

GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2006

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 13, 2006 in the High School Library. Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:35 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
Anne Mitchell
Rosanne Moore
Lawrence Tompkins

Others present: Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent
Tammy Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Nancy Beers, School District Clerk
Michael Laster, High School Principal
Colleen Horton, Middle School Principal
Peter Mahan, Elementary Principal
Tina Minehan, 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 7 visitors to the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Lawrence Tompkins moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to approve the agenda for the regular meeting Monday, March 13, 2006.

III. Accolades

Congratulations to:

High scorers in the Current Events #2 Competition-Jonah Coe-Scharff and Sarah McNally;

Continental Mathematics League:

Contest #3: Emily Bobrick, Marta Kelly, and Emma McAneny;

Contest #4: Dixie Ouellette, Joey Chase, and Marta Kelly;

Geography Bee Semi-Finalists: 7th grader Rita Lord and 8th grader Jonah Coe-Scharff ;

Spelling Bee Semi-Finalists: Kendra Smith, Jonah Coe-Scharff, Shelby Magee, William Pavlicin, and Nick Montalbano. Winner, Shelby Magee will compete at the Regional level in Kingston on March 16;

Morgan Watson has been selected by the High School Faculty as GCS' nominee for the University of Rochester's Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass Award in Humanities and Social Sciences;

Erin Ricci and Quinn Lockwood have been selected by the High School Faculty as GCS' nominees for the University of Rochester's Kodak Young Leaders Award;

Jenna Lamb has been selected by the High School Faculty as GCS' representative to the annual Scholars' Recognition Program and Dinner in Albany in April. Jenna has selected Mr. Tadhg Russell, GCS Math Teacher, as her most influential educator;

Congratulations to Special Education teacher Maureen Pulice who was chosen as Educator of the Week. Ms. Pulice was interviewed last week by WNYT-Channel 13 which sponsors the New York Lottery Educator of the Week Program;

Program coordinator of the High School After School Program, Sandra Arnone, has been recognized by the New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals and featured on its web site (www.NYATEP.org) as one of the Empire State's premiere service providers. The program is sponsored through the Columbia-Greene Workforce Investment Office and provides students in grades 9-12 with career exploration, work readiness activities, and exposure to post-secondary educational opportunities.

IV. Forum

There were no comments during the open forum.

V. Action Items

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

A. Approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2006 Regular Meeting

B. Approve Treasurer's Report, Statement of Conditions, Schedule of Bills, and Transfer of Funds for the month ending February 28, 2006 (FY2006-35)

C. Special Student Services

1. Accept the recommendations of Committee on Special Education from the meetings of February 2, 6, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 2006.

D. Personnel Agenda

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman 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) 8th grade team leader
 Name of appointee: Anne Marie Conroy
 Effective: February 13, 2006
 - 2) HS Ski Club Co-Advisor
 Name of appointee: JoAnn Lounsbury
 Effective: January 1, 2006
- b. Appointments
 - 1) Teaching Assistant
 Name of appointee: Charylle Dines
 Tenure area: Teaching Assistant
 Probationary period: Commencing February 27, 2006 and
 Ending February 26, 2009
 Commencement of service on tenure: February 27, 2009
 Certification status: Provisional expiring 2/1/09
 Column & Step Placement: .55 of Column IV, Step 1
 Status: Cleared for employment
 - 2) Substitute Teachers and Teaching Assistants

Name of Appointee: Position: Certification: Effective: Status:	Susan Mahoney substitute teacher & teaching assistant~ per~diem Non-certified, BA March 14, 2006 through June 30, 2006 Conditional
Name of Appointee: Position: Certification: Effective: Status:	Cynthia J. McIlhenny substitute teacher & teaching assistant~ per~diem Non-certified, AAS March 14, 2006 through June 30, 2006 Conditional
Name of Appointee: Position: Certification: Effective: Status:	Maggie A. Reinhard substitute teacher & teaching assistant~ per~diem Non-certified, 2+ years college March 14, 2006 through June 30, 2006 Conditional
- c. Extra Duty, Co-Curricular, Extra-curricular, and Athletics 2005-2006
 - 1) Coaches

Varsity boys' baseball Varsity boys' track Varsity girls' track	Brian Hostash Gordon Conrow Gloria Bear
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- d. Payment for Administrative Work: Payment to JoAnn Conlon, per diem rate, for ten days of work beyond contract to assist in the transition at the elementary school.
- e. Sabbatical Leave
 Name of appointee: Maureen Pulice

Tenure area:	Children with Handicapping Conditions
Sabbatical Period	Commencing September 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007
Certification status:	Permanent: Special Education
Column & Step Placement:	.5 of Column X Step 25
Status:	Cleared for employment

- f. Information Only: Anne Marie Conroy has been teaching ALP/AIS in the Middle School. Her prior elementary certification expired effective February 1, 2006 and was subsequently renewed. She has been transferred to an assignment within her certification and tenure area of elementary education effective February 13, 2006.

2. Operational

a. Appointments

1) Substitutes

Name of Appointee:	Karen Kiley
Position:	Support staff
Effective:	March 13, 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

1. Terminate Contract

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Greenville Central School District hereby terminates its contract with Morkaut and Associates, Inc. and Michael Morkaut pursuant to Article 9.1 of the contract effective March 13, 2006 and directs the Superintendent of Schools to so notify Mr. Morkaut.

2. Approve Construction Management Services

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the firm of Christa Construction is appointed to provide construction management services to the Greenville Central School District related to the completion of the bus garage project at as set forth in the letter of February 7, 2006. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute said letter on behalf of the District.

3. Approve Health and Welfare Services Contract

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to approve the Health and Welfare Services Contract with South Colonie Central School District for 2005-06 in the amount of \$452.78

F. School Management

1. Adopt Emergency Response Plan

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to adopt the Emergency Response Plan. (FY2006-36)

2. Overnight Field Trip

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Gregory Lampman and carried unanimously to approve the following overnight field trip:

Trip Destination:	Round Hearth Inn in Stowe, Vermont
Dates:	Friday, April 7, 2006 (4:00 pm departure) through Sunday, April 9, 2006 (8:30 pm return)
Students:	40 Ski Club students
Chaperones:	Julie Lewis, Casey Gannon, Mark Grennan, Erin Bolduc, Patrick Bolduc, Howard DeVennish, Adam Grizzel, Eric Knobbe

VI. Discussion

A. Report on March 1 Greene County School Boards Dinner

Board Member Ann Holstein reported that the Greene County School Boards Dinner on March 1, 2006 was the second of three training sessions by Questar III to fulfill the required state-mandated 12-hour training for new board members. Members received training on their financial oversight, accountability, and fiduciary responsibilities. The third and final session will be held in June. Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley expressed appreciation to the Coxsackie-Athens School District and their students for creating an atmosphere conducive to a workshop setting and requested the Board's permission to send a letter of appreciation to Coxsackie-Athens on the Board's behalf.

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Ann Holstein and carried unanimously to send a commendation letter of appreciation to the Coxsackie-Athens School District.

B. Library Requests for the School District Ballot

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley reported that placing a funding proposition for the library on the school district ballot each year may not be necessary. With a properly worded ballot, the amount collected for the library can continue from year to year until the library board requests another proposition to increase the amount. Superintendent Dudley stated that there would not be a change this year but that the Board may wish to consider a change in procedure for next year's ballot.

C. Code of Conduct

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley expressed appreciation for the Code of Conduct Committee, comprised of Dawn Becker, Carrie Caputi, Robert D'Agostino, Nicole DeLacruz, Cheryl, Dudley, Nanci Cremen, Colleen Horton, Lisa Knowles, Michael Laster, Tracy Magee, Peter Mahan, Paul Overbaugh, Melissa Palmer, Anna Papadakis, Gail Richmond, Josh St. Denis, and Christine Wegrzyn. The Committee has been revising the document with a review completed by legal counsel as part of the process. Recommendations from the law firm Hogan, Sarzynski, Lynch, Surowka & DeWind, LLP include deletion of the Philosophy and Goal section; addition of Essential Partners; and clarification of some definitions and procedures including K-12 Dress Code, investigations involving Child Protective Services, searches, and Public Conduct on School Property. After review of the information, revisions to the Code will be presented for consideration of the Board of Education and placed on the organizational meeting agenda in July. Superintendent Dudley expressed gratitude to Dr. Richard Thomas of the School Administrators Association of New York State for providing the District with the original Code of Conduct which was cosponsored four years ago by the School Administrators Association of New York State, New York State Council of Superintendents and the New York State School Boards Association.

