

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Discussion/Business Meeting
March 4, 2010
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by President Curtis at 6:32 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

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

ABSENT:

Evamarie Mraz	Russell Martin
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OTHERS:

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

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. Levin seconded by Mr. Praught to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on February 11, 2010.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Mrs. Sullivan requested a moment of silence in memory of Debbie Hill, who had been with the district as a cook at Knox Junior High for a long time and recently passed away.
- Mrs. Sullivan noted that the NYS Comptroller's Office had recently completed a five year audit of 733 school districts and given just 39 schools an excellent rating. Pleased to announce Johnstown is one of those 39, which is quite an honor; very much appreciate people working in the district's business office over the past five years. Thank you to the press for mentioning it.
- Mrs. Sullivan advised that the athletic director is working on items to proceed with an abbreviated community swim program, including lap swim time and family swim time. Items should be approved at the March 18 Board meeting.
- Mrs. Sullivan announced that student Tommy Marshall will be the first Johnstown bowler to participate in the state tournament.
- Mrs. Sullivan reported that both the junior and senior Winter Guards achieved second place in the annual Home Show competition. There will be an encore performance at Warren Street on March 19.
- Mrs. Sullivan offered congratulations to the girls basketball team, who participated in quarter-finals and the boys basketball team, who participated in semi-finals.
- Mrs. Sullivan indicated the district has negotiated a new lease with EDC for continued use of the Crescendoe Road facility. There will be a price jump in the rental. Mr. Acquaro advised that this is due to EDC having to refinance the building.

2. **Leaves of Absence**

a. **Child Care Leave of Absence for Amy LaMena, Science Teacher**

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a child care leave of absence for Amy LaMena, science teacher, from approximately April 12, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

3. **Abolishments**

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

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

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

<i>Tara Bruce, Field Hockey Assistant #1</i>	<i>\$2,399</i>
<i>Christine Krempa, Field Hockey Assistant #2</i>	<i>\$2,114</i>
<i>Scott Hale, Football Assistant #1</i>	<i>\$2,970</i>
<i>Jon Swartwout, Football Assistant #2</i>	<i>\$2,742</i>
<i>Thomas Nicholas, Football Assistant #3</i>	<i>\$2,571</i>
<i>Bruce Heberer, Football Assistant #4</i>	<i>\$2,456</i>
<i>James Rodecker, Football Assistant #5</i>	<i>\$2,171</i>
<i>Damian Croucher, Football Assistant #6</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Michael Hill, Boys' Soccer Assistant #1</i>	<i>\$2,399</i>
<i>Colleen Froschauer, Girls' Soccer Assistant #1</i>	<i>\$2,399</i>

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

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

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the term appointment of the following individual(s) as co-curricular advisors for the 2009-2010 school year:

<i>Roberta Esposito, JHS Musical Director (pending fingerprint clearance)</i>	<i>\$2,571</i>
<i>Jenna Poling, JHS Musical Assistant Director</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE, 504 Committee

1. **Committee for Pre-School Special Education**

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of the Committee for Pre-School Special Education meetings held on February 8 and 10 , 2010:

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VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

2. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on February 8, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23 and 25, 2010:

000900834	000126999	000116628	000140398	000140252
000122004	000116792	000115725	000115012	000305918
000126702	000900569	000115751	000293477	000294358
000133688	000900721	000124570	000900730	000113759
000125775	000115711	000122005	000305897	000126724
000125780	000126721	000104388	000135965	000125807
000136777	000306114	000136071	000900250	000305919
000126928	000136785	000900377	000900241	000900559
000123641	000135905	000113571	000136764	000900529
000101219	000305907	000115028	000140297	000293480
000103517	000920015	000296510	000305838	000900169

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

1. International Club Trip to Boston, Massachusetts

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the International Club and JHS Student Council trip to Boston, Massachusetts; leaving Johnstown High School on Friday, May 28, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. and returning on Sunday, May 30, 2010 at approximately 6:30 p.m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

A. Adoption of Textbook

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the textbook World History, published by Prentice Hall, for use at Johnstown High School, Grades 9 and 10, beginning in September 2010.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

B. Letter of Intent for School Bus Lease

Board Member Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth presents the following resolution and moves its adoption, seconded by Board Member Mr. Miller:

WHEREAS, the Greater Johnstown School District Board of Education is responsible for providing bus transportation for students during each school year, and

WHEREAS, there is currently a need to replace two buses built in 2000 and 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and Business Manager recommend procuring a lease agreement for the aforesaid buses;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Greater Johnstown School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the District's Purchasing Agent to issue a letter of intent to Leonard Bus Sales, 4 Leonard Way, Deposit, NY 13754, for the lease of two new 66-passenger buses, pending voter approval on May 18, 2010,

at a cost of \$16,260 per year per bus for a period of five years, plus a one-time documentation fee of \$400 per bus.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

C. Declaration of Emergency Capital Project – Remediation of Groundwater Seepage and Award of Contract

Board Member Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth presents the following resolution and moves its adoption, seconded by Board Member Mr. Miller:

WHEREAS, State Education Department Facilities Planning determines that remediation of the seepage of groundwater into the fuel oil tank supply lines and sump at the Johnstown High School and Warren Street Elementary School constitutes capital reconstruction on an emergency basis; and

WHEREAS, a vendor approved by the Department of Environmental Conservation has provided the Greater Johnstown School District with a scope of work; now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Greater Johnstown Board of Education hereby declares remediation of groundwater seepage into the sump and supply lines to constitute an emergency capital project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Greater Johnstown Board of Education awards a contract for the scope of work to Valley Petroleum Services, LLC, with a business address of 16 Wilber Ave., Schenectady, NY 12304-4311, in the amount of \$51,006, and authorizes the Superintendent or designee to draft and execute necessary documents to commence the emergency remediation project.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Praught commented that it is very expensive to be a student, between the costs of such things as the International Club trip, Senior trip, yearbooks and class rings.
- Mr. Praught asked that the extra-curricular code be looked at by the Academic/Extra-Curricular Committee and possibly refined. Will be discussed at their April 1 meeting.
- Mr. Beck inquired whether Jansen Avenue is in the hands of a realtor. Mr. Acquaro advised that the school attorneys are currently probing several issues, such as segregating the property, before it goes to a realtor.
- Mr. Praught inquired if Irving Street is for sale yet. Mr. Acquaro advised not yet, but that it can be looked into.
- Mr. Levin noted that Johnstown student Brett Schlesier had qualified for the junior Olympics in cross country skiing.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

March 18, 2010 (Thurs)	Long Range Restructuring Committee Meeting	5:00 PM
	Facilities Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
	Business Meeting	7:00 PM JHS
April 1, 2010 (Thurs)	Academic/Extra-Curricular Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
	Discussion/Business Meeting	7:00 PM Knox Jr. High

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Praught to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,
District Clerk