

GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2006

I. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, October 16, 2006 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
Anne Mitchell (arrived 7:35 pm)
Gregory Lampman
Rosanne Moore
Lawrence Tompkins (arrived 8:08 pm)

Member absent: Ann Holstein

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, High School Principal
Peter Mahan, Elementary Principal
Tina Minehan, Elementary Assistant Principal
Karen Morin, Transportation Supervisor
Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

C. Mr. Bear welcomed approximately 4 visitors to the meeting.

II. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve the agenda for the business meeting Monday, October 16, 2006.

III. Accolades

Congratulations were extended to students Kristin Dwyer, Matthew Tompkins, and Robert Thomas who have been named Commended Students in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program. These students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2007 competition by taking the 2005 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test.

Thanks and appreciation was extended to the following members of the Greenville Fire Auxiliary for delivering the Auxiliary's donation of school supplies for elementary students in need: Murilene Cronk, Janet Guntert, Sonia Greiner, Debra Danner and Carlee Guntert.

Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. thanked Board Member Tina Dombroski for participating in the focus group at the NYSSBA Academy for Public School Governance on September 15-17, 2006.

District Clerk Nancy Beers read a proclamation from Governor George E. Pataki declaring October 23-27, 2006 as School Board Recognition Week. Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley thanked the Board for their tireless effort and commitment to the students of Greenville Central School District.

IV. Open Forum

There were no comments during the open forum.

V. ACTION ITEMS

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

- A.** Approve Minutes of September 11, 2006 Business Meeting and September 18, 2006 Tour of Facilities
- B.** Approve Treasurer's Report, Statement of Conditions, Schedule of Bills, and Transfer of Funds for the month ending September 30, 2006 (FY2007-24)
- C.** Special Student Services
1. Accept recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from the meetings of September 14, 21, 28, and October 5, 2006; and the Committee on Pre-school Special Education meeting of September 26, 2006

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 approves the following personnel appointments:

1. Professional

- a. Create positions
 - 1) After School Positions
 - a) MS After School Extra Help effective October 2, 2006 through June 30, 2007 (7 Units)
(One unit equals one day per week for 30 weeks at a stipend of \$1,500.)
 - b) HS After School Extra Help effective October 2, 2006 through June 30, 2007 (8 Units)
(One unit equals one day per week for 30 weeks at a stipend of \$1,500.)
 - c) MS After School Detention effective October 2, 2006 through June 30, 2007
(Monday through Thursday at a salary of \$40 per day.)
 - d) HS After School Detention effective September 22, 2006 through June 30, 2007
(Monday through Thursday at a salary of \$40 per day.)
 - e) MS and HS After School Homework Center effective September 22, 2006 through June 30, 2007
(Monday through Thursday at a salary of \$40 per day.)
 - 2) Student Mentor – Primary grades K-2 at 8 hours per week for 30 weeks during 2006-2007 school year
(This position is funded through the Title IV grant and will be compensated at \$15.00 per hour.)

- 3) Student Mentor – Intermediate grades 3-5 at 12 hours per week for 30 weeks during 2006-2007 school year
(*This position is funded through the Title IV grant and will be compensated at \$15.00 per hour.*)

- 4) Modified Wrestling Coach effective October 17, 2006

b. Resignation

Name of appointee:	Brian Bailey
Position:	Music teacher
Tenure area:	Music
Effective:	October 23, 2006

c. Request for leave

- 1) MS English Teacher – child rearing

Name of appointee:	Catherine Richards
Position:	Middle School English teacher
Effective:	September 26, 2006 through October 13, 2006

d. Appointments

- 1) MS After School Help – 7 Units

Name of appointee:	Michael Mosall
Subject area:	Science
Effective:	October 2, 2006 - one unit for 30 weeks

Name of appointee:	Arthur Thorman
Subject area:	Social Studies
Effective:	October 2, 2006 - one unit for 30 weeks

Name of appointee:	Kathryn McAneny
Subject area:	Social Studies
Effective:	October 2, 2006 - one unit for 30 weeks

Name of appointee:	Carrie McIntyre
Subject area:	Mathematics
Effective:	October 2, 2006 - one unit for 30 weeks

Name of appointee:	Susan Hollywood
Subject area:	Mathematics
Effective:	October 2, 2006 - one unit for 30 weeks

Name of appointee:	Christine Dennis
Subject area:	English Language Arts
Effective:	October 2, 2006 - one unit for 30 weeks

Name of appointee:	Denise Mickelsen-Jones
Subject area:	English Language Arts
Effective:	October 2, 2006 - one unit for 30 weeks

- 2) HS After School Help - 8 Units

Name of appointee:	Glenn Evans
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Subject area: Mathematics
Effective: October 2, 2006 and ending June 1, 2007
Tuesdays and Thursdays for 30 weeks

Name of appointee: Ronald Frantz
Subject area: Social Studies
Effective: October 2, 2006 and ending June 1, 2007
Mondays and Wednesdays for 30 weeks

Name of appointee: Brynda Shultes
Subject area: Science
Effective: October 2, 2006 and ending June 1, 2007
Tuesdays for 30 weeks

3) MS After School Detention

Name of appointee: Nanci Cremen
Effective: October 2, 2006 through June 30, 2007

Name of appointee: Diane Lewis
Effective: October 2, 2006 through June 30, 2007

Name of appointee: Joanne Lounsbury
Effective: October 2, 2006 through June 30, 2007

Name of appointee: JoAnn Simmons
Effective: October 2, 2006 through June 30, 2007

(These positions are for one day per week each - Monday through Thursday at a salary of \$40 per day)

4) HS After School Detention

Name of appointee: Glenn Evans
Effective: September 22, 2006 through June 30, 2007
Mondays and Wednesdays

Name of appointee: Sue Evans
Effective: September 22, 2006 through June 30, 2007
Tuesdays and Thursdays

5) Student Mentors

Name of appointee: Eileen Volmar
Assigned to: Primary grades K-2 at 8 hours per week
Effective: October 17, 2006 for 30 weeks

Name of appointee: Eberhard Volmar
Assigned to: Intermediate grades 3-5 at 12 hours per week
Effective: October 17, 2006 for 30 weeks

6) 2006-2007 Extra Duty, Co-curricular, Extra-curricular, and Athletics

a) Advisors

Elementary Art Club	Judy Spring
HS International Club	Douglas Davidson
Co-HS Yearbook	Andrew Murphy
Co-HS Yearbook	Faith Bowers

b) Middle School Team Leaders

Grade 6	Caroline Caputi
Grade 7	Wendy Ward
Grade 8	Paul Kelly

c) Department Chairperson Computers/Library K-12	Kathleen Quackenbush
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d) K-12 Teacher Mentor Program Mentor Chairperson:	Leslie Kudlack
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e) Mentor Teacher Name of appointee:	Karen Gotham
Assigned to:	Amanda Caulkins

f) Coaches	
Boys' Modified Basketball	Gordon Conrow
Girls' Varsity Basketball	Eileen Kiefer
Girls' Modified Basketball	Erin Magee-Bolduc
MS Intramurals	David Winkler
HS Intramurals	Scott Gardiner

7) Substitute teachers	
Name of appointee:	William J. deSeve
Position:	Substitute teacher per~diem
Certification:	Certified, provisional expiring August 31, 2008
Effective:	September 28, 2006 through June 30, 2007
Status:	Cleared for employment
Name of appointee:	Sonya Whittaker
Position:	Substitute teacher per~diem
Certification:	Non-certified, AAS
Effective:	October 17, 2006 through June 30, 2007
Status:	Cleared for employment

2. Operational

a. Create positions
Substitute Technology Assistant at \$12.00 per hour

b. Resignation	
Name of appointee:	Lisa Saracione
Position:	Support Staff
Classification:	GCCS/non-competitive
Effective:	September 20, 2006

c. Appointments

1) Support Staff	
Name of appointee:	Michelle Case
Position:	Support Staff at 6 hours per day
Classification:	GCCS/non-competitive
Probationary period:	October 17, 2006 through April 17, 2007
Commencement of service:	October 17, 2006
Step Placement:	Per contract at \$11.36 per hour
Status:	Cleared for employment
<i>(This will fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Lynette Terrell.)</i>	

2) Substitutes

Name of Appointee: Thomas Mitchell
Position: Technology Assistant
Commencement of service: September 7, 2006 through June 30, 2007
Status: Conditional

Name of Appointee: Katherine H. Penniston
Position: Bus Driver
Commencement of service: September 22, 2006 to June 30, 2007
Status: Cleared for employment

Name of Appointee: Donald Smith
Position: Bus Driver
Commencement of service: September 28, 2006 to June 30, 2007
Status: Cleared for employment

Name of Appointee: Edward Warga
Position: Support Staff
Commencement of service: October 17, 2006 to June 30, 2007
Status: Cleared for employment

Name of Appointee: Joyce A. Hogan
Position: School Nurse, Aide to Nurse
Commencement of service: October 17, 2006 to 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. Acceptance of donations:

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to accept the following donations:

a. Approximately 700 pounds of high-quality local ground beef
(The Hudson Mohawk Resource Conservation and Development Council Inc. (HMRC&D) received \$5,000 from the Hudson River Bank and Trust Company Foundation for an exciting project regarding local ground beef. HMRC&D in partnership with the Northeast Livestock Processing Service Company, LLC (NELPSC) procured ground beef from local livestock, processed the meat at a USDA inspected Columbia County processing plant and donated the meat to interested schools in Greene or Columbia County.)

b. Target Corporation in the amounts of \$264.57 to be shared by the Middle and High School and
\$63.25 for Ellis Elementary School
(These donations from Target are from the "Take Charge of Education" program. Target donates up to 1% of purchases using the RED card SM to eligible schools designated by customers of Target. Schools are issued the Take Charge of Education donations each September and March.)

c. School supplies for elementary students in need from Greenville Fire Auxiliary at an approximate value of \$350

Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. expressed appreciation for the generous donations.

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve the following contracts (2-5)

2. 2006-2007 Contracts with Cobb Memorial School (FY2007-25)

(These contracts provide educational services for two (2) students residing in the District at the base rate of \$108.30 per day plus \$79.23 per day if the services of a 1:1 aide are required by the IEP during the year.)

3. 2006-2007 Contract with Wildwood School (FY2007-26)

(This contract provides educational services for eight (8) students residing in the District at the interim rate of \$37,616.00 per student for a total of \$300,928.00 for the 2006-2007 ten-month program. This cost is equal to the 2005-2006 rates which will be adjusted when the State Education Department has calculated the new 2006-2007 rates.)

4. 2006-2007 Contracts (3) with the Center for Disability Services ~ Langan School (FY2007-27)

(These three (3) contracts provide educational services for three (3) students residing in the District at the rate of \$ 2,567.00 per student per month for the regular school year and partial month enrollment shall be paid at the rate of \$647.75 per week. Tuition will be paid for all days of enrollment and shall also be paid for all days of absence due to illness, legal reasons, and conferences.)

5. Contract with Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District (FY2007-28)

(This contract provides for the transportation of one student who is a resident of the Berne-Knox Westerlo Central School District to the Questar III Vo-Tech Program-Aviation. There is no additional cost to the Greenville School District for this service.)

6. Presentation and acceptance of the 2005-2006 Auditor's Report

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to accept the 2005-2006 Auditor's Report. (FY2007-29)

7. Budget Advisory Committee Membership

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore 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 Budget Advisory Committee for 2006-2007:

Cheryl Dudley	Superintendent
Gary Hoffman	Parent
Ann Holstein	Board of Education
Margaret Kelly	Director of Communications
Maria Marquit	Support Staff
Kathy Martin	Community
Duncan Macpherson	Community & Parent
William Ommerborn	Community - Chairperson
Wells Packard	Community

Tammy Sutherland	Administration
Mary Linda Todd	Community
Gloria Bear	Teacher Representative
Student Representative	TBD

F. School Management

1. Quality Education Committee Members for 2006-2007

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

Caroline Caputi – Co-Chair	Peter Mahan
Colleen Hall – Co-Chair	Maria Marquit
Robert D’Agostino	Kathleen Neuffer
Erin DuBois	Gail Richmond
Cheryl Dudley	Jane Scrafford
Ann Holstein	Susan Toohey
Catherine Katagiri	Sandra Washburn
Margaret Kelly	Tori Young
Lisa Knowles	Brian Kiefer
Michael Laster	

2. Board of Education Goals 2006-2007

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopt the following Goals for 2006-2007:

The Board of Education will

A. Complete current commitments for construction

- District Office (former Parish House) renovations will be completed.
- Alternative Education Program will be relocated to the current District Office
- Transportation building will be occupied

B. Begin a collaborative process for developing a long-term comprehensive Master Plan for facilities and infrastructure to support educational excellence and advance the broader needs of the community.

C. Establish a District Planning Committee to be responsible for reviewing current effort and integrating recommendations from the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC), Quality Education Committee (QEC), and Master Plan to create a common vision for educational excellence.

The Board of Education continues to welcome, as part of our school culture and ongoing expectations, direct communication with the entire Board of Education as part of the planning process. A specific example is the reports by the Budget Advisory Committee to the Board during the annual fiscal planning budget development process.

3. Overnight field trips

Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve the following overnight field trips:

Trip Destination:	Winter Weekend at Camp Oswegatchie, Croghan, NY
Dates:	February 2, 2007 (8:30 am departure) through February 4, 2007 (4:00 pm arrival at Greenville)
Students:	FFA: Approximately 15-20 students
Chaperone:	Rachel Anderson, Mark Cunnann

Trip Destination:	Farm Bureau Governmental Awareness Institute in Albany
Dates:	April 3, 2007 (9:00 am departure) through April 4, 2007 (4:00 pm arrival at Greenville)
Students:	FFA: Five students
Chaperone:	Rachel Anderson
Trip Destination:	NYS FFA Convention, Albion CSD in Albion, NY
Dates:	May 3, 2007 (9:00 am departure) through May 5, 2007 (7:00 pm arrival at Greenville)
Students:	FFA: Approximately 20 students
Chaperone:	Rachel Anderson, Mark Cunnan

VI. Discussion:

A. Report on condition of schools (BOE Policy #2.230-99)

Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. reported that the Board toured the facilities on September 18, 2006 and was pleased with the overall condition of the campus. Mr. Bear expressed appreciation to Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Robert Schrader and his staff for their excellence in maintaining the campus. Board Member Gregory Lampman agreed with Mr. Bear's assessment and suggested that the lighting in the hall to the cafeteria and kitchen needs to be upgraded.

B. Proposed New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Resolutions

The Board of Education discussed the proposed NYSSBA resolutions to provide direction to Greenville Board of Education voting delegate Lawrence Tompkins for the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting of October 28, 2006. Board Members expressed concern that NYSSBA was not recommending Resolution #16, Student Immunization, for adoption. The current regulations allow exemption from immunization for those with philosophical objections, medical and religious reasons. The proposed resolution eliminates philosophical objections. The Board advised voting delegate Lawrence Tompkins to support this resolution. Board Member Tina Dombroski also advised the Board that it was her understanding that districts can demand immunization upon registration and that allowing a 14-30 day grace period for immunization is at their discretion. Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley will research that issue.

Board Member Tina Dombroski expressed concern regarding Resolution #15, Funding for Mandatory State Tests, commenting that although NYSSBA's position is that it's a federal mandate, funding continues to be the responsibility of the district.

C. Capital Projects

Ellis Roofing Project: Assistant Superintendent for Business Tammy J. Sutherland reported that the District has accepted two change orders for the roofing project: repointing deteriorated mortar on the inside face of roof parapet at a cost \$1,820.00; and restoring existing roof bar joints at a cost of \$7,467.00. This leaves a balance of \$2,713.00 in the fund for discovered items.

Schedule for Tank Removal/District Office Renovations: The tank will be removed at the end of the heating season. Both projects have been approved by the State Education Department and bids will be opened November 2, 2006. Renovations to the district office will begin as soon as possible and include installation of a disabled accessible ramp and bathrooms; repairs to soffit, eaves, masonry; parking lot expansion and extension of fiber optic cable. Additional contracted work includes sheetrock and insulation, replacement of kitchen and upstairs bathroom floors, sanding of wood floors and painting. Electrical upgrades are also necessary.

Transportation Facility and Bus Garage: The Ribbon-cutting Ceremony will be held on School Bus Driver Appreciation Day, Wednesday, October 18th at 8:15 am.

D. Process for review and approval of the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-school Special Education (CPSE) at Board of Education Meetings

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley advised the Board that approving the recommendations of CSE and CPSE in open session subjects them to the Open Meeting law which allows the recommendations and files to be foiled under the Freedom of Information Law. The Commissioner and District legal counsels advise that CSE and CPSE recommendations be reviewed in executive session to protect the confidentiality rights of students and parents. Contracts for the education of a disabled student must be authorized in open session. Board Member Anne Mitchell stated that the Board's responsibility is to ensure that the requirements of the law have been followed and expressed concern that reviewing recommendations in executive session may encourage long discussions on a student's Individual Education Plan. Board Member Lawrence Tompkins agreed that the Board's role is fiscal and that Board Members should become involved in a student's placement only at the request of a parent. Mrs. Mitchell requested that Superintendent Dudley poll school districts in Questar III and Capital Region BOCES on their procedure for approving CSE/CPSE recommendations.

E. EXCEL (Expanding our Children's Education and Learning) Aid

Assistant Superintendent for Business Tammy J. Sutherland advised the Board that Greenville Central School District has been allotted \$459,539 in EXCEL aid for eligible projects which fall in one or more of the following categories: education technology; health and safety; accessibility; physical capacity expansion or school construction; and energy project. EXCEL funds may be used in addition to Building Aid as long as the sum of apportionment under these aids and EXCEL funds applied to a project do not exceed the total project cost. EXCEL funds may also be used in lieu of Building Aid. If a district chooses to receive EXCEL funds in addition to Building Aid, Building Aid will be paid on the full-approved project costs, i.e. receipt of EXCEL funds will not reduce Building Aid apportionment. If a district elects to receive EXCEL funds in lieu of Building Aid, no Building Aid will be calculated for the project. Projects must be approved by voters and by the State Education Department. Assistant Superintendent for Business Tammy J. Sutherland and Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley met with the District's legal counsel to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Master Plan. Projects utilizing EXCEL Aid should be submitted as early as possible.

F. Budget Calendar 2007-2008

The Budget Calendar for the fiscal year of 2007-2008 was presented for discussion by the Board with adoption scheduled for the Business Meeting of November 13, 2006. The presentation of the budget will be at the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 in the High School Auditorium and the Annual Vote and Election will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at the Elementary Cafeteria.

G. Greene County School Boards Dinner

Board Members were advised that the Greene County School Boards Dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at Falvey's Restaurant in Acra hosted by the Cairo-Durham Central School District.

H. Student Parking

Board Member Tina Dombroski expressed concern regarding the lack of parking spaces available to the Junior class. High School Principal Michael Laster reported that Seniors are given priority when issuing parking permits and this year's class is considerably larger than last year. When the District

Office moves to its new location, more spaces will become available. Mrs. Dombroski stated that the growing student population requires long-term planning and suggested that students be considered for parking permits based on criteria other than class.

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

There were no new items.

VIII. Closing Open Forum

Elementary Principal Peter Mahan advised the Board that the 75th anniversary celebration of Scott M. Ellis Elementary School has been planned for Columbus Day weekend, October 5-8, 2007. There will be a large focus on history with events for current students and alumni. The weekend will celebrate the contributions of Greenville Central School District within our community.

IX. Executive Session

At 9:10 P.M. Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore 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 10:05 P.M. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins and carried unanimously to return to open session.

X. Adjournment

At 10:10 P.M. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

School District Clerk

Board President