

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
February 12, 2007
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by Vice President Miller at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Robert Kosowicz	James Levin	Robert Curtis
Susanne Fitzgerald	Scott Miller	Joanne Freeman

EXCUSED:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Russell Martin	John David Praught
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OTHERS:

John S. Whelan	Katherine Sullivan	Peter Hopke
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II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

"In accordance with its practice, the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District does not permit oral comments from the public relating to specific personnel decisions regarding individuals employed by the District during the portion of its meeting where the Board permits public comment. Members of the public are welcome to send questions, comments or concerns regarding these or other matters to the Board in writing."

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on January 24, 2007.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Mr. Whelan announced that the capital project pre-bid meeting scheduled for this Wednesday has been moved to 10:00 a.m. Tues., Feb. 20 due to the possible inclement weather. He noted bid advertising had been published in the Leader Herald, Schenectady Gazette, Syracuse Post-Standard and Albany Times Union. Further noted that Gloversville and Broadalbin-Perth had been successful in getting their EXCEL projects approved by voters and offered congratulations.
- Mrs. Sullivan indicated that the Comprehensive Educational Plan appearing on tonight's agenda for approval is required due to the high school not having 95% of students take the English and math exams (as previously discussed). The complete plan, as prepared by Mr. Beatty (thank you), is available for review in her office.

V. REPORTS (PRESIDENT/STANDING COMMITTEES)

- Audit Committee (B. Curtis, Chairperson) Meeting Feb. 26 @ 4:00 p.m.
- Facilities Planning Committee (S. Miller, Chairperson)
- Academic Curriculum Committee (J. Freeman, Chairperson) Meeting Feb. 27 @ 4:00 p.m.
- Extra-Curricular Committee (L. Buggeln-Bosworth, Chairperson)

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

C. TREASURER’S REPORT – December 2006

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer’s Report for December 2006, as seen in addendum # 2.

1. *Appropriation Status Report*
2. *Revenue Budget Status Report*
3. *Unrestricted Cash Balance*
4. *Handwritten Checks*
5. *Budget Transfer Schedule #3*
6. *Vendor Listing by Number (Vendor Additions)*

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

D. BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS FROM JOHNSTOWN TO ROTTERDAM, NY – BID #07-11

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to award the Transportation for Special Education Students from Johnstown to Rotterdam, NY – Bid #07-11 to Brown Transportation, Inc. as the lowest qualified, responsible bidder, as seen in addendum #3.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

VII. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. **Separations**
2. **Leaves of Absence**
3. **Abolishments**
4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. Payment for AIS Assignments

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to pay the following individuals for AIS assignments for the 2006-2007 school year. Payment will be made through timesheet for two 20-minute sessions per week (\$9.28 per session) for a maximum of 40 minutes per week.

*Judy Finley-Kane, U.S. History (M, W)
Clint Froschauer, Global History (T, Th)
Christina Fink, ELA (M,W)
Eric Laugen, ELA (T,Th)
Melissa Miles, math (M, W)
Craig Blowers, math (M, W)
Yvette Auty, math (M, W)*

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

b. Payment of Music Festival Stipends

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the payment of music festival stipends for attendance at the Fulton County Music Festival 1 on February 2, 2007 and February 3, 2007 for the following individuals:

<i>Cynthia Fiorenza</i>	<i>\$104</i>
<i>Tamara Healy</i>	<i>\$104</i>
<i>Daniel Jones</i>	<i>\$104</i>
<i>Joshua Stamp</i>	<i>\$104</i>
<i>Kim Tyler</i>	<i>\$104</i>
<i>Patricia Zullo</i>	<i>\$104</i>

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

c. Term Appointments of Coaching Staff

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following coaches for the 2006-2007 school year:

<i>Jonathan Jennings, baseball assistant #1</i>	<i>\$2,341</i>
<i>Hanz Litz, baseball assistant #2</i>	<i>\$2,174</i>
<i>Eric Schneider, baseball assistant #3</i>	<i>\$2,062</i>
<i>Eric Laugen, boys' Lacrosse head coach</i>	<i>\$3,065</i>
<i>Denise Benton, girls' Lacrosse head coach</i>	<i>\$3,177</i>
<i>Tracy Ringer, girls' Lacrosse assistant #1</i>	<i>\$2,341</i>
<i>Ron Savoie, girls' softball head coach</i>	<i>\$3,177</i>
<i>Jennifer Rockwell, girls' softball assistant #1</i>	<i>\$2,062</i>
<i>Walt Lane, track head coach</i>	<i>\$3,177</i>
<i>Jeremy Weber, track assistant #1</i>	<i>\$2,341</i>
<i>Jennifer Hickok, track assistant #2</i>	<i>\$2,174</i>

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE

1. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mr. Kosowicz seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on February 1 & 8, 2007.

<i>009140038</i>	<i>009140178</i>	<i>009140186</i>	<i>000900073</i>
<i>000960025</i>	<i>002400026</i>	<i>009140042</i>	<i>000930046</i>
<i>002500035</i>	<i>000990023</i>	<i>009140135</i>	<i>002500019</i>
<i>009140185</i>	<i>009140182</i>		

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

2. Committee for Pre-School Special Education

Motion by Mr. Kosowicz seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Pre-School Special Education meetings held on February 1, 2007.

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VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

1. JHS International Club Trip to Woodworth Lake, New York

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the JHS International Club trip to Woodworth Lake, New York, from Friday, March 2, 2007 (departing at approximately 5:00 p.m.) to Sunday, March 4, 2007 (returning at approximately 10:30 a.m.).

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

2. JHS International Club and JHS Student Council Trip to Toronto, Canada

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the JHS International Club and JHS Student Council trip to Toronto, Canada, from Friday, May 25, 2007 (departing at approximately 12:00 p.m.) to Sunday, May 27, 2007 (returning at approximately 9:30 p.m.).

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Calendar of Events for Annual Election on May 15, 2007

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the calendar of events for the Annual Election to be held on May 15, 2007 as seen in addendum #4.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

2. Appointment of Board of Registration

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Barbara Sprung (R) of 180 Briggs Street Ext, Johnstown and Jacqueline Swatt (D) of 102 Fon Clair Street, Johnstown, to the Board of Registration for a one-year term as of February 12, 2006; that the Board of Registration Meetings shall be held at the high school from the hours of 12:00 NOON to 4:00 PM on May 1 2007 or as otherwise needed; and that the flat rate of pay for each member shall be \$7.15 hour for a total of \$28.60 for each meeting consisting of four hours.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

3. Authorization for District Clerk to Publish Election Notices

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to authorize the District Clerk to publish Notice of Voter Registration, to prepare Registers, and to provide for public notification of the Annual Meeting and Election of the Greater Johnstown School District to be held on May 15, 2007 for the election of three members to the Board of Education to serve three year terms to begin July 1, 2007 for the offices now held by:

Joanne Freeman Russell Martin John David Praught

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

4. **Approval of Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) for Johnstown High School**
Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the proposed Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) for Schools Under Registration Review, as prepared for Johnstown High School for the 2006/2007 school-year.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Mrs. Freeman expressed concern over the student/chaperone ratio for the Woodworth Lake camping trip on tonight’s agenda and asked if there are specific guidelines.
- Mrs. Fitzgerald inquired whether we looked into cooperating with other districts before putting tonight’s bus transportation agenda item out to bid.
- Mrs. Fitzgerald asked that, as we look into upgrading technology pursuant to Mr. Levin’s request at the previous meeting, we look at the accessibility of projection screen cards.
- Mr. Levin requested that teachers and principals be included in the software/hardware technology update discussions and that it not be left to the sole discretion of the IT department.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

March 7, 2007	Discussion/Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Pleasant Ave. Library
March 21, 2007	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kosowicz seconded by Mrs. Freeman to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk