GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Discussion/Business Meeting
May 7, 2008
Johnstown High School Cafeteria

I. Called to order by Vice President Miller at 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Robert Kosowicz	Scott Miller	Russell Martin (departed 6:45 p.m.)
Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Susanne Fitzgerald	James Levin (arrived 7:15 p.m.)
Joanne Freeman	Robert Curtis	

ABSENT:
John David Praught

OTHERS:
John S. Whelan Katherine Sullivan

II. **Motion to go into Executive Session to conduct a Quasi-Judicial Proceeding to review the transcript and evidence in a student disciplinary meeting in a parental appeal, or to review a matter made confidential by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which topics are exempt from the Open Meetings Law, as permitted by Public Officer's Law §108(3)**

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth, to conduct a quasi-judicial proceeding to review the transcript and evidence in a student disciplinary meeting in a parental appeal, or to review a matter made confidential by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which topics are exempt from the Open Meetings Law, as permitted by Public Officer's Law §108(3).

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

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

Motion by Mr. Kosowicz seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to return to public session at 6:45 p.m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

IV. **RECESS FOR FACILITIES COMMITTEE WORKSHOP 6:45 p.m.**

V. **RESUME PUBLIC SESSION 7:15 p.m.**

VI. **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."

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

- Mr. Whelan introduced Kathy Simone, chairperson of the Glebe Street School PTA Playground Committee. Mrs. Simone presented plans for a new Glebe Street School Playground, which the PTA has been raising funds for during the past six years. They have currently reached ½ of their goal of $70,000 and are waiting to hear on grant money, but are hopeful of starting the project in October. Indicated it will be a turnkey operation; E.J. Maye will overview on behalf of district, but company selected will provide full installation. Mrs. Simone indicated it will be a whole new playground and won't re-use any existing equipment. It was noted that the existing equipment belongs to the district and can not be disposed of by the PTA. Mr. Levin stated he would like to see elements of the old

playground combined. Simone noted the new playground will be fully handicap accessible and that Glebe Street students had been given an opportunity to help choose the playground components. The playground committee presented t-shirts to the Board and Administration.

- Mrs. Sullivan reported that she, Superintendent Whelan, High School Principal Michael Beatty, the guidance department and 36 JHS students had attended the Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry Student Recognition Breakfast at Fulton Montgomery Community College that morning. Five $1,000 scholarships were awarded and two of them were received by JHS seniors: Michelle Frenssen and Travis Bevington. She added that the students had behaved with class and were ladies & gentlemen.
- Mrs. Sullivan asked Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Fitzgerald to announce the names of the sixth grade students chosen by the academic committee to participate in the grant funded student technology leadership program with BOCES. Mrs. Freeman indicated Serena Smith of Glebe Street School and Kayla Jackson of Glebe Street School had been selected. Mrs. Fitzgerald announced that Deep Mohan of Glebe Street School and Kevin Ammann of Pleasant Avenue School will serve as alternates. The students will be invited to the May 21 Board meeting and then attend training at FMCC over the summer. A club advisor is still needed (no applicants received).

VIII. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

- Academic Curriculum – no meeting this evening
- Audit – no meeting this evening
- Extra-Curricular – no meeting this evening
- Facilities – Board members conducted a workshop with Peter Sciocchetti, the executive vice president of the Fulton County Economic Development Corp., to discuss the Crescendoe Road bus garage, availability and costs.

IX. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS – CLASSIFIED

B. WARRANTS

C. TREASURER'S REPORTS

X. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Abolishments

a. Abolishment of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Position

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to abolish the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum &Instruction position effective June 30, 2008.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

2. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Creation of District Director of Curriculum, Testing & Personnel Position

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to create the position of District Director of Curriculum, Testing & Personnel effective July 1, 2008.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CPSE, CSE

1. Committee for Preschool Special Education

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to approve the minutes of the Committee for Preschool Special Education meeting(s) held on 4/28/08:

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VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

2. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meeting(s) held on 4/16/08, 4/21/08, 4/22/08, 4/23/08, 4/24/08, 4/25/08, 4/28/08 and 4/29/08:

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000900160	*000930001*	*000140055*	*000900206*
000165043	*000400084*	*000500072*	*000134654*
000143734	*000135082*	*000155986*	*000143911*
000146843	*000173910*	*000155159*	*000900171*
000126684	*000305954*	*000136995*	*000155001*
000136779	*000145958*	*000166889*	*000145915*
000145114	*000166898*	*000145956*	*000156924*
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VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

XI. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Mrs. Fitzgerald indicated that the students from the district she teaches in had been very impressed with the accomplishments of the JHS students who won scholarships at the Chamber Breakfast.

XIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

May 20, 2008	Budget Vote & Board Election	Polls Open Noon – 9 PM
May 21, 2008	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
June 18, 2008	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Kosowicz, to adjourn at 7:40 p .m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,
District Clerk