

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Special Meeting
July 30, 2007
Johnstown High School

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

ATTENDEES:

John David Praught	Scott Miller	Russell Martin
James Levin	Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	
Joanne Freeman	Susanne Fitzgerald	

ABSENT:

Robert Kosowicz	Robert Curtis
-----------------	---------------

OTHERS:

John S. Whelan	Katherine Sullivan	Peter Hopke
----------------	--------------------	-------------

II. **SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

- Clerk of the Works Mike Croneiser reported as follows with regard to the present status of the capital project: Abestos removal in the high school boiler room and the area where the new bathrooms for the auditorium will be located is complete. Removal in the Knox basement is in the second phase, with plans to move to first, second and third floors; most recent inspection by Dept. of Labor found no issues and the asbestos contractor will meet the August 21 deadline. The general contractor has completed the foundation for the classroom addition, minus four piers; they have started wall forming on auditorium and lay out for the field house; the topsoil at Knox Field has been removed, they have met with the field turf representative to review details and they anticipate making the contract date in October; tennis court resurfacing will start the week of August 16 and be completed before school starts; re-coating of roofs started at Jansen last week, will progress to Glebe Street and then to Warren Street when summer school is done. The HVAC contractor has the heating at Knox underway and should make the contract date. The electrical contractor has finished demolition at Glebe and Jansen and will begin working at Warren on August 13; all clocks and telephones should be here before school starts.
- Mr. Whelan reported that the District has not yet signed its contract with Bast Hatfield as they have requested an extension of the completion date of the project to August 25, 2008. The delay is a result of postponing the awarding of the contract until after the vote on the additional funding and delays involved in securing the steel for the auditorium. Bast Hatfield has asked the District to share in the cost of heating during the winter. As an alternative, they have proposed that the work could be shut down from December 19, 2007 to March 17, 2008 . Mr. Miller indicated this is not what the specs say. Mr. Whelan and Mr. Croneiser state it is in the best interest of the school to keep the project going. Board members discussed requesting that they sign contract as is or pulling their bond as one option; what it would cost to use the district's therms for heat (approx. \$25,000) to keep the project going and whether to offer them this option but with them paying for it; and finally, asking them to sign the contract as is and going forward with a no cost change order, but that if other contractors don't agree, Bast should absorb the cost. This will be relayed to the contractor at a meeting tomorrow, followed by a memo.
- Mrs. Sullivan announced that 90% of the students taking the Knox science test scored in levels 3 & 4 and congratulated Mr. Carr and his staff.
- Mr. Praught lauded Mrs. Sullivan for her work in obtaining federal grants, which are used to pay thousands of dollars in salaries and benefits.

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the one-year term appointment of Caroline Simpson, as an extended leave substitute elementary teacher, at Step C1, (\$39,570) of the collective bargaining agreement with the Johnstown Teachers' Association, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

e. Term Appointment of Annette Greco, Extended Leave Substitute Elementary Teacher (fourth grade level, Glebe St.)

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the one year term appointment of Annette Greco, as an extended leave substitute elementary teacher, at Step C1 (\$39,570) of the collective bargaining agreement with the Johnstown Teachers' Association, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

V. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Parochial or Private School Transportation

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the request of the parent/guardian of Luke Brunettoburd (grade 9) and Devin Brunettoburd (grade 9) for transportation to the Perth Bible Christian Academy for the 2007-2008 school year.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

VI. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mrs. Freeman to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 6:35 p.m.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,
District Clerk