

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Discussion/Business Meeting
November 2, 2005
Jansen Avenue Elementary School Library

I. Called to order by Board President McGuire at 6:00 PM.

ATTENDEES:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Kathleen Leo	John David Praught
Robert Curtis	Richard McGuire	Russell Martin (arrived 6:20 PM)
Joanne Freeman	Scott Miller	

ABSENT:

Peter Cinelli

OTHERS:

John S. Whelan	Katherine Sullivan	Peter Hopke
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II. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Memorandum of Agreement for the Johnstown Teachers Association

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Greater Johnstown School District and the Johnstown Teachers Association effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

2. Lease Property

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District is in need of space to house its transportation operations; and

WHEREAS, the District has located space within the District that is suitable for such operations; and

WHEREAS, the District's administrators have entered into negotiations for the lease of such space and has provided the Board with a proposed lease agreement:

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Curtis that the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a lease agreement, in substantially the form previously provided, the commencement of which shall occur when all lease contingencies, including but not limited to approval of the Commissioner of Education, have been met and further authorizes payment thereunder.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

III. 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."

➤ None

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Mr. Whelan introduced Therese Whichello, a student in Mr. Russo's Participation in Government class, who announced that the class is hosting a Mayoral Debate in the JHS Auditorium at 6:00 PM on November 3rd. Ms. Whichello will be the moderator and City of Johnstown Mayoral candidates Shultz, Slingerland and Tollner will participate. The event is open to the public.
- Mr. Whelan advised that a meeting recently occurred between members of the science, music and special education departments and the Capital Project architects and engineers.
- Mrs. Sullivan offered congratulations to the Eighth Grade Chorus, which recently auditioned for and won a spot in WMHT's Music for the Holidays program. Taping will take place on November 29th and their performance will be aired on television and radio in December.
- Mrs. Sullivan announced that the Marching Band competed in the 2005 New York State Field Band Conference Championships in Syracuse and it was a job well done. Mrs. Freeman elaborated on the accomplishment, explaining that they placed third overall in the competition and earned second place ranking in New York State due to the first place winner being from Pennsylvania.
- Mrs. Sullivan announced that earlier in the evening the Girls Field Hockey team had won their competition and will now be going to the State Finals.
- Mrs. Sullivan advised that school newsletters for each building can now be viewed and printed from the school website, www.johnstownschoools.org.

V. REPORTS (PRESIDENT/STANDING COMMITTEE)

- Mr. McGuire noted that today's Leader Herald had featured a photo of a Jansen Avenue student voting in their school election and that lots of good things are happening in the District.
- Mrs. Freeman reported that the Finance Committee had met earlier in the evening and will be presenting some resolutions for approval at the November 16th Board meeting. The committee's next meeting will take place on January 11th at 5:00 PM.
- Mr. Praught advised that the Extra-Curricular Committee meeting originally scheduled for today has been moved to November 16th at 4:00 PM.
- The Academic Committee will meet on November 16th at 5:00 PM.

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

- Warrants
- Vendor Additions
- Budget Transfers
- Treasurer's Reports

VII. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Correction of Term Appointment of Sarah Barnhart, Elementary Teacher

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to correct the one year term appointment of Sarah Barnhart as an elementary teacher in the elementary tenure area at Step C1 (\$36,212) of the collective bargaining agreement with the Johnstown Teachers' Association effective September 1, 2005 and expiring June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

b. Adjust Term Appointment of Jeremy Weber, Physical Education Teacher

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Miller, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adjust the term appointment of Jeremy Weber as a physical education teacher in the physical education teacher tenure area, (change from .5 FTE to .8 FTE) at Step A1, (\$34,257 prorated), pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement with the Johnstown Teachers' Association, effective November 3, 2005 and expiring June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

c. Term Appointments of Coaching Staff

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the term appointments of the following coaches for the 2005-2006 school year:

<i>Jeremy Weber, bowling head coach</i>	<i>\$1,857</i>
<i>James Biron, wrestling unpaid assistant #2</i>	<i>-0-</i>

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

2. Separations

a. Resignation of Timothy S. Harris, Elementary Principal

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the resignation of Timothy S. Harris, with regret, as Elementary Principal, effective November 19, 2005.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE

1. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Leo to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on October 13, 2005 and October 20, 2005.

<i>000960030</i>	<i>002500083</i>	<i>009140018</i>	<i>000200014</i>
<i>000970023</i>	<i>000940055</i>	<i>009140017</i>	<i>009140022</i>
<i>000088096</i>	<i>002400055</i>	<i>009140004</i>	<i>002500034</i>
<i>000990008</i>	<i>009140016</i>	<i>009140010</i>	<i>000960021</i>
<i>009140015</i>			

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

1. Girls' Basketball Field Trip to Adirondack Center

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the girls' basketball field trip to the Adirondack Center on Saturday 11/12/05 (12:45 PM) through Sunday 11/13/05 (1:15 PM).

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Tim Harris thanked the Board, the Administration and especially Mr. Beatty for the opportunities and guidance provided to him during his time with the District.
- Mr. Curtis noted that the International Club's Haunted House had been very successful, hosting 2,505 visitors, and that the 131 students involved, together with the parents and community volunteers, had done a fantastic job.
- Dick Baker asked how much the GJSD Holiday Parade costs the District. Mr. Whelan indicated that calling it the GJSD Parade is an error, it is actually the Johnstown Parade, and there is no cost to the District.
- Mr. Miller asked that, when we take possession of the newly leased bus garage premises on Crescendoe Road, we remember to be good neighbors.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

November 16, 2005	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
December 14, 2005	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
January 11, 2006	Discussion/Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Glebe Street Library

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

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular individual at 6:19 PM.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No

XI. MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Praught to return to public session at 7:25 PM.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Praught to adjourn at 7:25 PM.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk