

GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2007

I. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, February 12, 2007 in the High School Library. 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.
Ann Holstein
Gregory Lampman
Anne Mitchell
Rosanne Moore

Members absent: Tina Dombroski
Lawrence Tompkins

Others present: Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent
Tammy Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Nancy Beers, School District Clerk
Scott Gardiner, Director of Technology
Colleen Hall, Middle School Principal
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
Karen Morin, Supervisor of Transportation
Brian Reeve, MS/HS Assistant Principal
Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Building and Grounds

C. Mr. Bear welcomed approximately 8 visitors to the meeting.

II. Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to approve the agenda for the business meeting Monday, February 12, 2007.

III. Accolades

Congratulations to:

Winner of the National Geographic Geography Bee at the Middle School level, Camryn Benjamin, and runner up Michael Amedure;

Medal winners in the Annual American Mathematics Competition at the Middle School level: Samuel Kudlack; Kerry Brown; Daniel Carl; Marta Kelly; Alexis Peters; Emily Bobrick; Scott Goodfellow; and Rita Lord;

High scorers in the National Current Events at the Middle School level for rounds one and two: Emily Bobrick; Eamon Collins; Marta Kelly; and Brenden O'Keefe;

Elementary teacher Martha Travis was selected as Educator of the Week by WNYT-Channel 13. Elaine Houston of WNYT interviewed Ms. Travis last week and the interview will be aired next month. WNYT sponsors the Educator of the Week Program. Of the 250 plus nominations in the capital region, Ms. Travis was one of 30 selected for this special honor.

IV. Open Forum

There were no comments during the open forum.

V. ACTION ITEMS

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

A. Approve Minutes of January 8, 2007 Business Meeting

B. Approve Treasurer's Report, Statement of Conditions, Internal Claims Audit Report, Revenue Report and Transfer of Funds for the month ending January 31, 2007 (FY2007-36)

C. Special Student Services

1. Accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from the meetings of January 4, 18, and 25, 2007; and Committee on Preschool Special Education from the meeting of January 23, 2007

D. Personnel Agenda

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore 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) Extra Duty, Co-curricular, Extra-curricular, and Athletics 2006-2007

a) Advisors

Middle School

Co-Musical Director

Jennifer FitzGerald @ .75 of stipend
and Jonathan Meredith @ .25 of stipend

Co-Choral Director

Patricia Blackwell

(These appointments will fill vacancies due to the October, 2006 resignation of Brian Bailey. Jonathan Meredith was already appointed as the Co-Choral Director in August 2006.)

b) Coaches

JV baseball

Christopher Warga

2) Substitute teachers and teaching assistants

Name of appointee:

Janet Brezinski

Position:

Substitute teacher per~diem

Certification status:	Certified, Permanent, Reading, English, Nursery, Kindergarten, Grades 1-6 (to grade ELA exams)
Effective:	January 22, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Status:	Cleared for employment
Name of appointee:	Patricia L. Dority-Kawczak
Position:	Substitute teacher per~diem
Certification status:	Non-certified
Effective:	January 30, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Status:	Cleared for employment
Name of appointee:	Melissa R. Roberts
Position:	Substitute teacher per~diem
Certification status:	Certified, Initial Childhood Education 1-6
Effective:	February 13, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Status:	Conditional
Name of appointee:	Alyssa Thomas
Position:	Substitute teaching assistant per~diem
Certification status:	High School diploma
Effective:	February 13, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Status:	Conditional

2. Operational

a. Appointments

1) Cleaner

Name of appointee:	Kenneth Yeomans
Position:	Cleaner
Classification:	GCCS/non-competitive
Probationary period:	January 29, 2007 through July 30, 2007
Commencement of service:	January 29, 2007
Step Placement:	Per contract @ \$12.53 per hour
Status:	Cleared for employment
<i>(This will fill the vacancy due to the retirement of Dennis Oleksiw.)</i>	

2) Support Staff

Name of appointee:	Daphane Pearson
Position:	Support Staff @ 4.75 hours per day
Classification:	GCCS/non-competitive
Probationary period:	February 26, 2007 through August 27, 2007
Commencement of service:	February 26, 2007
Step Placement:	Per contract @ \$11.36 per hour
Status:	Conditional
<i>(This will fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Edward Warga.)</i>	

3) Substitutes

Name of appointee:	Pamela DeMarco
Position:	Substitute cafeteria and support staff
Commencement of service:	January 5, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Status:	Conditional

