

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
October 13, 2009
Johnstown High School

- I. Called to order by President Curtis at 7:10 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

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

OTHERS:

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

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. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on October 1, 2009.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

IV. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

- Mrs. Sullivan read the Proclamation issued by NYS Governor David Paterson designating October 19-23, 2009 as NYS School Board Recognition Week. She offered thanks on behalf of the district and the community for all of the work Board members do.
- Mrs. Sullivan introduced Allan Walther of the Bonadio Group to provide an overview of the independent audit of financial statements and required reports as of June 30, 2009. He noted there were four reports and discussed highlights from the required communications letter and financial statements report; reported the district's actual revenue was greater than its budgeted revenue for 2008-09 and its actual expenditures were less than its final appropriation; indicated the auditor's report issued was unqualified, which is the highest level of assurance.

V. **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

- Mr. Levin reported that the Audit Committee met with Allan Walther of the Bonadio Group at 6 p.m. for an in-depth review of the independent audit. The committee also discussed payments for accompanists for musical events in the district and will be further reviewing the matter to make sure it is fair and equitable.

C. TREASURER’S REPORT – June 2009

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer’s Report for June 2009, as seen in addendum #2.

- 1. *Unrestricted Cash Balance*
- 2. *Budget Transfer Schedule #12*
- 3. *Vendor Listing by Number (Vendor Additions)*

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

D. ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITORS’ REPORT

Board Member Mr. Levin presents the following resolution and moves its adoption, seconded by Board Member Mr. Beck:

WHEREAS, pursuant to State and local guidelines the District has completed an audit of all funds in its care during the 2008-09 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the District’s independent auditors Bonadio Group, 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

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

VII. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Leaves of Absence

a. Leave of Absence of Kim Tyler, Music Teacher

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the child care leave of absence of Kim Tyler, as music teacher, effective October 31, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

2. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Term Appointments of Coaching Staff

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

<i>Jeffrey Krempa, Alpine Ski Head Coach</i>	<i>\$3,257</i>
<i>Michael McHenry, Nordic Ski Head Coach</i>	<i>\$3,257</i>
<i>Scott Hale, Boys’ Basketball Head Coach</i>	<i>\$3,884</i>
<i>John St. Peter, Boys’ Basketball Ass’t #1</i>	<i>\$2,744</i>
<i>Fred Guzilek, Boys’ Basketball Ass’t #2</i>	<i>\$2,571</i>

Matthew Guzielek, Boys' Basketball Ass't #3	\$2,399
Tim Derwin, Girls' Basketball Head Coach	\$3,884
Mark Ralbovsky, Girls' Basketball Ass't #1	\$2,744
Jennifer O'Neil, Girls' Basketball Ass't #2	\$2,571
Keith Stoutner, Girls' Basketball Ass't #3	\$2,399
Ronald Savoie, Bowling Head Coach	\$2,000
John Broderick, Boys' Swimming & Diving Head Coach	-0-
(Coach's stipend paid by Fonda-Fultonville CSD)	
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
Richelle VanValkenburgh, Winter Cheerleading - Head Coach	\$1,000

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

Discussion: Mr. Praught complimented the cheerleading program under Richelle VanValkenburgh's leadership; Mr. Miller & Mrs. Mraz concurred.

b. Term Appointment of Co-Curricular Staff

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

Jennifer O'Neil, Sophomore Class Co-Advisor	\$1,143
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VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

c. Term Appointment of Extra-Curricular Staff

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the term appointment of the following individual as an extra-curricular advisor for the 2009-2010 school year:

Christine VanValkenburgh, Winter Color Guard Director	\$2,285
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VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –CSE

1. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on September 28 and 29, 2009, October 1, 5, 7 and 8, 2009

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000900785	000900755	000900732	000900787	000900725
000900749	000140024	000155980	000185229	000900758
000900759	000166080	000176984	000184938	000155978
000165115				

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

1. Girls' Varsity Basketball Team Trip to Adirondack Center

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team trip to Adirondack Center; leaving Johnstown High School on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. and returning at approximately 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 15, 2009.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTAIN (Martin)

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

- Mr. Praught indicated he doesn't feel senior class trips are reachable for all students, that \$700 to go to Florida is not affordable. Suggested rethinking the matter and trying to keep trips closer to home to see if more students would then participate.
- Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth feels kids can raise the money if they are interested – they know from freshman year on that they should work and earn points; last year students with no points paid no more than \$500; says no matter where you go, there are kids that won't participate.
- Mr. Praught indicates kids with extenuating circumstances can't earn points. Inquires as to who pays for chaperones.
- Mrs. Mraz inquires about the number of chaperones and how they are chosen; Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth advises 1 for every 10 kids, class funds pay; Mr. Beck says the advisors choose the chaperones; not a "free" trip for them, pick people who have offered a lot of assistance.
- Mr. Beck notes the students were surveyed last year and many did not reply. Feels Disney is very safe, no wandering.
- Mrs. Freeman says it is difficult for kids involved in many activities to participate in all fundraisers, it is hard to hit up the same people over and over.
- Mrs. Mraz would like Mr. Beck to set up the Haunted House again this year, people are missing it. Mr. Beck indicated a mini-haunted house may be under discussion.
- Mr. Martin offered thanks to the administration and the business office for their hard work, which leads to consistently good audits.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Oct. 19-23, 2009	NYS School Board Recognition Week	
Nov. 5, 2009 (Thurs)	Academic/Extra-Curricular Meeting	6:00 PM
	Discussion/Business Meeting	7:00 PM JHS
	Facilities Committee Meeting	Following BOE Meeting
Nov. 19, 2009 (Thurs)	Facilities Meeting	6:00 PM
	Business Meeting	7:00 PM JHS

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

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 7:45 p.m.

VOTE: 8 YES 1 NO (Levin)

XII. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mr. Levin, seconded by Mr. Miller, to reconvene in public session at 8:40 p.m.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk