

Greenville Central School District  
Board of Education  
PROPOSED AGENDA  
Regular Meeting  
Monday  
January 9, 2006

7:30 p.m.

High School Library

✓ = Board action is expected.

*Information noted in italics is provided as reference and/or background for the Board of Education on the particular matter or item.*

- I. Call to Order by President Wilton Bear, Jr.**
  - A. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**
  - B. Roll call and quorum check**
  - C. Introduction and welcome of visitors**
  - D. Fire evacuation procedures**
- ✓ **II. Approval of Agenda**
- III. Accolades**

Congratulations to:

Geography Bee winners: grade 8-**Jason Kerns, Jonah Coe-Scharff, Sam Mataraza, Michael Coats, and Michael Dwyer**; from grade 7-**Melissa Silvia, Stephanie Kraker, Christopher Rodriguez, Philip Duhart, and Rita Lord**;

High scorers in the Continental Math League #2-**Dixie Ouellette and Ryan McGuinness**;

High scorers in the American Mathematics League Competition-Grade 8-**Shelby Magee, Robin Sweeney, and Joseph Zeitler** and the 19 students in the Accelerated Grade 8 Math Class who participated.
- IV. Special Presentation:**

Educational Summit: Michael Laster, Greenville High School Principal and high school students Christopher Offner (Senior) and Quinn Lockwood (Junior) will discuss their participation in the Educational Summit they attended at the invitation of NYSED Commissioner Richard Mills.
- V. Forum**

NOTE: The 30 minute forum is the time the Board sets aside to hear comments from the public. This is an opportunity for residents to voice concerns or compliments, especially about items on the agenda. However, this is not the time to register complaints about individuals or about items that have not first been addressed through proper channels.
- ✓ **VI. Action Items: A - F**
  - ✓ **A. Minutes of December 12, 2005 Regular Meeting**
  - ✓ **B. Treasurers Report, Statement of Conditions, Schedule of Bills, and Transfer of Funds for the month ending December 31, 2005**
  - ✓ **C. Special Student Services**
    - 1. Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from the meetings of December 1, 5, 8, 13, 15 & 22, 2005; and recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education from the meeting of December 7, 2005**
  - ✓ **D. Personnel Agenda** (Please refer to the Personnel Agenda attachment)

✓ **E. Business Management**

- 1. Move from the table to the agenda the item from the meeting of December 12, 2005 for action as follows: # 2 Award truck bid.**
- 2. Award bid for a 2006 one-ton Dual Rear Wheel Short Body Stake Rack Truck in the amount of \$34,595.00 to Latham Ford, Inc.**  
*(Eighteen (18) bid packages were sent to vendors with the bid opened on December 22, 2005 with five (5) bids received. The bids ranged from a high of \$49,688 to a low of \$37,295. The low bid is for a 2006 Ford F350 dual wheel diesel stake rack truck. Robert Schrader and Kenneth Scarlata reviewed the bid with Business Manager Tammy Sutherland and determined that it met the requirement. Eliminating the stake rack hoist further reduced the amount by \$2,700 with a final price of \$34,595. As the budgeted allocation is \$33,349, the difference of \$1,246 will need to be charged to the supply account where applicable, for example, manuals, mud flaps and/or transferred from an equipment code.)*
- 3. Senior Citizen Tax Exemption Rates for 2006: BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville Central School Board of Education establish the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption Rates for 2006 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**

<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>Percentage Assessed Value Exempt from Taxation</b>
Maximum income limit	
17,500.00	50%
17,500.01 – 18,499.99	45%
18,500.00 – 19,499.99	40%
19,500.00 – 20,499.99	35%
20,500.00 – 21,399.99	30%
21,400.00 – 22,299.99	25%
22,300.00 – 23,199.99	20%
23,200.00 – 24,099.99	15%
24,100.00 – 24,999.99	10%
25,000.00 – 25,899.99	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.

**4. Tuition Rates 2005-2006: BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville Central School District Tuition Rates for 2005-2006 be established as follows:**

**2005-2006**

Elementary K-6	\$6,285
Secondary 7-12	\$7,326

Special Education (60% of day)	
Elementary K-6	\$32,577
Secondary 7-12	\$33,618

Special Education (20% of day)	
Elementary K-6	\$20,205
Secondary 7-12	\$21,246

*(The estimated tuition rates are based on a formula defined in Section 174.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner. Since GCSD is now 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 as well as for students in foster care. The cost for foster students is charged back to the district of origin for the student.)*

**5. Potter Hollow School House: BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville Central School District retain the Potter Hollow School House property for educational purposes with conditions as follows: Use no taxpayer money.**

*(As discussed at the previous meeting if at any time money raised through taxpayers is to be spent to renovate the building, the Board should adopt a plan for renovation and demonstrate that it is being used for educational purposes. The cost of renovation would need to be placed in the school-operating budget that would be submitted to the voters at its annual meeting.*

*The other two options available to the Board of Education also discussed at the prior meeting were:*

- Convey the property to a public corporation. A public corporation would include municipal corporation, a district corporation, or a public benefit corporation. This allows the conveyance of property no longer needed by the District without consideration or upon such consideration and terms as the Board may determine. The sale would be subject to voter approval.*
- Conveyance of the property. As more than seven years have passed since centralization, the Board may sell any property which it deems of no use or value without the approval of the qualified voters unless a petition requiring the question as to the sale of the property be submitted to a vote by the qualified voters of the District acknowledged by at least ten percent of the qualified voters and filed with the District Clerk within 30 days of the adoption of the resolution.*

*In relation to the sale of the property, the opinion of the Comptroller, 90-37, indicates that Courts have stated that municipal officials have a fiduciary duty to secure the best price obtainable or the most beneficial terms in the public interest for any lawful use. The method of sale chosen is within the sound discretion of the Board but it should be the one that the Board believes will yield the best price or maximum financial benefit. The Comptroller observed that the Court cases do not purport to restrict a local government when determining what is the best or highest price obtainable from good faith consideration of factors, such as the prospective real property tax consequences of the proposed sale in a creditable effort to exact the highest rate of return from the property. In one case the Court upheld a school district's acceptance of a lower dollar amount for the sale of unneeded property based upon the successful offeror's proposal to restore the property to tax rolls by constructing residences upon the property. Accordingly the Board could accept an offer that would ultimately bring the highest amount of revenue to the School District. If any plans for sale are decided, the Board should obtain an appraisal of the property and a survey to determine the boundaries of the property)*

**6. Approve Health and Welfare Services Contract with the Bethlehem Central School District for 2005-2006 in the amount of \$573.37.**

*(This contract provides health and welfare services for one Greenville Central School District resident student who is attending St. Thomas School for the 2005-2006 school year.)*

**7. Approve Health and Welfare services with the Scotia-Glenville Central School District for 2005-06 in the amount of \$829.82**

*(This contract provides health and welfare service for two Greenville Central School District resident students who are attending Schenectady Christian School for the 2005-06 school year.)*

**8. Acceptance of donations:**

- a. **One Bundy clarinet, one Bundy trumpet, and one trombone mouthpiece from Allen Wilson of Rensselaerville at an approximate value of \$420**
- b. **Animal woodworking kits for the Ag/Tech. Department in memory of Frank Saracione on behalf of the Saracione family at an approximate value of \$800**
- c. **\$500 from the GE Plastic Employee Owned Fund Committee in Selkirk for our Adopt a Family Program here at Greenville**

✓ **F. School Management**

**1. Approve overnight field trip:**

Trip Destination:	Camp Oswegatchie in Croghan, NY
Dates:	February 3, 2006 (8:30 am departure) through February 5, 2006 (4:00 pm arrival at Greenville)
Students:	FFA: Approximately 20 students
Chaperones:	Rachel Anderson & Mark Cunnann

**VII. Discussion: A-D**

- A. The Community Foundation for the Capital Region:** As a result of discussion on the Potter Hollow School House property, information will be provided about the Foundation and options for the specific school house project and other opportunities that an educational foundation may provide for the District.

**B. New NYSED Assessments:** Colleen Horton, Greenville Middle School Principal, and JoAnn Conlon will discuss the new and revised NYSED assessments for students in grades three through eight.

**C. Update on Capital Projects:** Tammy Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent for Business will report on the High School Agriculture and Technology addition and the progress on the Transportation facility.

**D. Reminder of January 28, 2006 Meeting with Town Boards, Planning Boards, and Realtors**

Board members will meet with representatives from the 11 Town Boards located in the School District, Planning Boards, and Albany and Greene County Realtors on Saturday, January 28, 2006 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. A tour of the Middle and High School is optional (one hour before the meeting). Topics for discussion: demographics, potential growth, student achievement, new enrollees, property turnover, and marketing our school district and communities.

**VIII. Board Members' input for possible discussion at a later date (To be determined)**

**IX. Closing Open Forum**

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**X. Executive Session**

It is expected that the Board of Education will adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters concerning particular persons and contract negotiations. The Board will return to public session after Executive Session but will not be taking any action and then will adjourn.

Conduct of Executive Sessions: Upon a majority vote of its total membership, taken in an open meeting pursuant to a motion identifying the general area or areas of the subject or subjects to be considered, a public body may conduct an executive session for the below enumerated purposes only, provided, however, that no action by formal vote shall be taken to appropriate public moneys:

- matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;
- any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;
- information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
- discussions regarding proposed, pending, or current litigation;
- collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of Civil Service Law;
- 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;
- the preparation, grading, or administration of exams;

- the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition, sale, or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of these things.

*With certain limited exception, no official action can be taken on issues discussed in executive session without first returning to public session. An exception includes voting on charges against a tenured teacher. No public body, including a school board may vote to appropriate money during an executive session. All members of the board of education, other than a student board member, and any other person authorized by the board may attend an executive session. Thus, only those people invited by the board may attend. It is important that a school board exercise discretion in deciding whom to invite into executive session because of important confidentiality issues. Board members must maintain confidential information acquired in executive session.*

## XI. Adjournment

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### ✓ D. 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 items and appointments:

#### 1. Professional

- a. Greenville Faculty Association Contract for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2011  
Highlights/Focus: Improve student achievement through increased time for professional development resulting in better curriculum and instruction in the classroom K-12.
  - *Increase required hours(days) for faculty for professional development*

2007-08	7 (1)
2008-09	14 (2)
2009-10	21 (3)
2010-11	21(3) required annually
  - *Establish a District Committee to address curriculum, professional development, and instructional performance K-12.*
  - *Provide curriculum positions (.4 FTE) in 2007-08 for MST (math, science, technology) and the humanities.*
  - *Provide for flexible scheduling for parent-teacher conferences.*
  - *Salary exclusive of increment*

2006-07	3.25%
2007-08	3.4%
2008-09	3.4%
2009-10	3.5%
2010-11	3.5%
  - *Increase health co-pay to match GPF contract.*

b. Appointments

1) Elementary Assistant Principal:

Name of appointee:	Tina Minehan
Tenure area:	Administration - Elementary Assistant Principal
Probationary period:	Commencing January 30, 2006 and ending January 29, 2009
Commencement of service on tenure:	January 30, 2009
Certification status:	S.D.A.
Column & Step Placement:	N.A.
Status:	Conditional

2) Extended Term Substitute Teacher

Name of appointee:	Charylle Dines
Tenure area:	N.A.
Commencement of service on tenure:	Not applicable
Commencement of service:	Sept. 6, 2005 through January 20, 2006
Certification status:	Permanent
Column & Step Placement:	Column IV, Step 1
Status:	Cleared for employment

*(Ms. Dines will fill in for a teacher who has been out ill.)*

3) Substitute Teachers and Teaching Assistants

Name of appointee:	Kristin Blanchard
Position:	Certified substitute teacher & Teacher Assistant
Effective:	January 10, 2006
Status:	Cleared for employment

4) Graduate course approval

Name of employee:	Gloria Hilgendorff
Title of Course:	Research Seminar
Date of Course:	Jan. 17, 2006 – May 10, 2006
Institution:	College of St. Rose
Certificate/Program:	Professional Development

Name of employee:	Brian Bailey
Title of Course:	Designing Curriculum Part 2
Date of Course:	Feb. 1, 2006 – March 31, 2006
Institution:	University of New England
Certificate/Program:	Professional Development

Name of employee:	Brian Bailey
Title of Course:	Foundations of Reading and Literacy
Date of Course:	Feb. 1, 2006 – March 31, 2006
Institution:	University of New England
Certificate/Program:	Professional Development

Name of employee:	Brian Bailey
Title of Course:	Collaborative Action Research Part III
Date of Course:	Feb. 1, 2006 – March 31, 2006
Institution:	University of New England
Certificate/Program:	Professional Development

Name of employee:	Erin Magee-Bolduc
Title of Course:	Measurement, Eval & Ethics in Research
Date of Course:	December 27, 2005 – Jan. 23, 2006
Institution:	University of Phoenix
Certificate/Program:	Professional Development

## 2. Operational

### a. Appointments

#### 1) Head Bus Driver

Name of appointee:	Scott E. Taylor
Position:	Head Bus Driver
Classification:	GCCS/Non-competitive
Probationary Period:	Commencing December 20, 2005 through June 22, 2006 (26 weeks)
Commencement of service:	December 20, 2005
Step Placement:	Per Contract
Status:	Cleared for employment
<i>(This is a 12 month non-unit position and will staff the vacancy due to the resignation of Karen Wood.)</i>	

#### 2) Bus Aide

Name of appointee:	Ruthann Garner
Position:	Bus aide @ 5.5 hrs. per day
Classification:	GCCS/Non-competitive
Probationary Period:	Commencing January 10, 2006 through July 11, 2006
Commencement of service:	January 10, 2006
Step Placement:	Per contract
Status:	Conditional
<i>(This position was created at the December 12, 2005 Board Meeting and at this time only 5.5 hours are necessary.)</i>	

#### 3) Secretary

Name of appointee:	Karen Overbaugh
Position:	Secretary
Classification:	GCCS-Competitive (Senior clerk typist)
Probationary Period:	Permanent - commencing November 23, 2005 through March 9, 2006
Commencement of service:	Effective November 23, 2005
Step Placement:	Per Contract
Status:	Cleared for employment
<i>(This appointment is due to Ms. Overbaugh successfully passing the Civil Service test. She was appointed to this position provisionally in September 2005. This is a 12 month position @ 7.5 hours per day.)</i>	

#### 4) Substitutes

Name of appointee:	Kathleen Rogers
Position:	Cafeteria and support staff
Effective:	January 10, 2006
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.