

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
October 14, 2008
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by Vice President Levin at 7:08 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

James Levin Joanne Freeman Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth
Russell Martin Scott Miller

ABSENT:

Robert Curtis Susanne Fitzgerald Robert Kosowicz John David Praught

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 Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on October 2, 2008.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mrs. Sullivan read Governor David Paterson's proclamation decreeing October 20-24, 2008 as School Board Recognition Week. Board members were provided with pens as a small token of appreciation and thanked for all that they do.
- Richard Bigham, CPA, Senior Accountant for The Bonadio Group f/k/a Dorfman-Robbie CPA's, provided an overview of the recently completed audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. (Copies of the audit report were delivered to Board members on October 10). The district received an unqualified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance.
- Bill Gilbert, client relations manager for The Omni Group, discussed his company's third party administrator approach for 403(b) plans.
- John Bianchini of Confidential Planning discussed his company's single provider approach for 403(b) plans.
- Mrs. Sullivan inquired whether the Board would be in favor of procuring a district credit card to purchase items for Board events so that employees' personal credit cards don't have to be used and received permission to pursue such an option by general consensus.

V. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

- Mr. Levin advised that the Audit Committee met prior to this evening's Board meeting and reviewed the audit report with Mr. Bigham and Bonadio Group partner Allan Walther. The report indicates the district had one issue of non-compliance, as it does not prepare full GAAP financial statements, but this is not unusual. Mr. Levin noted that the district has the means to produce GAAP statements, but from a financial perspective, it is cheaper to have the auditors do so.

D. ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board Member Mr. Miller moved to **TABLE** adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Board Member Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth:

WHEREAS, pursuant to State and local guidelines the District has completed an audit of all funds in its care during the 2007-08 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the District's independent auditors Dorfman and Robbie, Certified Public Accountants, P.C. have completed and submitted the required final financial reports,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the report of the independent auditing firm is here by accepted by the Board of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, or designee, is hereby directed to file said report as required by law to the State Education Department and HFM District Superintendent

Motion tabled VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

VII. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

2. Leaves of Absence

3. Abolishments

4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Term Appointments of Coaching Staff

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following fall coaches for the 2008-2009 school year:

Sheli Murray, Alpine Ski Head Coach	\$3,257
Scott Hale, Boys' Basketball Head Coach	\$3,884
John St. Peter, Boys' Basketball Ass't #1	\$2,744
Andrew Jablonski, Boys' Basketball Ass't #2	\$2,571
Frederick Guzielek, Boys' Basketball Ass't #3	\$2,399
James Donovan, Boys' Basketball Ass't #4	\$2,285
Tim Derwin, Girls' Basketball Head Coach	\$3,884
Mark Ralbovsky, Girls' Basketball Ass't #2	\$2,571
Jennifer Rockwell, Girls' Basketball Ass't #3	\$2,399
Ronald Savoie, Bowling Head Coach	\$2,000
Juliana Frederick, Boys' Swimming & diving Ass't #1	\$1,371*
*one-half (\$685.50) to be paid by Fonda-Fultonville CSD	
Mark Gillen, Wrestling Head Coach	\$3,428
Mark Jones, Wrestling Ass't #1	\$2,571
Melissa Zanella, Winter Cheerleading Head Coach	\$1,000

Quorum not met; motion fails VOTE: 4 YES 1 NO (Mr. Martin)

b. Term Appointments of Extra-Curricular Staff

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following Extra-Curricular Advisors for the 2008-2009 school year:

<i>Cynthia Fiorenza, Knox Yearbook Assistant</i>	<i>\$ 857</i>
<i>Cynthia Fiorenza, Knox Select Choir Director</i>	<i>\$1,428</i>
<i>Aaron Flynn, Knox Drama Club Advisor</i>	<i>\$1,428</i>
<i>Cynthia Fiorenza, Knox Drama Club Musical Director</i>	<i>Unpaid</i>

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

c. Change of Bargaining Unit for Betsy Thomas from CSEA to COA

Board Member Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth presents the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Board Member Mrs. Freeman:

BE IT RESOLVED *that the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District hereby recognizes the Central Office Association (COA) as the representative for Betsy Thomas, Account Clerk Typist employed by the District, for the purpose of collective bargaining, effective October 15, 2008. Betsy Thomas will carry accrued paid leave time from CSEA to COA without any change in accrued leave. Her current longevity will be carried into the COA and longevity will accrue based on COA from this point forward.*

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE

1. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on September 17, 24, 25, 26 and 29, 2008 and October 1, 2 and 6, 2008.

<i>000305976</i>	<i>000193983</i>	<i>000306229</i>	<i>000193001</i>	<i>000163913</i>
<i>000153780</i>	<i>000153796</i>	<i>000163914</i>	<i>000166899</i>	<i>000900436</i>
<i>000146853</i>	<i>000306173</i>	<i>000144873</i>	<i>000900286</i>	<i>000173769</i>
<i>000910082</i>	<i>000143752</i>	<i>000140009</i>	<i>000200006</i>	<i>000175125</i>
<i>000900469</i>	<i>000104388</i>	<i>000305618</i>	<i>000305078</i>	<i>000116628</i>
<i>000900475</i>	<i>000135082</i>	<i>000145921</i>	<i>000145948</i>	<i>000133679</i>
<i>000126721</i>	<i>000400084</i>	<i>000145958</i>	<i>000135905</i>	<i>002400056</i>
<i>000940009</i>	<i>000140326</i>	<i>000195250</i>	<i>000900280</i>	<i>000900283</i>
<i>000195271</i>	<i>000175132</i>	<i>000185214</i>	<i>000900160</i>	<i>000185229</i>
<i>000194955</i>	<i>000140335</i>	<i>000900320</i>	<i>000165091</i>	<i>000173910</i>
<i>000186050</i>	<i>000155040</i>			

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

2. Committee for Pre-School Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the Committee for Pre-School Special Education meetings held on September 24, 2008.

<i>000140340</i>	<i>000140338</i>
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VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Second Reading of New Policy #7362

#7362 – Bullying: Peer Abuse in the Schools

2. Adoption of New Policy #7362

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt the following new policy effective October 14, 2008.

#7362 – Bullying: Peer Abuse in the Schools

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

3. Adoption of New Street Address for Johnstown High School

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Greater Johnstown School District apply to the Fulton County Sheriff's Department for a change in the 911 Address of the Johnstown High School building from 2 Wright Drive to "1 Sir Bills Circle."

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

Discussion: Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth thanked Mr. Beatty and the high school student body for voting on the new street name.

4. Memorandum of Agreement for Central Office Association

*Motion by Mr. Martin seconded Mrs. Freeman to **TABLE** the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Greater Johnstown School District and the Central Office Association effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.*

Motion tabled VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

➤ Mrs. Sullivan noted that a discussion and vote on the 403(b) plans needs to take place; this will occur at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, when all members should be present. Kathy Zajicek will get input from the teachers union to share at the meeting as well.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

October 28, 2008	Grand Opening Celebration	JHS
	Ribbon Cutting	6:15 PM
	Facilities Tour	6:30 PM
	Concert	7:00 PM
November 2, 2008	JHS Hall of Fame Inductions	JHS
	Social Hour	4:00 PM
	Ceremony	5:00 PM
November 6, 2008	Facilities Committee Meeting	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
	Discussion/Business Meeting	7:00 PM Public Session Pleasant Ave. Elementary
November 20, 2008	Academic/Extra-Curricular Committee	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
	Business Meeting	7:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School

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

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mrs. Freeman to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 8:29 p.m.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No

XII. MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to reconvene in public session at 9:41 p.m.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Freeman, seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth, to adjourn at 9:41 p.m.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk