

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
May 19, 2011
Glebe Street Elementary Library

I. Called to order by Board President at 5:58 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Douglas Dougherty	Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Evamarie Mraz	James Levin
Robert Curtis	Jennifer Sponnoble	Paul VanDenburgh	

ABSENT:

Ronald Beck Scott Miller

OTHERS:

Katherine Sullivan, Superintendent Alice Sise, Business Manager
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. Levin seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on April 27, 2011, May 4, 2011 and May 9, 2011.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- HFM BOCES District Superintendent Dr. Patrick Michel was introduced and discussed a proposed Transportation Pilot. At present seven school districts are interested in participating in the study; cost is \$1,200 per district and is state aid-able at 80%. Would look at ways to overcome things that currently block regionalized transportation efforts and the possibility of a series of regional hubs. Board consensus appeared to be that Johnstown should participate.
- GJSD teachers who were awarded JTA mini-grants for the school year provided presentations describing how the funds were used. Rebecca Hart received \$200 for use in the Knox Positive Rewards Program. Knox teacher Gloria Bruno received \$200 for the Knox Social Studies Enrichment Project. Pleasant Avenue teachers Astrid Duross and Katrina Bevington used their \$200 grant for the purchase of 28 gel boards for student use in the classroom. Mary Jablonski, speech therapist at Glebe and Pleasant, purchased two digital voice recorders with headsets and microphones to help students progress by listening to their own voices. JTA representative Jim Morton indicated staff members in all buildings are encouraged to submit an application for the mini-grants each year. A JTA committee reviews the applications and awards one grant per building from union monies. As no applications were received from JHS this year, Knox received a second grant.
- Mrs. Sullivan advised that there is a resolution on the agenda declaring some items that were stored in the Irving Street building as surplus property. Mrs. Sise will seek bids for items having a value less than \$1,000. The purchaser will keep anything that is left behind.

V. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **PERSONNEL**

1. **Separations**

a. **Resignation of Roberta Healy, Bus Driver**

Motion by Ms. Buggeln-Bosworth and seconded by Mr. Levin that:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the resignation of Roberta Healy for retirement purposes, effective at the close of business on June 30, 2011, is hereby accepted. It is further resolved that the Agreement between the School District and Ms. Healy dated May 18, 2011 is hereby approved, and that Katherine Sullivan, Superintendent of Schools, is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

2. **Leaves of Absence**

3. **Abolishments**

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **Correction of Substitute Appointments**

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Dougherty to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to correct the following substitute appointments:

School Bus Drivers

<i>Gary Butler</i>	<i>8/23/10 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Brian Crankshaw</i>	<i>8/23/10 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Andrew Walters</i>	<i>8/23/10 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Gary Green</i>	<i>8/23/10 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Shirley Lang</i>	<i>8/23/10 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Kim Smith</i>	<i>8/23/10 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Rodney Chamberlain</i>	<i>8/23/10 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Michael Fonda</i>	<i>8/23/10 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Kelly Morrison</i>	<i>8/23/10 to 2/6/11</i>
<i>Russell Warner</i>	<i>10/28/10 to 2/4/11</i>
<i>James Carter</i>	<i>3/9/11 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Ronald Thompson</i>	<i>4/14/11 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Franklin Atkins</i>	<i>4/13/11 to 6/30/11</i>

Food Service Helpers

<i>Carol Russo</i>	<i>9/8/10 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Charlotte Hayes</i>	<i>9/8/10 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Mary Barter</i>	<i>9/8/10 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Margaret Ugalde</i>	<i>9/8/10 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Pruthenzia Neri</i>	<i>9/8/10 to 6/30/11</i>
<i>Judy Licciardo</i>	<i>9/8/10 to 10/7/10</i>
<i>Doreen Banovic</i>	<i>9/13/10 to 9/30/10</i>
<i>Lacey Brown</i>	<i>9/8/10 to 3/20/11</i>
<i>John Murray</i>	<i>9/8/10 to 12/7/10</i>
<i>Jennifer Cernak</i>	<i>10/29/10 to 6/30/11</i>

Gary Vertucci 2/17/11 to 6/30/11
Deborah Henderson 4/8/11 to 6/30/11

School Bus Attendant

Doreen Banovic 9/13/10 to 9/30/10

Registered Nurse

Debra Szumowski 11/8/10 to 6/30/11

Buildings & Grounds

Lewis Lombardoni 9/7/10 to 6/30/11

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

b. Temporary Appointment of Adam Harris, Cleaner

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Dougherty to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the temporary appointment of Adam Harris as a Cleaner, \$11.14 per hour effective July 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

B. WARRANTS – March 2011

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Dougherty to accept the recommendation of the District Auditor, to accept the following warrants for March 2011, as seen in **addendum #1**:*

General (A): # 38, 36,
School Lunch (C): # 18, 17,
Federal (F): # 18, 17
Capital (H) # 7,
Trust & Agency (TA): # 31, 30, 29, 27, 28,
Expendable Trust (TE): # 4,

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

C. TREASURER’S REPORT – March 2011

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Dougherty to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer’s Report for March 2011, as seen in **addendum #2**.*

1. Unrestricted Cash Balance
2. Budget Transfer Fund A, Schedule #10, 11 and Fund F, Schedule #6
3. Handwritten Checks
4. Revenue Budget Status
5. School Lunch Program Profit & Loss Statement
6. Appropriation Status Report
7. Vendor Listing by Number (Vendor Additions)

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

D. Lease Purchase Agreement of Wide Area Mower

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Dougherty to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District hereby approves the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement No. 0069415 and Lease Schedule No. 001-0069415-000 dated May 2, 2011, by and between the District and Deere Credit, Inc., authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreement along with any other documents necessary to finalize the transaction, and approves the payment of money contained therein.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

E. Taxes – Refund of Overpayments

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Dougherty to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon information provided by the tax collector and recommendation of the Superintendent, refund the following overpayment (correction of refund) of taxes, by the appropriate amounts as indicated below:

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Michael J Bevington, owner, in the City of Johnstown, 174.8-17-6:

<i>Amount Due</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>Refund Amount</i>
<i>\$837.71</i>	<i>\$1675.42 + \$16.75 late fee</i>	<i>\$854.46</i>

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VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

F. Declaration of Surplus Property

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

Whereas, from time to time personal property, such as equipment, formerly necessary for District operations becomes outdated, worn-out, unnecessary, or otherwise surplus to District needs; and

Whereas, it has been determined that the following items are no longer needed for District purposes:

- One 1997 Ford F350 Pickup with Plow*
- One Jacobson Hr15 Mower*

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the above property be declared surplus material and sold to the highest bidder.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

VI. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. STUDENT MATTERS

B. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Resignation of Michela Riccio, Special Education Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resignation of Michela Riccio, as special education teacher, effective June 30, 2011.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

b. Change of Retirement Date of Charlotte Leo, English Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to change the retirement date of Charlotte Leo, English teacher, to be effective July 1, 2011.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

2. Leaves of Absence

3. Abolishments

4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

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

1. 504 Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Levin to approve the minutes of the 504 Committee for Special Education meetings held on

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VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

2. Committee for Pre-School Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Levin to approve the minutes of the Committee for Pre-School Special Education meetings held on

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VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

3. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Levin to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on

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000125806 000306094 000940002 000140009 000140334
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000144710 000136779 000133662 000145085 000145957
000143730 000134662 000154755 000144699 000145936
000901123 000143734 000155980 000144873 000166898
000144593 000144619 000165091 000165070 000155974

J. Adoption of Revised Policy #7130, Entitlement to Attend – Age and Residency
Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt revised Policy 7130, Entitlement to Attend – Age and Residency, effective May 19, 2011.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

K. Adoption of New Policy #2130, Board Member Training
Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt new Policy 2130, Board Member Training, effective May 19, 2011.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

L. Adoption of New Policy #5511, Reserve Funds
Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt new Policy 5511, Reserve Funds, effective May 19, 2011.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

M. Adoption of Revised ~~New~~ Policy #8242, Animals in the School (Instructional Purposes)
*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt ~~Revised~~ **New** Policy 8242, Animals in the School (Instructional Purposes), effective May 19, 2011.*

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

June 9, 2011	Business Meeting	6 PM., JHS
June 25, 2011	Commencement	10 AM, Knox Field

XII. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14 OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW

Motion by Mr. VanDenburgh seconded by Mrs. Mraz to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular person at 6:42 p.m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

XIII. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mr. VanDenburgh, seconded by Mrs. Mraz, to reconvene in public session at 7:50 p.m.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. VanDenburgh seconded by Mrs. Mraz to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk