

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Discussion/Business Meeting
September 4, 2008
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by President Curtis at 7:13 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

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

OTHERS:

Katherine Sullivan, Superintendent Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk

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. Martin seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on August 14, 2008.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

IV. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Mrs. Sullivan announced that the Capital Project was completed on time and under budget. She thanked Director of Facilities and Operations E.J. Maye, Clerk of the Works Michael Croneiser and Bast Hatfield for their hard work. She also commended the District's custodial workers for their hard work and making the buildings look fabulous. Mr. Praught commended Bonacci Architects for an awesome design.
- Mrs. Sullivan welcomed new Jansen Avenue principal Colleen Lester and new Director of Special Education Jennifer Hall. She invited the principals to introduce new staff members from their buildings, who were also welcomed to the District.
- District Director of Curriculum, Testing and Personnel Patricia Kilburn provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the NYS Report Card results for the 2006-07 school year, as released by the State Education Department. She reported that in overall accountability regarding ELA, math, science and graduation rate, we achieved adequate yearly progress in all areas and that, the students had exceeded the annual measurable objective in every area. Mrs. Sullivan indicated that it is a tribute to the staff that we do so well.

V. **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

- Mr. Miller reported that the Facilities/Restructuring/Academic committee met at 6 p.m. today, but only discussed facilities items. They would like to seek a preliminary number regarding the cost to build a new bus garage so that they can compare that figure to the cost of other options. He noted the Capital Project came out tremendous and with very few change orders. He advised that as the Capital Project is closed out, the committee will look at using money for security cameras, most likely starting at the high school. The committee

also discussed setting up a fee schedule for use of the District facilities by outside organizations, in order to cover our costs for such things as putting on extra custodial staff during events.

- Mr. Levin indicated there was not sufficient time this evening for the Audit committee to meet and they are looking to reschedule in October.

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

VII. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Resignation of Jeremy Weber, Physical Education Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resignation of Jeremy Weber, physical education teacher, effective August 2008.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

b. Resignation of Jared Heiner, Assistant Principal

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resignation of Jared Heiner, Assistant Principal, effective end of day on September 26, 2008.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

2. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Tenure Appointment of Amy LaMena, Science Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, that Amy LaMena, probationary science teacher in the science tenure area, having been appointed to such position on September 1, 2005, be appointed to tenure to the position of science teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District, effective October 21, 2008. Be it shown that Amy LaMena holds a valid NYS professional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Amy LaMena will expire on October 20, 2008.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

b. Probationary Appointment of Sarah Jones, Business Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the three-year probationary appointment of Sarah Jones, as business teacher, in the business and marketing tenure area, at Step C1 (\$39,570) of the collective bargaining agreement with the Johnstown Teachers' Association, from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

c. **Probationary Appointment of Juliana Frederick, Physical Education Teacher**

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the three-year probationary appointment of Juliana Frederick, as physical education teacher, in the physical education tenure area, at Step A2 (\$37,805 plus \$576 for 18 graduate credits) of the collective bargaining agreement with the Johnstown Teachers' Association, from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

d. **Term Appointments of Co-Curricular Staff**

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following individuals as co-curricular advisors for the 2008-2009 school year:

<i>JHS Student Council Advisor, Judi Kane</i>	<i>\$2856.00</i>
<i>JHS Student Council Ass't., Dylan Thomarie</i>	<i>\$1713.00</i>
<i>JHS International Club Advisor, Ronald Beck</i>	<i>\$2856.00</i>
<i>JHS International Club Ass't., Deborah Miller</i>	<i>\$1713.00</i>
<i>JHS Yearbook Advisor, Thomas Skoda</i>	<i>\$3428.00</i>
<i>JHS Yearbook Ass't., Rebecca Bacon</i>	<i>\$1713.00</i>
<i>JHS SADD Advisor, Kathleen Smith</i>	<i>\$1143.00</i>
<i>SENIOR Class Co-Advisor, Deborah Miller</i>	<i>\$1713.00</i>
<i>SENIOR Class Co-Advisor, Ronald Beck</i>	<i>\$1713.00</i>
<i>JUNIOR Class Co-Advisor, Robin Farrell</i>	<i>\$1428.00</i>
<i>JUNIOR Class Co-Advisor, Rebecca Bacon</i>	<i>\$1428.00</i>
<i>SOPHOMORE Class Co-Advisor, Joan Capobianco</i>	<i>\$1143.00</i>
<i>MARCHING BAND Director, Daniel Jones</i>	<i>\$2856.00</i>
<i>MARCHING BAND Ass't., 1, James Morton</i>	<i>\$1713.00</i>
<i>MARCHING BAND Ass't., 2, Stacy McLean</i>	<i>\$1713.00</i>
<i>MARCHING BAND Ass't., 3, Cassandra OBrien</i>	<i>\$1257.00</i>
<i>MARCHING BAND Ass't., 4, Corrina Pelkey</i>	<i>\$ 857.00</i>
<i>WINTER COLOR GUARD Director, Daniel Jones</i>	<i>\$2285.00</i>
<i>WINTER COLOR GUARD Ass't., James Morton</i>	<i>\$1713.00</i>
<i>JAZZ BAND Director, Daniel Jones</i>	<i>\$1713.00</i>
<i>JHS Musical Director, James Morton</i>	<i>\$2571.00</i>
<i>JHS Musical Ass't Director, Daniel Jones</i>	<i>\$2000.00</i>
<i>Women's Chorale, James Morton</i>	<i>\$1485.00</i>
<i>JHS Play Director, James Morton</i>	<i>\$2571.00</i>
<i>JHS Play Asst. Director, Daniel Jones</i>	<i>\$2000.00</i>
<i>JHS Science Club Advisor, Tara Bruce</i>	<i>\$2571.00</i>
<i>JHS Post Prom Coordinator, Teresa Diviyak</i>	<i>\$1143.00</i>
<i>JHS Post Prom Coordinator, Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth</i>	<i>Non-Paid</i>
<i>JHS Honor Society Advisor, Meredith Fagan</i>	<i>\$ 857.00</i>
<i>JHS Key Club Advisor, Ruthie Cook</i>	<i>\$1143.00</i>
<i>JHS Technology Club Volunteer Advisor, Michael Valovic</i>	<i>Non-Paid</i>

VOTE: 8 YES 1 NO (Mrs. Freeman)

e. Sixth Period Course Stipends for High School Teachers

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the payment of sixth period course stipends to the following individuals for the 2008-2009 school year:

<i>Colleen Robinson, Earth Science Lab</i>	<i>\$3500</i>
<i>Ronald Savoie, CADD 3&4</i>	<i>\$3500</i>
<i>Sharon Humphrey, Food Core</i>	<i>\$3500</i>

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

f. Amendment to Coaching Appointment of Jon Valovic

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to amend the coaching appointment of Jon Valovic from cross country assistant #1 to cross country head coach for the 2008-2009 school year, due to the resignation of Jeremy Weber.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

g. Amendment to Term Appointment of Ellen Roehl

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to amend the term appointment of Ellen Roehl from part time to full time for the 2008-2009 school year.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

h. Term Appointment of Kaitlin O'Keefe, Special Education Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the term appointment of Kaitlin O'Keefe, as special education teacher, in the special education tenure area, at Step C1 (\$39,570) of the collective bargaining agreement with the Johnstown Teachers' Association, from September 3, 2008 through June 26, 2009.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

i. Sixth Period Course Stipend for High School Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the payment of a sixth period course stipend to the following individual for the 2008-2009 school year:

<i>Michael Reilly, World Cultures</i>	<i>\$3500</i>
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VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

j. Term Appointments of Co-Curricular Staff

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following individuals as co-curricular advisors for the 2008-2009 school year:

*JHS Newspaper Advisor, Katie Catucci \$1713.00
French Exchange Club Advisor, Tiffeny Brown \$ 571.00*

VOTE: 8 YES 1 NO (Mrs. Freeman)

k. Correction to Term Appointment of Deana Senzio, Extended Leave Substitute Teacher Assistant

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the corrected term appointment of Deana Senzio, as extended leave teacher assistant, at \$9.25 per hour for 6½ hours per day, effective August 28, 2008 until approximately December 12, 2008.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

B. STUDENT MATTERS

1. FORMATION OF JHS TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Praught to approve the formation of the JHS Technology Club, with no cost to the District, which will be supervised by an unpaid advisor, effective September 1, 2008.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. First Reading of Revised Policy #4212

#4212 – Organizational Chart

2. Waiver of Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy #4212

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to waive the second reading of the following revised policy and adopt the same effective September 4, 2008.

#4212 – Organizational Chart

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

3. Approval of Inter-Municipal Agreement for Internal Audit Services

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement for Internal Audit Services with Questar III BOCES for 2008/09, pursuant to the agreement dated July 1, 2008.

VOTE: 8 YES 1 NO (Mr. Martin)

4. Board of Education Discussion

- Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth inquired what we are doing as far as naming the circle in front of the high school. Mr. Beatty advised that the Student Council is sponsoring a contest.
- Mr. Praught questioned whether the facilities/restructuring/academic committee is too much. Mr. Curtis suggested reformatting the committees and asked that Board members interested in sitting on a separate restructuring committee contact the District Clerk.
- Mrs. Sullivan advised that the consultant previously selected by the Board to perform a restructuring study has bowed out. However, Mr. Munn may agree to step in and, if not, Dr. Davis has another name for consideration.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

September 18, 2008	Extra Curricular Committee Business Meeting	6 PM – 7 PM 7 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
October 2, 2008	Academic/Restructuring Committee Discussion Meeting	6 PM – 7 PM 7 PM Public Session Glebe St. Elementary
October 14, 2008	Audit Committee Business Meeting	6 PM – 7 PM 7 PM Public Session Johnstown High School

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

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 7:58 p.m.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Levin, seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth, to adjourn at 9:26 p.m.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,
District Clerk