

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Discussion/Business Meeting
April 1, 2010
Knox Junior High School

I. Called to order by President Curtis at 7:12 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Ronald Beck	Robert Curtis	Evamarie Mraz	Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth
Scott Miller	Joanne Freeman	Russell Martin	

ABSENT:

James Levin John David Praught

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."

- Dick Baker referred to the Fulton County Music Educators Association Stipends on the agenda and noted that with all school districts hurting (financially), maybe Johnstown should take the lead and say to cut back on the number of concerts during the year, just as all athletics were forced to cut back on their contests.

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

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 7:15 p.m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

IV. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Freeman, to reconvene in public session at 7:18 p.m.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on March 18, 2010.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Mrs. Sullivan asked for a moment of silence in honor of HFM BOCES Superintendent Dr. Davis, a wonderful man and an incredible individual who passed away that morning, leaving way too soon.
- Mrs. Sullivan reported the district received a 2010 School Safety Excellence Award from Utica National Insurance Company. Offered thanks to Alice Dillenbeck & E.J. Maye for completing the application and to everyone who contributes to school safety. Noted many criteria had to be rated. Reported that in addition to a plaque, the company will return 5% of the district's premium, which is about \$5,000.

B. Property Tax Report Card for 2010-11

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to approve the Property Tax Report Card for the Greater Johnstown School District for the school year 2010-2011 for submission to the New York State Education Department as provided by law, effective April 1, 2010.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

C. TRANSFER TO CAPITAL OUTLAY EMERGENCY PROJECT

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Beck to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to transfer the sum of \$56,406 from the remaining available balance from Districtwide III project to the capital fund, to be used for the purpose of the capital outlay emergency project for remediation of the seepage of groundwater into the fuel oil tank supply lines and sump at the Johnstown High School and Warren Street School, as set forth in resolution of the Board of Education on March 4, 2010.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

D. EMERGENCY PROJECT SEQRA RESOLUTION

(Board Member) Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth presents the following resolution and moved its adoption, Seconded by (Board Member) Mr. Beck

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District (“Board”) has proposed to undertake a project consisting of the emergency repair and remediation of two fuel oil tanks and associated supply lines and pumps, located at the Warren Street Elementary School and the High School in Johnstown, New York (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2010, the Board adopted a Resolution declaring an emergency capital outlay project for repair and remediation of two fuel oil tanks and associated supply lines and pumps, located at the Warren Street Elementary School and the High School in Johnstown, New York (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Education Department has assigned two capital project numbers for the project as follows: “Senior High School Reconstruction, CSI Section(s) 13,15,16, Project Number 17-06-00-01-0-0009-008”; and “Warren Street School, Reconstruction, CSI Section(s) 13,15,16, Project Number 17-06-00-01-0-003-006” and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

- 1. The proposed action involves the emergency repair and remediation of two fuel oil tanks and associated supply lines and pumps, located at the Warren Street Elementary School and the High School*
- 2. The proposed project represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1); and/or alternatively the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2); and/or alternatively, a routine activity of an educational institution, including the expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet,*

within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(8); and/or alternatively represents an emergency action immediately necessary for the protection or preservation of property within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 671.5(c)(33).

3. *The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.*
4. *The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

E. IRVING STREET SEQRA RESOLUTION

(Board Member) Mrs. Freeman presents the following resolution and moved its adoption, Seconded by (Board Member) Mr. Martin:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District (“Board”) has proposed to undertake a project consisting of the sale of surplus school property, and the improvements located thereon, located at 12 Irving Street, Johnstown, New York (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

1. *The proposed action involves the sale of surplus school property, and the improvements thereon, which is no longer needed for educational purposes.*
2. *The proposed project represents a routine activity of an educational institution within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(8).*
3. *The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.*
4. *The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

F. EXTENSION OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR KATHERINE SULLIVAN, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller that the Employment Agreement dated June 12, 2008, by and between the Greater Johnstown School District and Katherine Sullivan, Superintendent of Schools, be extended for an additional two years, from June 30, 2011 through June 30, 2013, for a total term, including the extension, of five (5) years;

That the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute documentation of the extension on behalf of the school district.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Greater Johnstown School District Board of Education, on this 1st day of April, 2010, does hereby adopt this resolution in support of the extended Employment Agreement for Katherine Sullivan, Superintendent of Schools.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Dick Baker inquired about contracts the district has with outside vendors for counseling, etc. Mrs. Sullivan indicated the contract with the Family Counseling Center is grant funded; contracts for physical therapy and occupational therapy for specific students are part of cross contracts with BOCES.
- Mrs. Freeman indicated the color guard recently participated in the Mid-York competitions, with varsity placing fourth and junior varsity placing sixth. Gave kudos to the kids who really worked hard for a successful season.

XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

April 28, 2010 (Wed.)	Board Candidate Petition Filing Deadline	5:00 PM District Clerk's Office
	Facilities Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
	Business Meeting	7:00 PM JHS
May 4, 2010 (Tues.)	Voter Registration	Noon – 4 p.m., District Office
	Public Budget Hearing	6:30 p.m., JHS Lecture Hall
	Board of Education Candidate's Night	Following Budget Hearing
May 6, 2010 (Thurs.)	Audit 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 Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular persons at 7:35 p.m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,
District Clerk