

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
April 23, 2008
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by President Praught at 6:07 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

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

EXCUSED:

Robert Curtis

OTHERS:

John S. Whelan Katherine Sullivan

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. Levin seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on March 19 and April 2, 2008.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

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

- Mike Croneiser provided a capital project update, indicating punch work list is being completed at Knox; the field house was open for baseball games last week (using plywood for privacy until toilet partitions come in); paving is anticipated for the week of May 17; the classroom addition is 95-98 percent complete; grading is taking place for the auditorium sidewalks and curbs, the cabinet heaters are up and running, the air conditioning should be flushed and started May 12, the electrical is 99 percent operational and expect to evaluate status on May 20 and discuss turning over for use by district. The existing auditorium will remain in use until the new one is ready.
- Mr. Whelan announced a revision to the 2007-08 district calendar. Because only two of three allotted snow/emergency days have been used, the district will be closed for staff and students on May 23 as a "give back" day.
- Mrs. Sullivan presented copies of two new textbooks appearing on tonight's agenda for adoption, as carefully selected by the math department.
- Mrs. Sullivan announced that sixth graders interested in being selected to participate in the grant funded student technology leadership program with BOCES are currently filling out applications, to be turned in by week's end. The academic committee will review the applications and choose the summer participants at the May 7 meeting. They will be invited to the May 20 meeting.

V. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **PERSONNEL**

1. **Separations**

a. **Retirement of Louise Chamberlain, School Bus Driver**

Motion by Mr. Kosowicz seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resignation for purposes of retirement of Louise Chamberlain, School Bus Driver, effective May 13, 2008.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

2. **Leaves of Absence**

3. **Abolishments**

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **Provisional Appointment of Cindy Mahoney, School Secretary**

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the provisional appointment of Cindy Mahoney as a School Secretary, 10 months per year, \$10.35 per hour, effective April 10, 2008.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

B. **WARRANTS – February 2008**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the District Auditor, to accept the following warrant for February 2008, as seen in addendum #1:

General (A): #39, 41
School Lunch (C): #17, 18
Federal (F): #17, 18
Capital Bonds (H): #8,
Trust & Agency (TA): #28, 29, 30
Expendable Trust (TE): #5

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

C. **TREASURER'S REPORT – February 2008**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2008, as seen in addendum #2.

1. *Appropriation Status Report*
2. *Unrestricted Cash Balance*
3. *Handwritten Checks*
4. *Budget Transfer Schedule #7*
5. *Vendor Listing by Number (Vendor Additions)*

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

VI. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

2. Leaves of Absence

a. Unpaid Leave of Absence for Tracy Ringer

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the unpaid leave request of Tracy Ringer, teacher assistant, from May 27, 2008 through December 12, 2008.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

3. Abolishments

4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE

1. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on 2/29/08, 3/13/08, 3/27/08, 3/31/08, 4/3/08, 4/4/08, 4/7/08, 4/8/08, 4/9/08 and 4/10/08:

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VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Appointment of Election Inspectors

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to approve the individuals listed to serve as election inspectors for the May 20, 2008 Board of Education Election and Budget Vote.

Pleasant Avenue

*Georgianne Chatterton (R)
Emily Kralovic (R)
June E. Loya (D)*

Johnstown Public Library

*Bonnie J. Dostal (D)
Thomas A. Jennings (D)
Third Inspector TBD by District Clerk*

Jansen Avenue

*Patricia Bender (D)
Pauline A. Harbour (D)
Eleanor Chatterton (R)*

Ephratah Fire House

*Hazel Prall (D)
Denise Duesler (D)
Darlene Terricola (R)*

Knox Jr. High School

Jacqueline V. Swatt (D)

Joanne Blair (R)

Elaine Schrum (D)

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

2. Budget Proposition

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the proposed budget of expenditures of the Greater Johnstown School District for the school year 2008/09 in the amount of \$29,061,903, and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditure, adopted by the Board of Education, be and the same hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from state aid and other sources as provided by law.

VOTE: 6 YES 2 NO (Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Martin)

3. Property Tax Report Card for 2008-09

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Levin to approve the Property Tax Report Card for the Greater Johnstown School District for the school year 2008/2009 for submission to the New York State Education Department as provided by law.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

4. Textbook Adoption

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the textbook Geometry, published by Amsco School Publishers, for use at Johnstown High School, beginning in September 2008.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

5. Textbook Adoption

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the textbook Integrated Algebra 1, published by Amsco School Publishers, for use at Johnstown High School (and at Knox Junior High for accelerated students), beginning in September 2008.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Mrs. Christiano issued an invitation to the Warren Street Arbor Day Assembly scheduled for Friday at 10:30 a.m.
- Mr. Praught indicated that Mr. Crankshaw had invited the Board to an Arbor Day Assembly on Friday as well, at 2 p.m., leaving time to attend both.
- Mrs. Sotero reminded all that there will be a 40th Anniversary celebration at Jansen tomorrow evening, per the invitations sent out.
- Mr. Blanchard added that the Board is welcome to visit Pleasant Avenue any time.
- Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth commented that the high school journalism class started putting out the Bugle (newspaper) during the second semester and are doing a really good job, with two issues complete and a third in the works.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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| April 30, 2008 | Special Meeting | 7:30 AM Administrative Conference Room |
| May 6, 2008 | Voter Registration Public Budget Hearing | Noon – 4:00 PM, District Office 6:30 PM, Knox Auditorium |
| May 7, 2008 | Academic Committee Extra-Curricular & Audit Committees Facilities Committee Discussion/Business Meeting | 5:30-6:00 PM 6:00 PM –6:30 PM 6:30PM – 7:00 PM 7:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School |
| May 20, 2008 | Budget Vote & Board Election | Polls Open Noon – 9 PM |

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

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 6:26 p.m.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kosowicz, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,
District Clerk