D. Update on Capital Projects

Assistant Superintendent for Business Tammy Sutherland reported that the Agriculture/Technology addition was nearly complete with a few punch-list items to be completed. A ribbon-cutting ceremony had taken place prior to the regular Board meeting. The bus garage project is now under the

construction management services of Christa Corporation. Information regarding the wash bay and heater will require discussion at the April Board meeting,

E. Building Condition Survey

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley requested that the Board review the building condition survey for discussion in the spring. The underlying purpose of the survey is to facilitate an estimate for NYSED's planning purposes of the anticipated capital expenses for the next five years across New York State as well as to observe the readily apparent existing conditions in general compliance with the NYSED Commissioner's Regulation 155.4b1. Discussions will include Rhinebeck Architecture, Assistant Superintendent for Business Tammy Sutherland and Supervisor of Building and Grounds Robert Schrader who will establish priorities for work to be done this year as well as discuss long-term planning. Board Member Tina Dombroski expressed concern that the standards are such that it is very easy to obtain an unsatisfactory rating. Superintendent Dudley explained that all districts are held to the same standards and issues such as appliances and the age of facilities can affect the overall rating. Board Member Anne Mitchell added that based on this criteria, we have to meet a pass/fail standard.

F. Biennial Review of the Shared Decision Making Plan

Communications Specialist Margaret Kelly explained that Boards of Education, in collaboration with district planning committees, are to submit a statement of success of the district plan in achieving its objectives. With that objective in mind, a survey was included in the Board packet regarding the overall level of implementation for that component of the plan. Ms. Kelly requested that the form be returned to her by Monday, March 20th. The results will be compiled into a document signed by the Superintendent, GFA President, Parent Representative and Board of Education President and submitted to the New York State Education Department. Board Member Ann Holstein reported that the Quality Education Committee had determined that we need to embark on a K-12 curriculum overhaul. Board Member Anne Mitchell expressed appreciation for the current process of examining educational issues.

G. Update on emergency closing days

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley reported that as of March 6, 2006, the District has one remaining emergency closing day allocated for the 2005-2006 school year. Should additional days be needed, they will be determined and utilized in order starting April 14, 17, 18 etc. as per the adopted school calendar.

H. Reminder of Special Presentation

Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. reminded the Board of the workshop meeting of the Board of Education with representatives from the Community Foundation for the Capital Region on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 9:00 AM in the High School Library. This workshop is open to members of the public and has been scheduled as one of the Parent Forums conducted each month by the Superintendent of Schools. The previous topic for this day was "athletics" which will be planned for a future meeting.

I. Reminder of Special BOE Meeting

Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. reminded the Board of the Special Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 5:00 pm at the District Office. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the BOCES Administrative Budget & Election.

J. Fiscal Planning and Budget Development

Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. reminded Board Members of the following dates:

Budget Advisory Committee Meetings

Tuesdays

December 13

January 24

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. High School Library

February 14
March 14
April 4

Board of Education Budget Workshops

Mondays	February 27	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	High School Library
	March 6		
	March 20		

Adoption of the Proposed Budget at the Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday	April 10	7:30 p.m.	High School Library
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Deadline for submitting petitions for BOE seat

Monday	April 17	5:00 p.m.	District Office
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Proposed Budget available to the public (on business days)

Tuesday	May 2	8:00 am – 4:30 pm	District Office
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Voter Registration Day

Wednesday	May 3	2:00 – 7:00 pm	Elementary Lobby
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Budget Hearing

Tuesday	May 9	7:30 p.m.	High School Auditorium
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Annual Budget Vote

Tuesday	May 16	1:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Elementary School Cafeteria
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VII. Board Members' input for possible discussion at a later date

There were no new items.

VIII. Closing Open Forum

Elementary Principal Peter Mahan shared news of the fifth grade band's trip to Syracuse with teacher Christine Wegrzyn. Ms. Wegrzyn was chosen as a model for music teachers across the state to host a clinic at the first New York State Band Directors Association (NYSBDA) Annual Symposium on how to conduct a 5th grade band. Her clinic "Excellence Starts Early" was well-received and the students' performance was outstanding. Mr. Mahan showed the Board a plaque which had been presented to them and stated that it will be displayed at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School. Mr. Mahan expressed appreciation to the elementary PTA for sponsoring the trip.

Community Member John Downs expressed appreciation to Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley for her support of the Agriculture and Technology Department and building project.

IX. Executive Session

At 8:11 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 10:16 P.M. Tina Dombroski moved, seconded by Lawrence Tompkins, and carried unanimously to return to open session.

X. Adjournment

At 10:17 P.M. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

School District Clerk

Board President