Name of appointee:	Joseph Kraft, Jr.
Position:	Substitute mechanic
Commencement of service:	January 23, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Status:	Cleared for employment

Name of appointee:	Alyssa Thomas
Position:	Substitute clerical and support staff
Commencement of service:	February 13, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Status:	Conditional

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. 2006-2007 Tuition Rates

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville Central School District Tuition Rates for 2006-2007 be established as follows:

Elementary K-6	\$7,062
Secondary 7-12	\$7,838

Special Education (60% of day)	
Elementary K-6	\$36,180
Secondary 7-12	\$36,956

Special Education (20% of day)	
Elementary K-6	\$22,478
Secondary 7-12	\$23,254

(The estimated tuition rates are based on a formula defined in Section 174.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner. Since GCSD is a closed campus [per Board Policy #6.170], these rates are for the students that have been grandfathered for purposes of non-resident attendance tuition, students in foster care, and cross contracts with districts for provision of special education services. The cost for foster students is charged to the district of origin and special education students to the home district.)

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to: (2-5)

2. Auditor's Report – Federal Awards (FY2007-37)

Accept Auditor's Report - Federal Awards for the Year Ended June 30, 2006

(The Board of Education accepted the 2005-2006 Auditor's Report at the October 16 Board of Education Meeting. This portion of the audit, information of which is embedded in the October report is required to be submitted in a separate document to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse as well as NYSED within thirty (30) days of receipt or no later than March 31st.

3. Health Service Contract with North Greenbush Common School District (FY2007-38)

Approve Health Service Contract with North Greenbush Common School District for 2006-2007 in the amount of \$221.22

(This contract provides health services for one Greenville Central School District resident student who is attending LaSalle Institute in Troy for the 2006-2007 school year.)

4. Declaration of Surplus Computer Hardware (FY2007-39)

Approve the Declaration of Surplus Computer Hardware

(There are Forty-five [45] Compaq Pentium based 500 Mhz computers and Ninety [90] Compaq Celeron based 400 Mhz computers to be declared as surplus. These computers were purchased in 1999 and are obsolete for district use. They are being replaced in accordance with the Instructional Technology (IT) Department long-range equipment-purchasing plan.)

5. Agreement with Rhinebeck Architecture & Planning PC (FY2007-40)

Approve Agreement with Rhinebeck Architecture & Planning PC

(This agreement will provide services for the development of a plan to address issues of ADA [American Disabilities Act] compliance at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School, specifically for student, employee, and visitor accessibility for the multi-level structure, including the installation of an elevator and other related accessibility improvements. This agreement may be funded by Excel Aid from NYS with no impact on the tax levy. Services include Pre-referendum Schematic Design Phase [\$20,000]; Post Referendum Design Development Phase [\$20,000]; Construction Documents Phase [\$35,000]; Bidding or Negotiation Phase [\$5,000]; and Construction Phase [\$20,000; Total [\$100,000]. Additional information concerning Excel Aid is included below for consideration [Discussion A-J; G. Excel Aid].)

6. Related Services Contract with Cairo-Durham Central School District (FY2007-41)

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve the contract for Related Services between Greenville Central School District and Cairo-Durham Central School District

(This agreement between the Cairo-Durham and Greenville Central School Districts provides special education services to students, specifically for the related services of speech and language therapy, for September 7, 2006 through June 22, 2007. Compensation shall be paid at the rate of \$28.87 per hour for one speech therapist based on 1/200 of the employee's salary per C-D.)

F. School Management

1. Draft BOE Policy #4.350-Reporting and Investigations of Allegations of Fraud(FY2007-42)

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to adopt draft BOE Policy #4.350 - Reporting and Investigations of Allegations of Fraud

2. District Planning Committee Membership

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints the following individuals as members of the District Planning Committee in an advisory capacity to the Board of Education for 2006-2007:

Community Member

Greenville Faculty Association

Patti DeTillio

Rachael Anderson

VI. Discussion:

A. Presentation on Athletics

Middle/High School Principal Brian Reeve presented an overview of the interscholastic athletic program. The PowerPoint presentation included a brief history of the athletic program and current participation statistics in a variety of sports. Based on concerns expressed by parents at the Superintendent's Forum in July, the athletic program has established the following goals: Short-term goals: uniform replacement; field maintenance and improvement, and coaching continuity. Long-term goals: Community Youth Sports (K-6); conditions of tennis courts and playing fields for track and field, baseball, softball, soccer; additional sports including wrestling,

boys' varsity and junior varsity volleyball, varsity girls' tennis, seventh grade boys' and girls' basketball, eighth grade boys' and girls' basketball; and a fitness center.

