

GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2007

I. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, May 14, 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.
Tina Dombroski
Ann Holstein
Gregory Lampman
Rosanne Moore
Lawrence Tompkins

Member absent: Anne Mitchell

Others present: Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent
Tammy Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Nancy Beers, School District Clerk
Colleen Hall, Middle School Principal
Margaret Kelly, Director of Communications
Lisa Knowles, Director of Special Student Services
Michael Laster, HS Principal
Tina Minehan, Elementary Assistant Principal
Karen Morin, Supervisor of Transportation
Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Building and Grounds

C. Mr. Bear welcomed approximately 20 visitors to the meeting.

II. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins and carried unanimously to approve the agenda for the business meeting Monday, May 14, 2007.

III. Accolades

Congratulations to:

Jenna Wickham and Rachel Anderson who will represent GCS for the Scholars' Recognition Program. Annually, the faculty at Greenville High School chooses a student who demonstrates leadership, service, and scholastic promise. This student is honored through the Scholars Recognition Program conducted by the Times Union Newspaper. This year's recipient is Jenna Wickham and she has chosen her instructor, Rachel Anderson as the teacher who has had a significant impact on her education.

IV. Open Forum

Parent Terrance Collins expressed concern over the response to reports that his son was being bullied on the bus and asked why the student wasn't removed from the bus until an April offense was reported to the police. He reported that an incident occurred today on campus and Mr. Collins asked the Board the proper procedure for resolving this issue. Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. stated that the process began with the principal, the Superintendent, and finally the Board of Education. Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley informed Mr. Collins that the principal would contact him the following day.

V. ACTION ITEMS

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

A. Approve Minutes of April 9, 2007 Business Meeting and April 24, 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 April 30, 2007 (FY2007-51)

C. Special Student Services

1. Accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from the meetings of March 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, April 3, 4, 5, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 2007; and the
2. Committee on Pre-school Special Education of April 17, 2007

D. Personnel Agenda

Gregory Lampman 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. Resignation

- 1) .2 Physical Education teacher

Name of appointee:	Brook Cleveland
Position:	.2 FTE Physical Education teacher
Tenure area:	Physical Education
Effective date:	March 22, 2007

b. Abolish position

- 1) Nurse Aide

Position:	Nurse Aide
Effective:	June 30, 2007

c. Create positions

- 1) 1.0 FTE English teacher 7-12

Program:	Challenge Program
Tenure area:	English
Probationary period:	September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010
Commencement of service:	September 1, 2007
Certification:	English 7-12
Column & Step Placement:	per contract
(This position is increased from .6 to 1.0 FTE for 2007-2008.)	

- 2) 1.0 FTE School Nurse

Program:	School Nurse
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| Tenure area: | NA |
| Probationary period: | September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010 |
| Commencement of service: | September 1, 2007 |
| Certification: | Registered Nurse |
| Column & Step Placement: | per contract |
| (This replaces the Nurse Aide position above.) | |
- 3) 1.0 FTE Teaching Assistants (3 positions)
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| Program: | K-12 |
| Tenure area: | Teaching Assistant |
| Probationary period: | September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010 |
| Commencement of service: | September 1, 2007 |
| Certification: | Teaching Assistant |
| Column & Step Placement: | per contract |
- 4) .6 FTE Speech-Language Pathologist
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| Program: | Speech/Language |
| Tenure area: | NA/.6 FTE |
| Probationary period: | NA |
| Commencement of service: | 2007-2008 school year |
| Certification: | Speech-Language Pathologist |
| Column & Step Placement: | per contract |
- 5) .4 FTE ESL teacher
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| Program: | K-12 |
| Tenure area: | NA/.4 FTE |
| Probationary period: | NA |
| Commencement of service: | 2007-2008 school year |
| Certification: | English to Speakers of Other Languages |
| Column & Step Placement: | per contract |
- 6) .4 FTE Art teacher
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| Program: | Art K-12 |
| Tenure area: | NA/.4 FTE |
| Probationary period: | NA |
| Commencement of service: | 2007-2008 school year |
| Certification: | Art |
| Column & Step Placement: | per contract |
- 7) .4 FTE Home & Careers teacher
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| Program: | Home and Careers |
| Tenure area: | NA/.4 FTE |
| Probationary period: | NA |
| Commencement of service: | 2007-2008 school year |
| Certification: | Home Economics |
| Column & Step Placement: | per contract |
- 8) .2 FTE Physical Education teacher
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| Program: | Physical Education |
| Tenure area: | NA/.2 FTE |

Probationary period:	NA
Commencement of service:	2007-2008 school year
Certification:	Physical Education
Column & Step Placement:	per contract

d. Requests for Leave without pay

- 1) Elementary teacher- maternity and child rearing

Name of appointee:	Judy Kibrick
Position:	Elementary teacher
Effective:	June 4, 2007 through June 30, 2007 and for the 2007-2008 school year

- 2) Elementary teacher

Name of appointee:	Denise Dickert
Position:	Elementary teacher
Effective:	2007-2008 school year

e. Appointments

- 1) Curriculum Coordinator for Humanities

Name of appointee:	Kathleen Quackenbush
Position:	.4 FTE Curriculum Coordinator for Humanities K-12
Commencing:	July 1, 2007
Column & Step Placement:	NA/per GFA Contract

- 2) Curriculum Coordinator for MST

Name of appointee:	Rachel Anderson
Position:	.4 FTE Curriculum Coordinator for MST
Commencing:	July 1, 2007
Column & Step Placement:	NA/per GFA Contract

(These part-time teacher positions were created at the September 11, 2006 meeting and will provide curriculum support for the Humanities K-12 [English and Social Studies] and MST K-12 [Math, Science, and Technology].)

- 3) .2 FTE Physical Education teacher

Name of appointee:	Christopher Warga
Tenure area:	N/A .2 FTE
Probationary period:	NA
Commencement of service on tenure:	N/A
Commencement of service:	March 28, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Certification:	Certified, Initial Expiring February 1, 2012
Column & Step Placement:	Column I, Step 1
Status:	Cleared for employment

- 4) Substitute teacher and teaching assistant
 - a) Name of appointee: Craig Biegel
 - Position: Substitute teacher and teaching assistant
per~diem
 - Certification: Non-certified, BA
 - Effective: May 7, 2007 through June 30, 2007
 - Status: Cleared for employment

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| b) | Name of appointee:
Position:

Certification:

Effective:
Status: | Debra L. Boies-Corcoran
Substitute teacher and teaching assistant
per~diem
Non-certified, MS in Communicative
Disorders
May 7, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Cleared for employment |
| c) | Name of appointee:
Position:

Certification:

Effective:
Status: | Stephanie J. Gotham
Substitute teacher and teaching assistant
per~diem
Certified, Initial expiring February 1,
2012, Childhood Education Grades 1-6
April 16, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Conditional |
| d) | Name of appointee:
Position:

Certification:
Effective:
Status: | Julie Hallenbeck
Substitute teacher and teaching assistant
per~diem
Non-certified, 2+ years college
May 7, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Cleared for employment |
| e) | Name of appointee:
Position:

Certification:
Effective:
Status: | Cynthia Krasney
Substitute teacher and teaching assistant
per~diem
Non-certified, Associates
May 7, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Cleared for employment |
| f) | Name of appointee:
Position:

Certification:
Effective:
Status: | Tara McBride
Substitute teacher and teaching assistant
per~diem
Non-certified, BA in Art
May 7, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Cleared for employment |
| g) | Name of appointee:
Position:

Certification:

Effective:
Status: | Denise A. Mink
Substitute teacher and teaching assistant
per~diem
Certified, Permanent, Art and Nursery
Kindergarten & Grades 1-6
April 16, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Conditional |
| h) | Name of appointee:
Position:

Certification:

Effective:
Status: | Bethany Slater
Substitute teacher and teaching assistant
per~diem
Non-certified, Bachelor of Music
Highest Distinction
May 7, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Cleared for employment |

2. Operational

- a. Request for Leave without pay
 - 1) Guidance secretary – medical

Name of employee	Faith Bowers
Position:	Guidance secretary
Effective:	February 28, 2007 through April 20, 2007
 - 2) Cleaner - military

Name of employee	Sky Ben
Position:	Cleaner
Effective:	April 9, 2007 through April 18, 2007
- b. Appointments
 - 1) Supervisor of Transportation - Permanent

Name of Appointee	Karen Morin
Position:	Supervisor of Transportation
Classification:	GCCS competitive
Probationary Period:	Permanent
Commencement of service:	May 15, 2007
Step Placement:	NA
Status:	Cleared for employment
 - 2) Regular bus driver

Name of appointee:	Judy Pebler
Position:	Bus driver
Classification:	GCCS/Non-competitive
Probationary Period:	April 4, 2007 through October 3, 2007
Commencement of service:	April 4, 2007
Step Placement:	Per contract
Status:	Cleared for employment
 - 3) Substitutes

Name of appointee:	Julie Hallenbeck
Position:	Clerical
Commencement of service:	May 15, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Status:	Cleared for employment
 Name of appointee:	 Georgina Jones
Position:	Cleaner
Commencement of service:	May 15, 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. Accept Donations:

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

- a. \$1,200.00 from Stewart's Holiday Match Program
(These funds will be used to purchase an LCD projector for the High School.)
- b. \$351.26 from the Target Take Charge of Education Program
(The High School received \$262.42 to assist in the purchase of Smart or Mimio technology and the Elementary School received \$88.84 to be used for supplies.)

- c. \$370.00 from Michael Benedict
(Mr. Benedict donated 30 copies of his recent CD to sell at the “Music in Our Schools”
Concert with the proceeds donated to purchase a new marching band banner.)
- d. \$200.00 from Doreen’s Family Hair Care Salon, East Durham
- e. \$124.83 from Hillary’s Bridal Boutique, Cairo
- f. \$75.00 from Janine’s Floral Creations, Ravena
- g. \$60.00 from Life Touch
- h. \$500.00 from Paul Ventura
(Items d-h are for gift certificates and services for the Prom of the Class of 2008.)

2. Approve solicitation of bids for 2007-2008

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve solicitation of bids for 2007-2008:

- a) Refuse removal
- b) Physical Education supplies
- c) Cafeteria supplies
- d) Custodial supplies
- e) Transportation parts and supplies

3. Independent Auditor

Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints the auditing firm of Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill, Certified Public Accountants, CP as Independent Auditor for 2006-2007.

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to: (4-5)

4. 2007-2008 Certification of Final Request for Services from Questar III

Approve 2007-2008 Certification of Final Request for Services from Questar III
(FY2007-52)

5. Award Paint Bid

Award paint bid for new District Office building:
\$18,800.00 including alternates
Joseph A. Cartelli
J.A.C. Painting
2 County Route 75
Greenville, NY 12083

F. School Management

1. District Planning 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 hereby appoints the following individual as a member of the District Planning Committee in an advisory capacity to the Board of Education for 2006-2007:

Quality Education Committee Jane Scrafford

2. Declaration of Participation in the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to approve the Declaration of Participation in the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center for the

VI. Discussion:

A. Draft 2007-2008 Board of Education Calendar

Board Members reviewed the draft 2007-2008 Board of Education Calendar. It was suggested that the audit committee meet following the tour of facilities on September 17, 2007. Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. advised Board Members to review the calendar and contact him if there is a conflict.

B. Presentation of New Textbooks

Board Members reviewed four (4) new textbooks which will be recommended for adoption at the June 11, 2007 meeting.

Title:	<u>Realidades 1</u>
Class:	Spanish IB and II
Publisher:	Prentice Hall
Copyright:	2004
Cost:	\$61.47
Quantity:	28
	Workbooks purchased annually

Title:	<u>Realidades 2</u>
Class:	Spanish II
Publisher:	Prentice Hall
Copyright:	2004
Cost:	\$62.47
Quantity:	28
	Workbooks purchased annually

Title:	<u>Realidades 3</u>
Class:	Spanish III, IV, and V
Publisher:	Prentice Hall
Copyright:	2004
Cost:	\$62.47
Quantity:	28 - Workbooks purchased annually

Title:	Amsco's Integrated Algebra 1
Class:	Algebra 1
Publisher:	Amsco
Copyright:	2007
Cost:	\$31
Quantity:	150

C. Greene County School Boards Meeting

The next meeting of the Greene County School Boards Association will be hosted by Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District on June 6, 2007. More information will be available at a future date.

D. Greenville Day – Saturday, May 19, 2007

Board Member Ann Holstein advised the Board that Community Partners has scheduled a number of activities to celebrate Greenville Day, Saturday, May 19, 2007. The day will include a parade, various activities at local businesses and Vanderbilt Park, and will culminate with fireworks. Ms. Holstein relayed a request by Community Partners member Wells Packard to advertise the event on the signs at the elementary school and the entrance to the high school / middle school.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Tammy J. Sutherland expressed concern that although a worthwhile project, the signs were for school announcements and this would set a precedent for other groups. Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley will research the Board of Education policy on this issue.

E. Town of Greenville Visioning Workshop Results

Board Member Ann Holstein reported that the Comprehensive Town Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday, April 25, 2007 was very successful and attracted a large number of people. The survey has been sent out and response by email is being encouraged. When the results are compiled, more visionary sessions targeted toward issues will be scheduled.

F. Update on Capital Projects

Assistant Superintendent for Business Tammy J. Sutherland advised the Board that the floors have been sanded and the kitchen ceiling finished at the district office. The windows are being installed and work has begun to level the porch.

At the high school, the tank will be replaced by the middle of June.

Request for Proposals (RFP's) for Master Planning Services were mailed and four (4) firms attended the pre-proposal meeting. Two (2) other firms have also expressed interest. The RFP's are due June 1, 2007.

G. Top Ten Graduates

Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. announced Greenville Central School District's top ten 2007 graduates:

Matthew Tompkins
Kristin Dwyer
Quinn Lockwood
Robert Thomas
Erin Magee

Jeffrey Fabian
Maureen Kiefer
Vanessa Rodriguez
Elizabeth Clark
Ann Henry

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

Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. requested that correspondence from Richard Ferriolo be placed on the June agenda.

Board Member Ann Holstein announced that a chicken barbecue would take place at the gazebo in Greenville in support of the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Scott M. Ellis Elementary School on Friday, May 18, 2007.

VIII. Closing Open Forum

Parent Vikki Tripp stated her appreciation for the elementary science night held in April and expressed the hope that it becomes an annual event. The evening was well organized and encouraged the participation of all children.

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley announced Greenville Central School has been recognized as a High Performing/Gap Closing district by the State Education Department. The excerpt from a letter by Commissioner Richard Mills stated "You and your entire community are to be commended for leading New York forward to accomplish our dual goals of increasing student achievement while closing the gap in student performance." Elementary School Principal Peter Mahan attended the recognition ceremony on behalf of the District and Superintendent with the Commissioner and members of the New York State Board of Regents.

Board Member Tina Dombroski expressed appreciation to Middle School Principal Colleen Hall and her staff for another successful Service Learning Day. Ms. Hall thanked the staff, parents and community for their support and advised the Board that students had raised over \$1,700 for the Columbia-Greene Humane Society.

IX. Executive Session

At 8:03 P.M. Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending, or current litigation 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 9:20 P.M. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to return to open session.

X. Adjournment

At 9:21 P.M. Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

School District Clerk

Board President