

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Discussion/Business Meeting
April 5, 2006
Knox Jr. High Library

I. Called to order by Board President at 5:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Richard McGuire	Peter Cinelli	Robert Curtis (arrived 5:01)
Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Joanne Freeman	Russell Martin (arrived 5:09)
Scott Miller	John David Praught (arrived 5:01)	

ABSENT:

Kathleen Leo

OTHERS:

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

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person, at 5:00 PM.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

B. **MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to return to public session at 6:05 PM.

VOTE: 8 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."

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on March 13, 2006 and March 15, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

V. **SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

- ❖ Mr. Whelan announced that Hailey Smith, a Junior at JHS, was recognized on a segment of WNYT's "13 Kids that Care" feature. Mr. Beatty said Channel 13 selects one student from various school districts each week for thirteen weeks; the honorees are then invited to a banquet at the Governor's mansion and given a \$500 check to donate to the charity of their choice. Hailey was nominated by the Reformed Church for her volunteer efforts.
- ❖ Mr. Hopke reported that the proposed budget of expenditures for 2006-2007 as presented to the Board tonight would result in less than a 5% tax levy increase and, dependent upon what the legislature decides within the coming weeks, could actually be as low as a 2% increase. It was noted that a 2% increase had been anticipated in conjunction with the Capital Project.

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VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

2. Committee for Pre-School Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Curtis to approve the minutes of the Committee for Pre-School Special Education meeting held on March 17, 2006.

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VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the JHS Winter Guard trip to the WGI National Championships in Dayton, Ohio from Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 6:00 a.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. Sunday, April 9, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

IX. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Budget Proposition

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the proposed budget of expenditures of the Greater Johnstown School District for the school year 2006/07 in the amount of \$25,148,153, 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: 8 YES 0 NO

2. Property Tax Report Card for 2006-07

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to approve the Property Tax Report Card for the Greater Johnstown School District for the school year 2006/2007 for submission to the New York State Education Department as provided by law.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

3. Appointment of Election Inspectors

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to approve the individuals listed to serve as election inspectors for the May 16, 2006 Board of Education Election and Budget Vote.

Pleasant Avenue

*Sophie Kovarovic (R)
Emily Kralovic (R)
June E. Loya (D)*

Johnstown Public Library

*Thomas Jennings (D)
Ellen Dorman (D)
Dorothy Cole (R)*

Jansen Avenue

*Barbara Sprung (R)
Rosemary Schreivogl (R)
Patricia Bender (D)*

Ephratah Fire House

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

Knox Jr. High School

*Jacqueline Swatt (D)
Joanne Marcellus (R)
Elaine Schrum (D)*

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

4. Second Reading of Revised Policy #7512

#7512 Student Physicals

5. Adoption of revised Policy #7512 Student Physicals

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt revised policy #7512 Student Physicals, effective April 5, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

6. Second Reading of New Policy #7170

#7170 Education of Homeless Children and Youth

7. Adoption of Policy #7170 Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt policy #7170 Education of Homeless Children and Youth, effective April 5, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

8. Adoption of Revised 2006-2007 District Calendar

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt the Revised District Calendar for the 2006-2007 school year effective April 5, 2006, as seen in addendum #1.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

9. Adoption of Textbooks

a. *Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the textbook Teen Health for use in the 7th grade classes at Knox, beginning in September 2006.*

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

- b. *Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the textbook Keyboarding and Computer Applications for use in the 7th and 8th grade classes at Knox, beginning in September 2006.*

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

10. Re-Certification of District-Wide Shared Decision Making Manual

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to re-certify the District-Wide Shared Decision Making Manual effective April 5, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Jim Mraz reported that at the Section II Girls Basketball Scholar Athlete recognition dinner, Mr. Whelan had been recognized for his years of dedication and service to the program. He also advised that he has announced to his team that he is stepping down from his position as head coach and thanked the Board and Administration for allowing him the privilege to serve. He asked that the District move quickly to appoint his successor and recommended Tim Derwin for the position. He repeated the concerns he broached at the last meeting regarding the Foothills Council’s girls’ basketball schedule for next year and excessive copies of the extra-curricular code. Lastly, he commented that he would like to see coursework offered locally for non-teachers interested in becoming coaches and asked that the District consider reimbursing individuals for the costs incurred in completing the required courses.
- Mr. Whelan commended Mr. Mraz for an excellent season and his years as the varsity coach.
- Mrs. Freeman reported that the Winterguard is in Dayton, Ohio for World competition, where last year they placed eighth. She indicated 23 4th-8th graders are participating in the Gold Dust program, 21 7th-11th graders are participating in Junior Guard, which placed fifth in State competition with a score of 81.8, and 20 9th-12th graders are participating in Senior Guard, which took first place in State competition with a score of 89.4. She thanked the Board and District for its support.
- Mr. Curtis indicated a parent had asked him why so few seniors (34) are attending the class trip and whether it is because they do not like the location or if it is a funding problem. Mr. Beatty indicated that the class chose the destination and students are given an opportunity to earn points to apply to the cost of the trip, but some students, including his own daughter, just are not interested.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

April 26, 2006	Board Candidate Nominating Petitions	5:00 PM Filing Deadline District Clerk’s Office
April 26, 2006	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Open Session Johnstown High School
May 2, 2006	Voter Registration	12:00 Noon –4:00 PM Administration Center (JHS)
May 2, 2006	Budget Hearing & Candidates Night	6:30 PM Knox Jr. High Auditorium
May 16, 2006	Budget Vote & Election	Polls Open 12:00 – 9:00 PM Results in JHS Cafe ≈ 9:30 PM

May 16, 2006

Business Meeting

6:00 PM Open Session
Johnstown High School Caf 

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Praught to adjourn at 6:46 PM.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk