

GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2006

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, January 9, 2006 in the High School Library. Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. 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 (arrived 7:35 P.M.)
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
JoAnn Conlon, Elementary Principal
Colleen Horton, Middle School Principal
Michael Laster, High School Principal
Peter Mahan, Elementary Assistant Principal
Brian Reeve, HS/MS Assistant Principal
Lisa Knowles, Director of Special Student Services
Paul Overbaugh, Transportation Supervisor
Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
Margaret Kelly, Communications Specialist

C. Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. welcomed approximately 17 visitors to the meeting.

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.

II. Approval of Agenda (taken out of order)

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve the agenda for the regular meeting Monday, January 9, 2006.

IV. Special Presentation:

Michael Laster, Greenville High School Principal and high school students Christopher Offner (Senior) and Quinn Lockwood (Junior) discussed their participation in the Educational Summit they attended at the invitation of New York State Education Department Commissioner Richard Mills.

V. Forum

There were no comments.

VI. Action Items

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

A. Approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2005 Regular Meeting

B. Approve Treasurer's Report, Statement of Conditions, Schedule of Bills, and Transfer of Funds for the month ending December 31, 2005 (FY2006-31)

C. Special Student Services

1. Accept the recommendations of 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

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell 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 items and appointments:

1. Professional

a. Greenville Faculty Association Contract for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2011 (FY2006-32)

b. Appointments

1) Elementary Assistant Principal:

Name of appointee:

Tenure area:

Probationary period:

Commencement of service on tenure:

Certification status:

Column & Step Placement:

Status:

Tina Minehan

Administration - Elementary Assistant
Principal

Commencing January 30, 2006
and ending January 29, 2009

January 30, 2009

S.D.A.

N.A.

Conditional

2) Extended Term Substitute Teacher

Name of appointee:

Tenure area:

Commencement of service on tenure:

Charylle Dines

N.A.

Not applicable

Commencement of service:	September 6, 2005 through January 20, 2006
Certification status:	Permanent
Column & Step Placement:	Column IV, Step 1
Status:	Cleared for employment

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:	January 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:	February 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:	February 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:	February 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 – January 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

2) Bus Aide

Name of appointee:	Ruthann Garner
Position:	Bus aide @ 5.5 hours 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

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

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.

E. Business Management

Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to: (1-2)

1. Move from the table:

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:

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.

3. Senior Citizen Tax Exemption Rates for 2006:

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins 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 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

Annual Income	Percentage Assessed Value Exempt from Taxation
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 for 2005-2006:

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

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 Greenville Central School District 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:

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore to approve the following resolution:

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.

After discussion Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to amend the resolution to read:

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 local taxpayer money.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to: (6-8)

6. Health and Welfare Services Contract with the Bethlehem Central School District

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

7. Health and Welfare services with the Scotia-Glenville Central School District

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

8. Acceptance of donations

Accept the following 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. Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve the following 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 Cunnan

VII. Discussion:

A. The Community Foundation for the Capital Region:

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley provided information about The Community Foundation for the Capital Region and options for the Potter Hollow Schoolhouse Project and other opportunities that an educational foundation may provide for the District. The Foundation would create an umbrella under which separate accounts could be formed and would accept long-term and short-term endowments. People could designate a specific fund, such as the schoolhouse, when making a donation. The District would benefit by being part of a large group of investors and would not have to worry about management on a day-to-day basis. On behalf of the Foundation, Superintendent Dudley extended an invitation to the Board and the Potter Hollow Bicentennial Committee to attend an informational community meeting on April 1, 2006 at 9:00 A.M.

B. New NYSED Assessments:

Colleen Horton, Middle School Principal, and JoAnn Conlon, Elementary School Principal presented an overview of the new and revised New York State Education Department assessments for students in grades three through eight.

C. Update on Capital Projects:

Tammy Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent for Business reported that the High School Agriculture and Technology addition is nearly complete. An inspection is tentatively planned for January 20th and the addition should be available to students by the start of the second semester. The last two modulars for the Transportation facility were set late Friday and a bulldozer was brought in Monday to correct a one-inch misalignment. Contractors will start work on the roof sections on Tuesday.

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

Board members were reminded of the meeting 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. The meeting will be held in the High School Library.

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

There were no new items.

IX. Closing Open Forum

Michael Laster, High School Principal extended an invitation to all members of the school and community to attend the charter meeting of the High School PTSA on Tuesday, January 17, 2006. Mr. Laster also expressed appreciation to Darlene Kuykendall for her hard work in making this happen.

X. Executive Session

At 9:00 P.M. Tina Dombroski 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 9:26 P.M. Rosanne Moore moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins, and carried unanimously to return to open session.

XI. Adjournment

At 9:27 P.M. Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

School District Clerk

Board President