed at the October Board meeting.)*

**VI. Discussion:**

**A. Draft BOE Policy #4.350 - Reporting and Investigations of Allegations of Fraud**

The Board reviewed Draft BOE Policy #4.350 - Reporting and Investigations of Allegations of Fraud. The policy will be recommended for adoption in February.

**B. Meeting with Town Boards**

Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. reminded the Board of the meeting with the Town Boards and Planning Committees on January 27, 2007.

**C. Senior Trip**

High School Principal Michael Laster presented the proposed senior class trip to the Board. The class will travel to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia and the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Maryland during Spring Break. Senior class advisor Donna Ruot and the officers of the senior class were in attendance to answer questions from the Board.

**D. Field Trips**

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley presented the Board with a list of field trips for the 2006-2007 school year compiled by building administrators. The District has been working with Questar III to support many of these trips through Arts in Education which qualifies admission costs for state aid. According to Board of Education policy, the District may accept donations for field trips but cannot require payment from parents. Board Member Ann Holstein asked if the District could suggest an amount for a donation. Superintendent Dudley affirmed that an amount may be specified but that language in the letter must state that it is a donation. All donations will be deposited through the Business Office and revenue received through state aid will help offset the cost of transportation.

**E. Excel Aid**

Assistant Superintendent for Business Tammy J. Sutherland advised the Board that she, Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Robert Schrader had met with District Architects Louis Turpin and John Sharkey to discuss a project that would qualify for Excel Aid. Currently under review is the installation of an elevator at Scott M. Ellis to provide handicapped accessibility to all levels of the building. The tentative budget would be approximately 1.3 million dollars. An Excel Aid allotment of \$459,539, coupled with building aid reimbursement, will ensure no impact to the tax levy or taxpayers. A contract to begin preliminary plans and budget estimates has been submitted by Rhinebeck Architecture and will be reviewed by the District's attorneys. The project would be placed on the May ballot as a separate proposition and, if approved, submitted to the State Education Department. Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley anticipates that with a large number of districts submitting projects for Excel Aid, approval may take six months or more delaying completion of the project for approximately one year.

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

There were no new items.

**VIII. Closing Open Forum**

There were no comments during the open forum.

**IX. Executive Session**

At 8:05 P.M. Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending, or current litigation; 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 8:30 P.M. Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to return to open session.

**X. Adjournment**

At 8:32 P.M. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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School District Clerk

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Board President