

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
February 11, 2010
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by President Curtis at 7:02 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

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

OTHERS:

Katherine Sullivan, Superintendent	Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk
Alice Dillenbeck, Business Manager	

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."

- Dick Baker referred to the motion to approve stipends for music teachers for chaperoning at the FCMEA Festival on February 5 & 6. Said he knows it is contractual, but that in sports the coaches don't get any extra money if they go to sectionals. Thinks something should be done; asks what happens if they add more events.

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

Motion by Mrs. Mraz seconded by Mr. Praught to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 7:05 p.m.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

IV. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Mraz, seconded by Mr. Praught, to reconvene in public session at 7:45 p.m.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on January 21, 2010.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Mrs. Sullivan inquired whether the Board would be in favor of participating in the HFM BOCES Regional Summer School again, or if they would prefer that the district run its own program. The cost savings is approximately one-third. Board favored proceeding with BOCES.
- Mrs. Sullivan advised that police are investigating an incident of a student being asked to get into a black van by a white male. A press release has been issued; information will go home with students.

2. **Leaves of Absence**

a. **Child Care Leave of Absence for Mary Riley, Elementary Teacher**

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a child care leave of absence for Mary Riley, elementary teacher, from approximately March 28, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

b. **Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence for Angela Yetto, School Counselor**

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an unpaid child care leave of absence for Angela Yetto, school counselor, for the 2010-2011 school year.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

3. **Abolishments**

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **Probationary Appointment of Lynne Kortz, Teacher Assistant**

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Lynne Kortz, as teacher assistant, in the teacher assistant tenure area, at \$9.25 per hour, for 6½ hours per day, effective February 17, 2010 through February 16, 2012, pursuant to the Johnstown Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

b. **Term Appointments of Spring Coaching Staff**

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

<i>Scott Petrie, Boys' Lacrosse Head Coach</i>	<i>\$3,141</i>
<i>Scott Murphy, Boys' Lacrosse Assistant #1</i>	<i>\$2,399</i>

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

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

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following fall coaches for the 2010-2011 school year:

<i>Johnathan Valovic, Cross Country Head Coach</i>	<i>\$2,571</i>
<i>Quinn Swartwout, Field Hockey Head Coach</i>	<i>\$3,257</i>
<i>Matthew Benton, Football Head Coach</i>	<i>\$4,113</i>

D. Waiver of Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy #7680 & Accompanying Regulation #7680R

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to waive the second reading of the following revised policy and adopt the same, together with the accompanying regulation, effective February 11, 2010.

#7680 & 7680R– Independent Educational Evaluations

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

E. First Reading of Revised Policy #6470 & Accompanying Regulation #6470R
#6470 Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources

F. Waiver of Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy #6470 & Accompanying Regulation #6470R

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to waive the second reading of the following revised policy and adopt the same, together with the accompanying regulation, effective February 11, 2010.

#6470 and #6470R - Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

G. Calendar of Events for Annual Election on May 18, 2010

*Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the calendar of events for the Annual Election to be held on May 18, 2010 as seen in **addendum #3**.*

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

H. Appointment of Board of Registration

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Emily Kralovic (R) of 213 Pleasant Avenue and Jacqueline Swatt (D) of 102 Fon Clair Street, to the Board of Registration for a one-year term as of February 22, 2010; that the Board of Registration Meeting shall be held at the high school from the hours of 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on May 4, 2010 or as otherwise needed; and that the flat rate of pay for each member shall be \$7.25 hour for a total of \$29.00 for each meeting consisting of four hours.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

I. Authorization for District Clerk to Publish Election Notices

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to authorize the District Clerk to publish Notice of Voter Registration, to prepare Registers, and to provide for public notification of the Annual Meeting and Election of the Greater Johnstown School District to be held on May 18, 2010 for the election of three members to the Board of Education to serve three year terms to begin July 1, 2010 for the offices now held by:

Joanne Freeman Russell Martin John D. Praught

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Dick Baker indicated he attended the Board’s budget workshop at 6 p.m.; at the next workshop he would like the Board to provide the audience with copies of the materials they were reviewing.
- Mrs. Mraz said while there are signs on the doors indicating there is to be no parking in the circle, there are currently about 45 cars out there. This is a hazard; obstructs fire trucks in event of emergency.
- Mr. Praught said the no parking signs should be posted for everything – concerts, swim meets, etc., not just basketball.
- Mr. Miller said he thought people were allowed to park on the grass side, just not on the curb side.
- Mrs. Freeman recommended everyone attend the Winter Guard Home Show at JHS on February 20.
- Mr. Miller suggested that Mr. Kraemer be thanked for the time and effort he put into the football program.

XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Feb. 25, 2010 (Thurs)	Facilities Workshop	3:30 PM, JHS
March 4, 2010 (Thurs)	Budget Workshop	6:00 PM
	Discussion/Business Meeting	7:00 PM Warren St.
March 18, 2010 (Thurs)	Long Range Restructuring Committee Meeting	5:00 PM
	Facilities Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
	Business Meeting	7:00 PM JHS

XIII. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF PARTICULAR PERSONS

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 8:13 p.m.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,
District Clerk