

GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2006

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, May 8, 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
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 Hall, 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
Karen Morin, Transportation Supervisor
Robert Schrader, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
Margaret Kelly, Communications Specialist

C. Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. welcomed approximately 5 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, May 8, 2006.

III. Accolades

Congratulations to:

Kristina Vitale and Joe Chase who were selected to participate in the Tech Valley Summer Camp;

High scorers in the Current Events Contest #4 - Jonah Coe-Scharff, George Harvey, Jen Meringolo, and Sarah McNally;

Current Events Contests #1-4 (all year) - Jonah Coe-Scharff, Sarah McNally, and George Harvey;

Middle School Brain Brawl – of 71 participants, Kelsey O'Leary's team won; team members were Lauren Finch, Erin Kammerer, Jason Kerns, Abbey Rauf, Nora Snyder, and Christopher Tompkins;

Shelby Magee, Robin Sweeney, and Joseph Zeitler made the USA Honor Roll for their scores on the annual American Mathematics Competition. They were in the top 2-5% of the several hundred thousands of students who participated in this contest throughout the US and the world;

Kerry Brown, Joseph Chase, and Marta Kelly (7th graders) received invitations to attend the state's awards ceremony for their outstanding scores on the SAT-1 exam normally taken by juniors and seniors in high school.

IV. Forum

During the Open Forum Board Member Tina Dombroski expressed appreciation to High School Principal Michael Laster and Middle School Principal Colleen Hall for facilitating the creation of the new Middle School/High School Parent/Teacher/Student Association.

Board Member Gregory Lampman expressed appreciation to Elementary Principal Peter Mahan and all who assisted in the dedication of the courtyard to JoAnn Morse on Friday, May 5, 2006.

Community Member Richard Ferriolo stated that the Committee had discussed the historical marker for the Little Red Schoolhouse. It would include historical information such as the names of the donors, first trustees and dates the school was in operation. The group has decided to keep the school separate from the bicentennial for fund-raising purposes. Mr. Ferriolo commended the group for cleaning up the property and requested the Board's approval to purchase the sign. Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. reiterated the Board's position that taxpayer money could not be spent on the schoolhouse. Mr. Bear stated that the District was moving forward to establish a foundation where items such as the historical marker could be addressed.

V. Action Items

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

A. Approve the Minutes of April 10, 2006 Regular Meeting and April 25, 2006 Special Meeting

B. Approve Treasurer's Report, Statement of Conditions, Schedule of Bills, and Transfer of Funds for the month ending April 30, 2006 (FY2006-38)

C. Special Student Services

- 1.** Appoint Mary Parker and Abigail Schweter as parent members on the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education
- 2.** Accept the recommendations of Committee on Special Education from the meetings of March 23, 24, 29, 30, 31, and April 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 24, and 25, 2006

D. 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. Create positions

- 1) .6 FTE Speech-Language Pathologist effective for the 2006-07 school year
- 2) .6 Technology teacher effective for the 2006-07 school year
- 3) .4 FTE Art teacher effective for the 2006-07 school year
- 4) .4 FTE Home & Careers teacher effective for the 2006-07 school year
- 5) .4 FTE ESL teacher effective for the 2006-07 school year

b. Appointments

1) Graduate course approval

Name of employee:	Rachel Anderson
Title of course:	Ethics & Education
Date of course:	May 30, 2006 through August 18, 2006
Institution:	SUNY Albany
Certification/Program	SAS & SDA Certification

Name of employee:	Rachel Anderson
Title of course:	Finance & Human Resources
Date of course:	May 30, 2006 through July 7, 2006
Institution:	SUNY Albany
Certification/Program	SAS & SDA Certification

Name of employee:	Rachel Anderson
Title of course:	Administrative Internship
Date of course:	May 30, 2006 through August 18, 2006
Institution:	SUNY Albany
Certification/Program	SAS & SDA Certification

Name of employee:	Rachel Anderson
Title of course:	Law & Education
Date of course:	June 26, 2006 through July 21, 2006
Institution:	SUNY Albany
Certification/Program	SAS & SDA Certification

Name of employee:	Michelle Niosi
Title of course:	Independent Study
Date of course:	May 22, 2006 through June 30, 2006
Institution:	St. Rose
Certification/Program	Professional Development

2. Operational

a. Appointments

1) Supervisor of Transportation

Name of Appointee	Karen Morin
Position:	Supervisor of Transportation
Classification:	GCCS competitive/provisional
Probationary Period:	Provisional - May 1, 2006 through October 30, 2006
Commencement of service:	May 1, 2006
Step Placement:	NA
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. Acceptance of donations

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to accept the following donations:

- a. Bryant's for bottled water
- b. Cumberland Farms for bottled water
- c. Stewarts for ice cream sundaes
- d. Sweetwater Farms for flowers for planting on campus and for the elderly in the community

These donations will be used for the Middle School Service Learning Day to be held on May 12.

- e. Greenville Irish American Club for \$100 - This donation is for the High School Band who marched in their parade. The funds will be used for the anticipated trip to Disney in 2009.
- f. National Bank of Coxsackie for \$50 - This donation will be used for art supplies for the Art Show.
- g. Stewarts for two tubs of ice cream, cups and napkins - These supplies will be used for the PARP (Parents as Reading Partners) celebration on May 5th.

Anne Mitchell moved, seconded by Tina Dombroski and carried unanimously to: (2-3)

2. Solicitation of bids for 2006-07

Approve solicitation of bids for 2006-07

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

3. Final Requests for Questar III (FY2006-39)

Approve 2006-07 Certification of Final Requests for Questar III

F. School Management

Ann Holstein moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to approve: (1-5)

1. Adoption of Calendars (FY2006-40)

Adoption of the 2006-2007 School Calendar and 2006 Summer School Calendar (FY2006-40)

2. Adoption of textbook

Title:	<u>Welder's Handbook</u>
Class:	Welding
Publisher:	The Berkley Publishing Co.
Copyright:	1997
Cost:	\$18.95
Quantity:	25

3. Declaration of Participation

Declaration of Participation in the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center for the 2006-2007 school year

4. Election Inspectors

Appointment of Election Inspectors for the May 16, 2006 Budget Vote & Election and 2006-07 school district vote(s) if necessary:

May Beck	Andrew Johanssen
Stephen Boyd	Adam Jurgens
Gloria Caggiano	Leslie Lounsbury
Nick Caldwell	Kyle McCormick
Logan Coffey	Peter McKenna
Dan Fritz	Laura Robertson
Jessica Gerdsmeyr	Alison Thomas
Kyle Grennan	

5. Overnight Field Trip

Trip Destination:	State FFA Convention – Verona, New York
Dates:	Thursday, May 11, 2006 (9:00 am departure) through Saturday, May 13, 2006 (6:00 pm return)
Students:	20 FFA students
Chaperones:	Rachel Anderson, Mark Cunnann

VI. Discussion

A. Educational Foundation and By-Laws

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley presented a draft of the bylaws that reflected changes suggested as a result of input received at the Superintendent's Community Forum of May 6th. Board Member Gregory Lampman recommended that only one Board of Education member would sit on the Board of Trustees in an effort to keep the school separate from the Foundation. The Board of Education would review recommended expenditures from the Foundation to ensure they agree with the mission of the District. Board Member Anne Mitchell commented that establishing a foundation would provide the resources for renovating the Potter Hollow Schoolhouse without using taxpayer money. Donations could be made to the Foundation and earmarked for a specific purpose. Mrs. Mitchell asked if a foundation was subject to the open meeting law and whether it was advisable to include spending guidelines for operation of the foundation. Superintendent Dudley stated that questions would be reviewed with the Community Foundation of the Capital Region to be discussed in June and the procedures outlined for the Foundation's planning committee could be established at the July meeting. It was recommended that anyone interested in being a Trustee should not be a member of the planning committee.

B. Revised Draft 2006-07 Board of Education Calendar

Board Members were presented with a revised draft 2006-07 Board of Education Calendar.

C. Policy Manual Revision

The Board discussed various options to complete policy development including Erie I BOCES and NYSSBA. Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. stated that the District should choose the best value for the dollar and seek assurances that the process would be completed in a timely manner. Board Member Anne Mitchell stated that if all services were equal, the District should choose the one that will result in state aid for the District. Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley will investigate the cost. Ms. Dudley also stated that she would recommend revisions to the home instruction policy to ensure compliance with the Commissioner's Regulations.

D. Update on Capital Projects

Assistant Superintendent for Business Tammy Sutherland reported that Royal Plumbing is now working directly for the District and Christa Construction is bringing in dumpsters to begin site clean-up. The 2006-07 Budget will allow the District to finish the project.

E. 75th Anniversary Celebration of Scott M. Ellis

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley reported that a number of people have expressed interest in being a part of the anniversary planning and suggested that the celebration be planned for Fall, 2007. Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Robert Schrader stated that electricity has now been restored to the clock and that Doug Story will aid in its repair.

Board Member Rosanne Moore expressed concern about the condition of the campus and stated that beautification is important before the anniversary.

F. District Planning Committee

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley presented for consideration of the Board, a proposal for a District Committee responsible for preparing recommendations to the Board of Education for long-range comprehensive planning for the Greenville Central School District. It is comprised of six components: Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction; Community Relations; Facilities; Finance; Human Relations and Policy and Organizational Development. Board Member Anne Mitchell stated that the committee would provide a structure for the Board to oversee many things and they could then provide support and resources for the various components. Superintendent Dudley will speak with constituents for suggestions on selection of members. Board Member Tina Dombroski asked if NYSSBA offers training and suggested that the International Association of Facilitators may be a good resource for setting up the framework.

G. Campus Beautification

Board Member Rosanne Moore stated that she had toured the campus and found areas that need attention. There are numerous piles of dirt and the areas outside the Ag/Tech and behind the District Office should be cleaned up. Beautification of the campus should be a priority before the 75th Anniversary of Scott M. Ellis.

H. Dedication of “The JoAnn Morse Courtyard” at Scott M. Ellis Elementary – May 5, 2006

Board Member Anne Mitchell stated that the dedication of the courtyard to JoAnn Morse had gone very well. The kindergarteners performed a song, flowers were presented and everyone read the Mission Statement as a group. Mrs. Morse was very touched. Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley expressed appreciation to Elementary Principal Peter Mahan and all who assisted in the planning of this special day.

I. Draft Wellness Policy

Board Members reviewed a draft of the Wellness Policy which represents recommended changes in the policy. Board Member Anne Mitchell commented that the policy was clear, concise and easy to understand. Elementary Principal Peter Mahan stated that details would be included in the regulations. Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. stated that discussion would continue in June with approval recommended at the July Organizational Meeting.

J. Reminder of Greene County School Board’s Dinner – June 7

Board Members were informed that the next Greene County School Board’s Dinner would be hosted by Hunter-Tannersville on Wednesday, June 7th. This will be the last of three training sessions for the Board. Board Member Anne Mitchell asked for further information on make-up dates for missed sessions.

K. Announcement of top ten graduates as of April 27, 2006:

Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. announced the top ten graduates of Greenville High School Class of 2006:

Jenna Lamb	Stephanie Peters
Jessica Gerdsmeyer	Rose Masi
Bethany Nick	Sam Katagari
Laura Robertson	Joe Belarge
Brian Wolf	Johanna Witt

L. Fiscal Planning and Budget Development Schedule Summary

Board Members reviewed the following Budget Development Schedule Summary which includes all of the public meetings held for the purpose of budget development and public input.

Candidates for three vacancies on the Board of Education:

Wilton Bear, Jr.

Wells Packard

Ann Holstein

Lawrence Tompkins

Applications for absentee ballots are available at the District Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. up until the day before the election—Monday, May 15th.

Budget Bus

Saturday, April 29	9:00 – 10:00 am	Hilltown Agway
	10:30 – 11:30 am	Tip Top Furniture
	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Greenhill Café
Wednesday, May 3	4:30 – 5:30 pm	Bryant's Country Square
	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Rensselaerville

Budget Open Hours

Mondays, May 1, 8, & 15	1:00 – 2:00 pm	District Office
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Budget Advisory Committee Meetings

Tuesdays: December 13	7:00 – 9:00 pm	High School Library
January 24		
February 14		
March 14		
April 11 (date changed from April 4)		

Board of Education Budget Workshops

Mondays: February 27	7:00 – 9:00 pm	High School Library
March 6		
March 20		
April 3		

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

Monday, April 10	7:30 pm	High School Library
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Deadline for submitting petitions for BOE seat

Monday, April 17	5:00 pm	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 pm	High School Auditorium
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Annual Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 16

1:00 – 9:00 pm

Elementary School Cafeteria

M. SEQRA Resolution

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder as specified below.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Greenville Central School District (“Board”) has proposed to undertake a certain project involving various renovations to the Scott M. Ellis Elementary School, consisting of the replacement of the roof at the north end of the East wing, the replacement of roofing above the Auditorium/Stage, and the restoration of roof joints, and to the Parish House/District Office, including the installation/extension of various wiring and cables, connection to the municipal water supply, upgrades to the electric service, the installation of new energy efficient lighting, removal of the existing hot water tank, installation of an exhaust in the toilet room, the replacement of the sump pump, and the replacement of window air conditioners. (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action, in its capacity as Lead Agency; and

and WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action;

WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves various renovations to the Scott M. Ellis Elementary School, consisting of the replacement of the roof at the north end of the East wing, the replacement of roofing above the Auditorium/Stage, and the restoration of roof joints, and to the Parish House/District Office, including the installation/extension of various wiring and cables, connection to the municipal water supply, upgrades to the electric service, the installation of new energy efficient lighting, removal of the existing hot water tank, installation of an exhaust in the toilet room, the replacement of the sump pump, and the replacement of window air conditioners.
2. The proposed project represents a routine activity of an educational institution, including the expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(8), and/or represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(1), and/or represents the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(2).

3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.

4. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

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

Assistant Superintendent for Business Tammy Sutherland stated that the report of the Internal Auditor was ready for review by the Audit Committee and would be scheduled for June.

VIII. Closing Open Forum

During the Closing Open Forum community member Richard Ferriolo stated that the boards in the Potter Hollow Schoolhouse are in good shape and suggested that the outhouses at the entrance should be removed. He has had numerous calls from people who would like to donate artifacts to the Schoolhouse once the restoration is a certainty. Mr. Ferriolo again asked the Board to move on the sign. Board President Wilton Bear, Jr. responded that the District needs to raise \$5000 to establish the foundation and a Board of Trustees needs to be set up before expenditures could be considered. Board Member Anne Mitchell presented a check to Superintendent Dudley in the amount of \$500 as a donation to the establishment of the foundation.

Elementary Assistant Principal Tina Minehan expressed appreciation to the Elementary PTA for their support in the "Parents as Reading Partners" celebration.

Board Member Anne Mitchell expressed appreciation to Elementary Assistant Principal Tina Minehan for taking charge of the PreK Advisory Committee.

Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley expressed appreciation to Board Member Anne Mitchell for her generous donation of \$500 toward the establishment of the foundation.

IX. Executive Session

At 9:00 P.M. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Anne Mitchell and carried unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters regarding 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 9:58 P.M. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Ann Holstein, and carried unanimously to return to open session.

X. Adjournment

At 10:00 P.M. Gregory Lampman moved, seconded by Rosanne Moore and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

School District Clerk

Board President