

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Discussion Meeting
November 7, 2007
Jansen Avenue Library

I. Called to order by Vice President Miller at 7:03 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Robert Curtis	Scott Miller	Susanne Fitzgerald
Russell Martin	James Levin	Joanne Freeman
Robert Kosowicz	Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	

EXCUSED:

John David Praught

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. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

IV. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

- Academic Curriculum – Mrs. Freeman reported the committee reviewed items covered during the recent Superintendent's Conference Day; the grade four performance test; NYS integrated algebra in relation to the June 2008 regents and the nature trail. They also reviewed information from Mrs. Sullivan on math web sites available to students for help.
- Audit – Mr. Levin reported the committee reviewed a draft reply to Dorfman-Robie's audit, to be presented at the next board meeting. They are also looking at a reply to the Questar audit.
- Extra-Curricular – Mr. Kosowicz offered congratulations on behalf of the board to the fall sports teams and marching band for great seasons (field hockey progressed to semi-finals, marching band took third place, girls volleyball are the Section B II Class B Champions and will be continuing on). Students have petitioned for a spectator bus to Chatagway for the volleyball game on Saturday at 1 p.m. and, while such requests are typically rejected, the committee recommends allowing it for regional and state competitions with certain caveats: permission slips, tentative \$15 fee per student, minimum of 30 and maximum of 45 students in grades 9-12 participate and are chaperoned by a school employee. The administration will develop a procedure. He also noted the renovated Knox Field is being used for all-star field hockey and class A & D football competitions, which promotes the Johnstown area. The search for a modified swimming coach continues. The purple & gold club is looking into a series of events to replace individual fundraisers, including a video game night, winter sports activity night.
- Facilities – Mr. Miller reported Mr. Hopke and E.J. Maye walked the nature trail to get a feel for its condition. gave members a presentation and are now reviewing options, including a tie-in to academic programs and talking to groups interested in helping out with clearing (not rebuilding). He stated that some of our buildings will be without power on November 21 and, while students will be out for Thanksgiving recess and unaffected, 12-month employees will need to be given the day off. The committee also continued its discussion regarding possible EXCEL projects.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

VI. EDUCATION ITEMS

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Mrs. Freeman noted the high school kids are excited to see the auditorium and science wing going up.
- Mr. Miller noted that all of the capital project is going well and that Knox Field is a standout.
- Mrs. Fitzgerald offered thanks to Mr. Satterlee for allowing Little League to use the field.
- Mrs. Sotero introduced Jansen Ave.'s student council representatives, who each read statements indicating what they like best about Jansen Ave.
- Kathy Zajciek noted that the superintendent at Fonda-Fultonville recently announced PSATs will be paid for by the district and asked for Johnstown to consider doing the same.
- Mr. Curtis stated 2,300 people visited the haunted house over five great nights.
- Mr. Curtis asked that the price of attending sectional games be revised. He said he recently witnessed a mother with four children become distressed when she was told it would cost \$6 each to get in. Mr. Whelan indicated the Section II committee is reviewing the cost to families.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

November 28, 2007	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
December 12, 2007	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School

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

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mrs. Freeman to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 7:24 p.m.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Curti, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,
District Clerk