B. Student Information Systems

Director of Technology Scott Gardiner provided background information about the status of the current student information system used by GCSD and of programs under review for possible use commencing in the 2007-2008 school year. SASI, our current system, was purchased in 1998 and has not seen a product enhancement in two years. Requests for data are slow and it is not compatible with other systems currently used by the library and bus garage. The Northeast Regional Information Center (NERIC) in Albany has studied various software systems and can provide one compatible to our needs. Installation will begin this summer and operate in conjunction with SASI until the conversion is complete in fall, 2008. The NERIC system is in tune with data requirements of the New York State Education Department and is state aidable. The parent company is based in Rochester and the program is specific to New York State. Technical support and on site training will be provided by NERIC. Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley requested a list of districts operating under this system. Mr. Gardner informed the Board that most of the districts currently using this system or in the process of conversion are from the western and southern parts of the state and expansion into the northeast is relatively new.

C. Draft BOE Policy #3.145 Reporting of Campaign Expenditures and Contributions

Education Law Sections 1528 and 1529 have been amended to provide for additional required reporting of campaign expenditures and contributions. Board Members were presented with a draft BOE Policy #3.145 Reporting of Campaign Expenditures and Contributions to comply with the new law. The policy will be reviewed in March with adoption recommended at the April Board meeting.

D. Kindergarten Registration

Elementary Principal Peter Mahan expressed appreciation to Registrar Lynette Terrell and elementary secretary Karen Overbaugh for coordinating the recent kindergarten registration. Ms. Terrell mailed packets of information to families inviting them to schedule daytime or evening appointments. Of the 96 kindergarteners anticipated for the Class of 2020, 89 have already been in contact with the registrar, an unusually high number for this time of year.

E. 2007-2008 School Calendar

The Calendar Committee, comprised of Colleen Hall, Tina Minehan, Brynda Shultes, Judy Spring, and Wendy Ward, prepared a preliminary calendar for the 2007-2008 school year taking into consideration the Questar III and Capital Region BOCES' calendars. The calendar allows flexibility for teachers in scheduling evening appointments for parent-teacher conferences with working parents. Cabinet will finalize the dates for the Board's consideration and the final calendar will be recommended for adoption at the March Board of Education meeting.

F. Greene County School Boards Dinner

The next Greene County School Boards dinner meeting will be hosted by GCSD on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at the Rensselaerville Institute Conference Center at 6:30 pm. Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley reminded Board Members of the \$1000 scholarship for a graduating senior to be awarded to the district with the best attendance.

G. Excel Aid

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley presented the Board with three options, two of which are feasible, from Rhinebeck Architecture & Planning PC for renovations to Scott M. Ellis Elementary School to provide handicapped accessibility in compliance with the American Disabilities Act.

Both plans provide for the installation of an elevator which will connect all three floors and provide access to classrooms, library and cafeteria. Plan A retains the stairwell and in Plan B the placement of the elevator eliminates the stairwell. Upon the recommendation of Board Member Anne Mitchell, Elementary Principal Peter Mahan will schedule a meeting for the superintendent with appropriate elementary personnel to seek input on both options. The total amount of Excel Aid combined with building aid would support a proposition for construction of approximately 1.3 million dollars. The Board of Education would have to approve any plans for such a project and, even with no tax levy impact, a project utilizing this aid would require approval of the voters in May 2007.

H. District Web Page

Director of Communications Margaret Kelly provided an update on the redesign and process for maintenance of the District webpage. Information may be updated frequently to provide accuracy and new categories continue to be added. Local realtors now have access to current information which can be downloaded for prospective homeowners and in the future parents will be able to sign up for emergency notification. Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley expressed appreciation to Ms. Kelly, Scott Gardiner, Director of Technology and Christine Kozin of Questar III for their collaborative efforts in producing the newly designed District website.

I. Tuesday, February 13 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting and Monday, February 26 Budget

Workshop

Board Members were reminded of the Budget Advisory Committee Meeting February 13, 2007 and the first scheduled Budget Workshop on February 26, 2007, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the High School Library. Budget Workshops are also scheduled on March 5, 19, and April 2, 2007.

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

There were no new items.

VII. Closing Open Forum

There were no comments during the open forum.

VIII. Executive Session

At 9:10 P.M. Ann 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 9:53 P.M. Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to return to open session.

IX. Adjournment

At 9:55 P.M. Rosanne Moore moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

School District Clerk

Board President