

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Discussion/Business Meeting
September 3, 2009
Johnstown High School

- I. Called to order by President Curtis at 7:07 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

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

ABSENT:

Scott Miller

OTHERS:

Katherine Sullivan, Superintendent
Ralph Aquaro, Interim Business Official

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. Praught seconded by Mr. Levin to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on August 13, 2009.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Mrs. Sullivan asked for a moment of silence in memory of long-time school physician Dr. Brian Cannon, who passed away recently.
- Mrs. Sullivan reported there has been a problem with people using metal detectors on Knox Field and being uncooperative when asked to stop. The district is making people aware this is not a permissible activity and will be posting signs.
- Mrs. Sullivan advised that school nurses will be sharing recommendations on the first day of school from the State Education Department and the Centers for Disease Control regarding the H1N1 Virus and Denise Frederick of Public Health will be speaking to all superintendents in the HFM BOCES District to implement the same procedures in all buildings. Noted the main deterrent is hand washing while singing "Happy Birthday" twice.
- Trish Kilburn, District Director of Curriculum, Personnel & Testing provided a presentation regarding the most recently released NYS Report Card results, based on testing from the 2007-08 school year (with some pieces from 2008-09). Reported that all schools in the district are in good standing; noted that NYS scores on levels 1, 2, 3 & 4 (1 being deficient; 4 being excellent) and that in many areas Johnstown's students exceed the state benchmark in levels 3 & 4. Noted that some areas needing focus have been identified (secondary English in grades 9-12 and high school non-completion rates); provided a plan for engaging students using technology integration, differentiated instruction, response to intervention and, in cases of chronic absences, home visitations by a transition coordinator.

V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth reported that the Academic/Extra-Curricular Committee met just prior to the Board meeting. Appears there are good overall numbers for varsity and junior varsity fall sports with approximately 217 students participating. Discussed ideas for getting more students involved. Discussed separation of Purple & Gold support group and handling student money in-house. Reviewed updates to advisor handbook. Discussed weighted grades for AP and advanced classes.

VI. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **PERSONNEL**

1. **Separations**

a. **Resignation of Robin Sullivan, Teacher Aide**

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Beck to accept the resignation of Robin Sullivan as a Teacher Aide, effective August 18, 2009.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

2. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **Probationary Appointment of Cindy Ostrander, School Secretary**

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Beck to approve the probationary appointment of Cindy Ostrander as a School Secretary, 12 months per year, \$10.74 per hour, effective August 19, 2009.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

b. **Probationary Appointment of Linda Putman, Teacher Aide (Special Education)**

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Beck to approve the probationary appointment of Linda Putman as a Teacher Aide (Special Education), 10 months/year, \$8.05 per hour, effective September 9, 2009.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

c. **Probationary Appointment of Ann Blackwood, Teacher Aide (Special Education)**

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Beck to approve the probationary appointment of Ann Blackwood as a Teacher Aide (Special Education), 10 months/year, \$8.05 per hour, effective September 9, 2009.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

d. Probationary Appointment of Kimberly Bell, Teacher Aide (Special Education)

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Beck to approve the probationary appointment of Kimberly Bell as a Teacher Aide (Special Education), 10 months/year, \$8.05 per hour, effective September 9, 2009.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

e. Casual Employment Opportunities

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Beck to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following for Casual Employment Opportunities for the 2009/10 school year:

<i>Ticket Takers/Sellers</i>	<i>\$8.00/hr</i>
<i>Game Supervisors</i>	<i>\$8.00/hr</i>
<i>P.E. Swim Assistant</i>	<i>\$8.00/hr</i>
<i>Activity Supervisors</i>	<i>\$7.25/hr</i>
<i>Cashiers</i>	<i>\$10.00/hr</i>
<i>Game/Activity Attendants</i>	<i>\$7.25/hr</i>
<i>Camera</i>	<i>\$8.00/hr</i>
<i>Public Address</i>	<i>\$8.00/hr</i>
<i>Scoreboard</i>	<i>\$10.00/hr</i>
<i>Accompanist</i>	<i>\$25.00/event</i>

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

f. Casual Employment Opportunities

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following individuals for Casual Employment Opportunities for the 2009/10 school year:

<i>Richard Baker</i>	<i>Hanz Litz</i>	<i>Denise Benton</i>
<i>Judy Loucks</i>	<i>Craig Blowers</i>	<i>Debbie Miller</i>
<i>Harold "Fritz" Brownell</i>	<i>Melissa Miles</i>	<i>Gloria Bruno</i>
<i>Jennifer O'Neil</i>	<i>Suzanne Canfield</i>	<i>Phillip Parillo</i>
<i>Roseann Duross</i>	<i>Mark Ralbovsky</i>	<i>Julianna Frederick</i>
<i>William G. Roth (Gregg)</i>	<i>Clint Froschauer</i>	<i>Phillip Satterlee</i>
<i>Colleen Froschauer</i>	<i>John St. Peter</i>	<i>Nancy Gill</i>
<i>Patricia St. Peter</i>	<i>Amy Hale</i>	<i>Ron Savoie</i>
<i>Scott Hale</i>	<i>Chris Swatt</i>	<i>Susan Hansen</i>
<i>Dylan Thomarie</i>	<i>Jon Jennings</i>	<i>Erica (St. Peter) Wing</i>
<i>Claudia Jurica</i>	<i>Kathryn Zayicek</i>	<i>Jeffrey Kincheloe</i>
<i>Bob Kraemer</i>	<i>Eric Laugen</i>	<i>Valerie Danise</i>

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

B COOPERATIVE ICE CREAM BID #10-09

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to award the Cooperative Ice Cream Bid #10-09 to various vendors, as the lowest, qualified, responsible bidders, as seen in addendum #1.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

a. **Probationary Appointment of Rebecca Wager, Teacher Assistant**

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Rebecca Wager, as teacher assistant, in the teacher assistant tenure area, at \$10.88 per hour for 6½ hours a day, effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2011, pursuant to the Johnstown Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

b. **Probationary Appointment of Victoria Leonard, French Teacher**

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Victoria Leonard, as French teacher, in the French tenure area, at Step C1 (\$39,570), effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2012, pursuant to the Johnstown Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

c. **Term Appointments of Fall Coaching Staff**

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following individuals as fall coaches for the 2009-2010 school year:

<i>Lawrence O'Regan, Football Assistant #7</i>	<i>\$1,600</i>
<i>Matt Lewis, Football Unpaid Assistant</i>	<i>-0-</i>
<i>Michael Heberer, Football Unpaid Assistant</i>	<i>-0-</i>
<i>Richelle VanValkenburg, Cheerleading Advisor</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

d. **Term Appointments of Fall Coaching Staff**

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following individuals as fall coaches for the 2009-2010 school year:

<i>Aaron Mraz, Boys' Soccer Assistant #2</i>	<i>\$2,114</i>
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VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTAIN (Mrs. Mraz)

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

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following individuals as co-curricular advisors for the 2009-2010 school year:

<i>Marching Band Assistant #4, Christine VanValkenburgh</i>	<i>\$857</i>
<i>JHS Yearbook Advisor, Carmelo D'Amore</i>	<i>\$3,428</i>
<i>JHS International Club Advisor, Carrie Palombo</i>	<i>\$2,856</i>
<i>JHS International Club Assistant, Joan Capobianco</i>	<i>\$1,713</i>

Heather Buskirk, Junior Class Co-Advisor \$1,428

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

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

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following individuals as co-curricular advisors for the 2009-2010 school year:

Marching Band Director, James Morton \$2,856

Marching Band Unpaid Assistant, Daniel Jones -0-

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTAIN (Mrs. Freeman)

g. **Correction to Probationary Appointment of Michela Riccio, Special Education Teacher**

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Beck to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to correct the probationary appointment of Michela Riccio, special education teacher, to Step C1 (\$39,570), pursuant to the Johnstown Teachers' Association collective bargaining agreement.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

h. **Correction to Probationary Appointment of Kelly Walton, Special Education Teacher**

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Beck to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to correct the probationary appointment of Kelly Walton, special education teacher, to Step C1 (\$39,570), pursuant to the Johnstown Teachers' Association collective bargaining agreement.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

i. **Correction of Term Appointment of Co-Curricular Staff - Kathleen Smith, JHS Yearbook Assistant**

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Beck to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to correct the term appointment of Kathleen Smith as the JHS yearbook assistant for a stipend of \$1,713 for the 2009-2010 school year.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

j. **Correction to Probationary Appointment of Jessica Freis, School Psychologist**

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to correct the probationary period of Jessica Freis, as school psychologist, to be effective July 1, 2009 and expiring June 30, 2012, pursuant to an employment agreement dated September 2, 2009.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

VIII. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

1. **Stipulation of Settlement for CSEA, GJSD Unit**

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Stipulation of Settlement between the Greater Johnstown School District and the Civil Service Employees Association, Greater Johnstown School District Unit, dated July 29, 2009.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

2. First Reading of Revised Policy #4212

#4212 – Organizational Chart

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

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to waive the second reading of the following revised policy and adopt the same effective September 3, 2009.

#4212 – Organizational Chart

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

September 17, 2009	Facilities Meeting	6:00 PM
	Business Meeting	7:00 PM JHS
October 1, 2009-08-21	Audit Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
	Discussion/Business Meeting	7:00 PM Glebe St. Library

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

Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Praught to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 7:52 p.m.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

XII. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth, seconded by Mrs. Freeman, to reconvene in public session at 8:12 p.m.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mrs. Freeman to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk