

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
May 20, 2008
Johnstown High School

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

ATTENDEES:

Susanne Fitzgerald
Joanne Freeman
John David Praught

James Levin
Scott Miller

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth
Robert Curtis

ABSENT:

Russell Martin

Robert Kosowicz

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."

- Kathy Brabant inquired as to the process for replacing Patti Sotero following acceptance of her resignation on this agenda; specifically whether the community would be invited to be involved or if it would be an in-house replacement. Mr. Whelan indicated the Board would be discussing it later on, but it should be the same process used previously, which involves stakeholders.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on April 23, April 30 and May 7, 2008.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Mrs. Sullivan introduced Glebe Street students Serena Smith and Kayla Jackson, who have been selected as the Knox Student Technology Leaders for 2008-09. Mr. Crankshaw indicated that they are two very fine representatives who are well-spoken, do their homework and have great peer relations. Board members and administrators congratulated the young ladies and asked that they consider coming back in the fall to provide a demonstration, once they have completed their summer training at FMCC.
- Clerk of the Works Mike Cronieser reported that work continues on the Knox punchlist; the JHS classroom punchlist is almost finished and furniture has been delivered; the field house is operational; the new auditorium fire alarm system and air conditioning units are being tested; paving will take place on Friday as there is no school; auditorium seating is installed and it is anticipated that the lobby floor and carpet for the seating area will arrive between now and the first week of June; window replacement at the high school will take place after school lets out for the summer.
- Mrs. Sullivan reported notification from the State Ed Dept. that all schools in the district, except one, were named as "high performing/gap closing" schools, meeting all standards in ELA and math during 2006-07 and achieving AYP for two years. She noted it is not easy to meet these standards and there is reason to be proud. Congratulations to all involved.

Mark Rabovsky, Golf Head Coach	\$2,000
Jonathan Jennings, Boys' Soccer Head Coach	\$3,257
Clint Froschauer, Boys' Soccer Assistant #1	\$2,399
Steve Smith, Boys' Soccer Assistant #2	\$2,114
Jennifer Rockwell, Girls' Soccer Head Coach	\$3,257
Colleen Tabor, Girls' Soccer Assistant #1	\$2,399
Wendell Edwards, Girls' Soccer Assistant #2	\$2,114
Julianna Frederick, Girls' Swimming Head Coach	\$3,141
John St. Peter, Volleyball Assistant #1	\$2,399
Kirsten Belknap, Volleyball Assistant #2	\$2,114

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

B. WARRANTS – March 2008

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

General (A):	#43, 45
School Lunch (C):	#19, 20
Federal (F):	#19, 20
Capital Bonds (H):	#9
Trust & Agency (TA):	#31, 32, 33, 34
Expendable Trust (TE):	n/a

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

C. TREASURER'S REPORT –March 2008

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

1. *Appropriation Status Report*
2. *Revenue Budget Status Report*
3. *Unrestricted Cash Balance*
4. *Handwritten Checks*
5. *Budget Transfer Schedule #8*
6. *Vendor Listing by Number (Vendor Additions)*

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

VI. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Resignation of Regan Campbell, Math Teacher

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resignation of Regan Campbell, math teacher, effective June 30, 2008.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Term Appointment of Robert Munn, Interim Business Manager

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the term appointment of Robert Munn as interim business manager at the rate of \$400 per day effective July 1, 2008.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

2. Employment Agreement for Alice Dillenbeck, District Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an employment agreement for the 2008-09 school year for Alice Dillenbeck, District Treasurer (pending re-appointment at July 2008 Organizational Meeting), dated _____, 2008, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

3. Employment Agreement for Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an employment agreement for the 2008-09 school year for Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk (pending re-appointment at July 2008 Organizational Meeting), dated _____, 2008, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

4. Memorandums of Agreement for Unclassified Administrative and Exempt Confidential Employees

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Levin to approve Memorandums of Agreement between the Greater Johnstown School District and the following individuals, deemed Unclassified Administrative or Exempt Confidential employees under Civil Service Law, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements:

- Rosemary Podbielski, School Psychologist*
- Ernest J. Maye, Director of School Facilities & Operations*
- Linda Ellis, Director of Food Service*
- Corey Barber, Coordinator of Transportation*
- Suzanne Hall, Secretary to Superintendent of Schools*
- Ann Stefka, Administrative Secretary*
- Todd Walker, Computer Services Specialist*

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Patti Sotero said it was a difficult decision for her to leave and the only reason for her going was her family. She thanked the administration and Board for their support and indicated she loved the children here and it had been a pleasure to watch them grow. She credited the Jansen staff for being creative and the parent community for being a tremendous asset. She noted Jansen was named one of the top 19 schools in NYS and is confident it will be chosen for the Blue Ribbon Award in September.
- Mr. Whelan commended Mrs. Sotero for her spirit and accomplishments.

- Mrs. Freeman commended the young ladies and gentlemen of JHS for their behavior at the prom and post-prom party. She offered thanks for the non-stop work of Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth and Tracy Diviyak with regard to the post-prom and a thank you to staff and parents for helping to make the event successful. Mr. Praught agreed that it is a lot of work.
- Mr. Praught thanked the Leader Herald for an article pointing out why Johnstown is #1 in sports for the many activities offered to the kids. He indicated Johnstown does a lot more with less money than other area districts and added that the administration and Mr. Satterlee deserve lots of credit.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

June 4, 2008	Restructuring Workshop	5:00 P.M., JHS
June 18, 2008	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 Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Levin to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 6:30 p.m.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Levin, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,
District Clerk