

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Discussion/Business Meeting**  
**April 2, 2008**  
**Knox Junior High School Library**

I. Called to order by President Praught at 7:05 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

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

OTHERS:

John S. Whelan	Katherine Sullivan
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II. **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 7:05 p.m.*

VOTE:          9   Yes          0   No

III. **MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to reconvene in public session at 8:35 p.m.*

VOTE:          9   Yes          0   No

IV. **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."*

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

- Mrs. Sullivan announced a Board Visitation Day has been scheduled for April 23. Building principals will be available to greet Board members and answer questions.
- Mrs. Sullivan advised that new algebra and geometry books are being ordered. Also, HFM BOCES has notified us of a technology grant. Two current district sixth grader students will be chosen to participate in a week long program at FMCC over the summer. Advertising has started for a technology person (BOCES position, but GJSD will advertise).
- Mrs. Sullivan reported there was a wonderful regatta at JHS earlier today, with students building boats, racing them in the pool and having lots of fun. Pictures will be posted on the school Web site.

VI. **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

- Academic Curriculum – Mrs. Freeman indicated Mrs. Sullivan had already covered the items discussed at this evening's curriculum meeting.
- Audit – Mr. Levin advised that the committee had discussed the budget, but is waiting to see the impact of the state budget before asking the Board to vote on a proposal. The committee discussed finding people within the district to give student presentations without excessive costs.
- Extra-Curricular – Mr. Kosowicz advised that spring sports have begun, but that several inches of snow on Knox field had resulted in the cancellation of some lacrosse games. They also reviewed bringing in outside vendors for the new concessions, but determined it is



2. **Tenure Appointment of Heather Buskirk, Physics Teacher**

*Motion by Mr. Kosowicz seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, that Heather Buskirk, probationary physics teacher in the physics tenure area, having been appointed to such position on September 1, 2005, be appointed to tenure to the position of physics teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Heather Buskirk holds a valid NYS initial certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area. Be it further shown that the probationary period of Heather Buskirk will expire on August 31, 2008.*

VOTE:              9   YES                              0   NO

3. **Tenure Appointment of Matthew Greco, English Teacher**

*Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, that Matthew Greco, probationary English teacher in the English tenure area, having been appointed to such position on September 1, 2005, be appointed to tenure to the position of English teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Matthew Greco holds a valid NYS provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area. Be it further shown that the probationary period of Matthew Greco will expire on August 31, 2008.*

VOTE:              9   YES                              0   NO

4. **Tenure Appointment of Karen Jones, Elementary Teacher**

*Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, that Karen Jones, probationary elementary teacher in the elementary tenure area, having been appointed to such position on September 1, 2005, be appointed to tenure to the position of elementary teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Karen Jones holds a permanent NYS certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area. Be it further shown that the probationary period of Karen Jones will expire August 31, 2008.*

VOTE:              9   YES                              0   NO

5. **Tenure Appointment of Mark Jones, Science Teacher**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, that Mark Jones, probationary science teacher in the science tenure area, having been appointed to such position on September 1, 2005, be appointed to tenure to the position of science teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Mark Jones holds a permanent NYS certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area. Be it further shown that the probationary period of Mark Jones will expire on August 31, 2008.*

VOTE:              9   YES                              0   NO





**14. Term Appointment of Coaching Staff**

*Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointment of the following spring coach for the 2007-2008 school year:*

*Theresa Bradt, softball assistant #3 \$2,114*

*VOTE:           9 YES                           0 NO*

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE**

**1. Committee for Special Education**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on 3/12/08, 3/13/08, 3/18/08, 3/19/08, 3/20/08, 3/25/08 and 3/26/08:*

<i>000153780</i>	<i>000183935</i>	<i>000173128</i>	<i>000153800</i>
<i>000163913</i>	<i>000146852</i>	<i>000166899</i>	<i>000143809</i>
<i>000155040</i>	<i>000133662</i>	<i>000153811</i>	<i>000153796</i>
<i>000900130</i>	<i>000143730</i>	<i>000106683</i>	<i>000275668</i>
<i>000900080</i>	<i>000292007</i>	<i>000890109</i>	<i>000113591</i>
<i>000890111</i>	<i>000088096</i>	<i>000140277</i>	<i>000500070</i>
<i>000140281</i>	<i>000990005</i>	<i>000113759</i>	<i>000113601</i>
<i>000126702</i>	<i>000125807</i>	<i>000115751</i>	<i>000122004</i>
<i>000122005</i>	<i>000176015</i>	<i>000166081</i>	<i>000185000</i>
<i>000155978</i>	<i>000165091</i>	<i>000165070</i>	<i>000144609</i>
<i>000155990</i>	<i>000166080</i>	<i>000165096</i>	<i>000306110</i>
<i>000306157</i>			

*VOTE:           9 YES                           0 NO*

**IX. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

**1. BAST HATFIELD CHANGE ORDER AUDITORIUM LOBBY TILE**

*Board Member Mr. Miller presents the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Board Member Mr. Curtis:*

*WHEREAS, the Greater Johnstown School District Board of Education requires Board approval for capital construction change orders amounting to over ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) as part of the Board’s oversight responsibilities, and*

*WHEREAS, the Greater Johnstown School District contracted with Bast Hatfield Construction to provide general contract work in the current \$12.5 million project, and*

*WHEREAS, Vinyl tile was specified in the finish schedule for the auditorium lobby, and*

*WHEREAS, officials of the Greater Johnstown School District requested pricing to upgrade the floor finishes in the auditorium lobby to either quarry tile or porcelain floor tile, and*

*WHEREAS, the architects reviewed the proposed change order costs submitted by Bast Hatfield for the subject work, and*

*WHEREAS, the estimate for the tile work in the auditorium lobby amounts to \$18,998 for the porcelain option, and*

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends approval of the subject change order after consultation with the Assistant Superintendent, Interim Business Administrator, Director of Building and Grounds, Clerk of the Works and Bonacci Architects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Greater Johnstown School District Board of Education approves the change order stipulated above and directs the Superintendent to notify the appropriate parties to issue and execute the required SED paperwork for the subject change order.

VOTE:              9   YES                              0   NO

**X.    COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Mr. Levin offered congratulations to all who received tenure this evening.

**XI.   INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

April 23, 2008	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
May 7, 2008	Extra-Curricular Committee	5:30 PM – 6:00 PM
	Audit Committee	6:00 PM –6:30 PM
	Academic & Facilities Committees	6:30PM – 7:00 PM
	Discussion/Business Meeting	7:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School

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

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Levin to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 9:03 p.m.*

VOTE:              8   Yes                              1   No (Mrs. Freeman)

**XIII.   ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Mr. Kosowicz, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.*

VOTE:              9   YES                              0   NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,  
District Clerk