

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Special Meeting
July 23, 2009
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by President Curtis at 6:10 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Evamarie Mraz	Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Ronald Beck
Robert Curtis	Scott Miller	John David Praught
Joanne Freeman	James Levin	Russell Martin

OTHERS:

Katherine Sullivan, Superintendent	Ralph Acquaro, Interim Business Official
Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk	

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on June 30 and July 7, 2009.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

➤ Mrs. Sullivan welcomed Dr. Richard Solby, who was appointed as the 2009-10 school physician at the Board's organizational meeting. Dr. Solby thanked the Board for his appointment and said he is excited to work with the district and the school nurses to ensure wellness and safety. Mrs. Sullivan thanked him for his past time and commitment in offering assistance on other issues.

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

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Miller to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 6:13 p.m.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

V. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth, seconded by Mr. Miller, to reconvene in public session at 7:40 p.m.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Resignation of Emily Cox, Teacher Aide

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Mraz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resignation of Emily Cox as a Teacher Aide, effective June 30, 2009.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

2. Leaves of Absence

3. **Abolishments**

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **Probationary Appointment of Karlene Ray, Special Education Teacher**

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Beck to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Karlene Ray, as special education teacher, in the special education tenure area, at Step A1 (\$37,434) of the Johnstown Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, plus \$512 for graduate credits (16 credits @ \$32.00 per credit), effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2012.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

b. **Probationary Appointment of Michael McHenry, Elementary Teacher**

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Beck to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Michael McHenry, as an elementary teacher, in the elementary tenure area, at Step A1 (\$37,434) of the Johnstown Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2012.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

Discussion: Mrs. Sullivan introduced Mr. McHenry and he, thanked the Board for his appointment. He said he is excited to work at Warren Street.

c. **Probationary Appointment of Tracy Ringer, Elementary Teacher**

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Beck to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Tracy Ringer, as an elementary teacher, in the elementary tenure area, at Step A1 (\$37,434) of the Johnstown Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2012.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

d. **Probationary Appointment of Melanie Szumowski, Earth Science Teacher**

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Beck to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Melanie Szumowski, as an earth science teacher, in the earth science tenure area, at Step B1 (\$38,903) of the Johnstown Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, plus \$480 for graduate credits (15 credits at \$32), effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2012.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Beck to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a term appointment of the following individual as a co-curricular advisor for the 2009-2010 school year:

JAZZ BAND Director, Daniel Jones \$1713.00

Motion Fails

VOTE: 1 YES 8 NO
(Curtis, Freeman, Mraz, Miller,
Levin, Martin, Praught,
Buggeln-Bosworth)

p. Term Appointments of Co-Curricular Staff

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a term appointment of the following individual as a co-curricular advisor for the 2009-2010 school year:

Tara Bruce, Science Club \$2571.00

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

q. Term Appointments of Co-Curricular Staff

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a term appointment of the following individual as a co-curricular advisor for the 2009-2010 school year:

JHS Post Prom Coordinator, Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth Non-Paid

VOTE: 8 YES 1 NO (Miller)

r. Term Appointments of Co-Curricular Staff

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Beck to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following individuals as co-curricular advisors for the 2009-2009 school year:

JHS Honor Society Advisor, Meredith Fagan \$ 857.00

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

s. Term Appointments of Co-Curricular Staff

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a term appointment of the following individual as a co-curricular advisor for the 2009-2010 school year:

JHS Technology Club Volunteer Advisor, Michael Valovic Non-Paid

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Acceptance of the Special School District Re-Vote held on July 16, 2009

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the Election results as seen in Addendum #1.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

2. Extension of Lease for Crescendoe Road Facilities

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Praught to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Greater Johnstown School District previously entered into a lease agreement with the Crossroads Incubator Corporation for use of premises at Crescendoe Road in the City of Johnstown as a transportation facility for the period November 1, 2005 to June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a Special District Meeting was held on July 16, 2009, at which time the qualified voters of the district approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District to renew its lease with respect to its transportation facilities located at Crescendoe Rd., Johnstown, NY, for a term of one (1) year effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and at a rent not to exceed \$97,175 for such renewal term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the extension of the lease by and between the District and Crossroads Incubator Corporation, for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010 at a rent not to exceed \$97,175 for such term; authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a lease extension agreement incorporating said provisions; authorizes payment in accordance therewith; and directs the Superintendent or her designee to execute paperwork seeking approval of the Commissioner of Education for state aid purposes.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Miller and Mrs. Mraz thanked the public for coming out to vote on July 16.
- Dick Baker said he has noticed things in the paper about how Gloversville and Broadalbin-Perth are using their federal stimulus money and wonders what about Johnstown's? Mrs. Sullivan indicated it is not yet finalized. Mr. Acquaro advised that Special Ed ARR funding will be about \$128,000; NCLB ARR funding will be about \$270,000; and stabilization will be about \$900,000. The district is still waiting on guidelines and parameters for use.
- Dick Baker asked what the district charges for tuition. Mr. Acquaro indicated it is \$1900 per student for the Wheelerville district and \$2100 for all others. Noted that SED established the Seneca Falls Formula, which would work out to about \$2550 for Johnstown, and is not far off from what is charged. Said Johnstown has about 90 tuition students, generating approximately \$800,000 in revenue.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

August 13, 2009	Business Meeting	6:00 PM JHS
September 3, 2009	Academic/Extra Curricular Meeting	6:00 PM
	Discussion/Business Meeting	7:00 PM JHS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Mraz to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk