

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Business Meeting
March 16, 2005
Johnstown High School Library

I. Called to order by Board President at 5:15 PM.

ATTENDEES:

Peter Cinelli	Brian Miller	Kathleen Leo (arrived 5:17 PM)
Joanne Freeman	William Pollak	Russell Martin (arrived 5:20 PM)
Richard McGuire	Christopher Swatt	

ABSENT:

John David Praught

OTHERS:

John S. Whelan Katherine Sullivan Peter Hopke

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

Motion by Mr. Pollak seconded by Mr. Swatt to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person, at 5:15 PM.

VOTE: 6 Yes 0 No

III. **MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Pollak seconded by Mr. Swatt to return to public session at 6:12 PM.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

IV. **SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

- Mr. Beatty announced that three JHS students had finished the requirements necessary to graduate in January 2005. All three students were offered the opportunity to receive their diplomas this evening, however, Tiffany Alikhan is currently traveling overseas; Lacy Rae Carpenter has chosen participate in the June commencement ceremony; and Anthony Busseno was not able to be present tonight.
- Mr. Smalling introduced the student athletes participating at the State level in winter sports. Recognized for their achievements were:
 - ◆ Alpine Ski Team Members with Coach Corinne Cotter: Jackie Kline, Ashley Easterly & Jesse Sleezer. Jesse placed 10th overall.
 - ◆ Cross Country Ski Team Members with Coach Jennifer Jurica: Juniors Alexandra & Elizabeth Disney, who placed 6th & 7th in Sectionals.
 - ◆ Lady Bills Basketball Team, coached by James Mraz, winners of the Section II Title for the second time in three years. The team captains presented the Sectional plaque to BOE President McGuire.
- Dave Bonacci of Fuligni-Fragola Architects discussed the difficulty the District has faced in locating a site for the proposed bus maintenance garage and district storage facility in a timely fashion. He indicated if we extract this facility from the rest of the proposed project, the new projected cost would be \$8,832,270, with a local share of \$1,550,765 and we could move forward fairly quickly, possibly conducting a vote in July, with completion in 1 ½ years. Mr. Whelan indicated if we proceed this way, the owner of Snyder Ave. has indicated a willingness to continue leasing us that property. That lease is State aidable and the property is a part of the tax rolls. The possibility of joining Gloversville's bus facility was discussed, as was constructing a pole barn on our own property for tractors. Mr. Miller hopes we will not totally abandon having our own bus facility if it is separated from the current project.

- Mrs. Sullivan introduced members of the library staff. Teaching Assistant Theresa Ellithorp from Glebe Street, Library Media Specialist Mary Hallgren from Knox Jr. High, and Library Media Specialist Dylan Thomarie from Johnstown High School provided a presentation and discussion focusing on the role of the media center and the school librarian and gave an overview of the many programs and activities offered at the various grade levels. It was reported that students whose library media specialists play an instructional role tend to achieve higher average test scores. Mrs. Sullivan noted that Mrs. Hallgren had come to us from Gloversville and Mr. Thomarie from Mayfield and we are very thankful to have them.
- Mrs. Sullivan addressed misleading information recently appearing in a Leader Herald article regarding the JHS graduation rate and English achievement scores. The Johnstown School District 1999 cohort graduation rate was actually calculated based on Johnstown reporting 172 initial students entering JHS in 1999. However, when considering 12 students in the “ungraded section” who have IEP’s reflecting an alternative educational program which may lead to them not graduating with their cohort group, stats change. In addition, seven students graduated in August/January and four more transferred. Thus, an end result of 156 students in the cohort and 137 graduates equals an 88% graduation rate. The high school English achievement rate did not include AP students. Mrs. Sullivan advised that she has contacted BOCES Assistant Superintendent Dom Baggetta, who also noted the discrepancies, and the consensus is that the rates and scores were skewed by inaccurate reporting of data by other school districts. He will be speaking with the various Superintendents about entering data correctly. Mrs. Sullivan noted that Johnstown’s use of the Winschool program helps us to be accurate, while some schools utilize another program or do by hand. Mr. McGuire would like to see BOCES publicly acknowledge Johnstown’s correct rates and scores.
- Mrs. Sullivan advised that we will be receiving grant funds of \$150,000 over the next four years for the after school program at Knox, which will be run by BOCES. They will be looking for a lead teacher to work from 11:00 – 6:00 to coordinate the program and staff members to work from 3:30 – 5:30.

V. PRESIDENT’S REPORTS

VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Capital Projects – Mr. Swatt advised that Mr. Bonacci had covered this topic already this evening. He noted that he is pleased to see the Capital Project come to fruition.
- Restructuring – Mr. Swatt announced the committee will next meet on March 23, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the JHS café. The public is invited to attend.
- Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Pollak indicated there had been no new developments since his report on March 2, 2005.
- Academic – Mr. Martin advised that the committee is still scheduled to meet on April 7, 2005 at 5:00 PM.
- Finance – Mr. Miller indicated a date has not been chosen for the next meeting.

VII. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-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 business meeting where the Board permits the public comment on agenda and non-agenda items. The Board will accept written comments from the public on this subject matter and all other agenda and non-agenda items.”

- Mr. McGuire noted that members of the Johnstown Citizens committee had requested a podium for public comments, which is being provided.
- Ron Beck thanked the BOE for placing the approval of the high school principal’s tenure on this evening’s agenda. He indicated there have been nine principals in his thirty years with the District and that Mr. Beatty is very good. He has never heard any negative comments about him.
- Barb Skoda asked that someone research how many different school board candidate petitions residents can sign, as there have been conflicting answers over the years. Mr. Swatt indicated he believed it was three. (NOTE: Upon further research, it appears qualified voters may generally sign unlimited petitions for school board candidates.)

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Pollak seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on February 16, 2005 and March 2, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

IX. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Retirement of Coreen A. Frank, Licensed Practical Nurse

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation for the purposes of retirement of Coreen A. Frank, with regret, as Licensed Practical Nurse, effective June 30, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

b. Retirement of Gail J. Lockwood, School Secretary

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation for the purposes of retirement of Gail J. Lockwood, with regret, as School Secretary, effective June 30, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

c. Resignation of Rudy Pavlick, Custodian

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Rudy Pavlick, with regret, as Custodian, effective March 4, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

2. Leave of Absences

3. Abolishments

4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Probationary Appointment of Rudy Pavlick, Groundskeeper

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Rudy Pavlick as Groundskeeper, 12 months per year, \$11.44 per hour, effective March 7, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

B. WARRANTS

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Swatt to accept the recommendation of the District Auditor, to accept warrants #11 and #12 dated January 1-31, 2005, as seen in addendum # 1.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Swatt to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 1-31, 2005, as seen in addendum # 2.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

D. VENDOR LIST

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Swatt to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Vendor List for January 1-31, 2005, as seen in addendum # 3.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

E. COOPERATIVE MEAT BID #05-10

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Swatt to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Cooperative Meat Bid #05-10 to Quandt's Food Service and Ginsberg's Food Service as the lowest, qualified, responsible bidders, as seen in addendum # 4.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

X. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Retirement of Irene Hauser, Elementary

Motion by Mr. Pollak seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation for the purposes of retirement of Irene Hauser, with regret, as elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

b. Retirement of Loretta E. Smith, Elementary

Motion by Mr. Pollak seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation for the purposes of retirement of Loretta E. Smith, with regret, as elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

c. Retirement of Janice Wenskoski, Elementary

Motion by Mr. Pollak seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation for the purposes of retirement of Janice Wenskoski, with regret, as elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

d. Resignation of Ronald J. Capeci, Science

Motion by Mr. Pollak seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Ronald J. Capeci, with regret, as science teacher, effective June 30, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

2. **Leave of Absences**

a. **Rescind Unpaid Leave of Absence for Susan Ackerbauer, Elementary Teacher**

Motion by Mr. Pollak seconded by Mrs. Freeman, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the unpaid leave of absence for Susan Ackerbauer as elementary teacher, effective for the 2005-2006 school year, as previously approved on June 2, 2004.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

3. **Abolishments**

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **Term Appointment of Anne M. Christiano as Elementary Summer School Director**

Motion by Mr. Pollak seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the term appointment of Anne M. Christiano as Elementary Summer School Director effective for the 2004-2005 school year at stipend of \$2,000.00.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

b. **Appointment of Spring Coaches**

Motion by Mr. Pollak seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of the following individuals as spring coaches for the 2004-2005 school year:

<i>Mark Eppolito, Track Asst. #3</i>	<i>\$1,963</i>
<i>Scott Hale, Casual Strength Coach</i>	<i>\$335/mo. (March, April, May & June)</i>
<i>Robert Kraemer, Casual Strength Coach</i>	<i>\$335/mo. (March, April, May & June)</i>

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

c. **Tenure Appointment of Yvette Auty, Mathematics**

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Yvette Auty, probationary teacher in the mathematics tenure area, having been appointed to such position effective September 1, 2003, be appointed to tenure to the position of mathematics teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Yvette Auty holds a valid NYS permanent certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Yvette Auty will expire on August 31, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

d. Tenure Appointment of Adam Barnhart, Physical Education

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Adam Barnhart, probationary teacher in the physical education tenure area, having been appointed to such position effective September 1, 2002, be appointed to tenure to the position of physical education teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Adam Barnhart holds a valid NYS provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Adam Barnhart will expire on August 31, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

e. Tenure Appointment of Michael Beatty, Principal

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Michael Beatty, probationary principal in the principal tenure area, having been appointed to such position July 1, 2002, be appointed to tenure to the position of principal in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Michael Beatty holds a valid NYS permanent certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Michael Beatty will expire on June 30, 2005.

VOTE: 6 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain (Martin/Freeman)

f. Tenure Appointment of Nicholas Colistra, Foreign Language

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Nicholas Colistra, probationary teacher in the foreign language tenure area, having been appointed to such position effective September 1, 2002, be appointed to tenure to the position of foreign language teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Nicholas Colistra holds a valid NYS provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Nicholas Colistra will expire on August 31, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

g. Tenure Appointment of Cynthia Fiorenza, Music

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Cynthia Fiorenza, probationary teacher in the music tenure area, having been appointed to such position effective September 1, 2002, be appointed to tenure to the position of music teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Cynthia Fiorenza holds a valid NYS provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Cynthia Fiorenza will expire on October 5, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

h. Tenure Appointment of Timothy Harris, Assistant Principal

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Timothy Harris, probationary assistant principal in the assistant principal tenure area, having been appointed to such position effective July 1, 2002, be appointed to tenure to the position of assistant principal in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Timothy Harris holds a valid NYS provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Timothy Harris will expire on June 30, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

i. Tenure Appointment of Jennifer Hickok, Elementary

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Jennifer Hickok, probationary teacher in the elementary tenure area, having been appointed to such position effective September 1, 2004, be appointed to tenure to the position of elementary teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Jennifer Hickok holds a valid NYS provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Jennifer Hickok will expire on August 31, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

j. Tenure Appointment of Nancy Lisicki, Elementary

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Nancy Lisicki, probationary teacher in the elementary tenure area, having been appointed to such position effective September 1, 2002, be appointed to tenure to the position of elementary teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Nancy Lisicki holds a valid NYS permanent certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Nancy Lisicki will expire on August 31, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

k. Tenure Appointment of Hans Litz, Science

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Hans Litz, probationary teacher in the science tenure area, having been appointed to such position effective September 1, 2002, be appointed to tenure to the position of science teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Hans Litz holds a valid NYS provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Hans Litz will expire on August 31, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

l. Tenure Appointment of Kristin Meashaw, Elementary

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Kristin Meashaw, probationary teacher in the elementary tenure area, having been appointed to such position effective September 1, 2003, be appointed to tenure to the position of elementary teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Kristin Meashaw holds a valid NYS provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Kristin Meashaw will expire on August 31, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

m. Tenure Appointment of Corrina Pelkey, Remedial Reading

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Corrina Pelkey, probationary teacher in the remedial reading tenure area, having been appointed to such position effective November 6, 2002, be appointed to tenure to the position of remedial reading teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Corrina Pelkey holds a valid NYS provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Corrina Pelkey will expire on November 5, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

n. Tenure Appointment of Melissa Pellegrino, Teaching Assistant

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Melissa Pellegrino, probationary teacher assistant in the teaching assistant area, having been appointed to such position effective September 1, 2002, be appointed to tenure to the position of teaching assistant in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Melissa Pellegrino holds a valid NYS provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Melissa Pellegrino will expire on August 31, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

o. Tenure Appointment of Tracy Ringer, Teaching Assistant

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Tracy Ringer, probationary teacher assistant in the teaching assistant tenure area, having been appointed to such position effective September 1, 2002, be appointed to tenure to the position of teaching assistant teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Tracy Ringer holds a valid NYS provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Tracy Ringer will expire on August 31, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

p. Tenure Appointment of Catherine Santangelo, Mathematics

Motion by Mr. Swatt seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, recommends Catherine Santangelo, probationary teacher in the mathematics tenure area, having been appointed to such position effective September 1, 2003, be appointed to tenure to the position of mathematics teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Catherine Santangelo holds a valid NYS permanent certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Catherine Santangelo will expire on August 31, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

q. Payment of Music Festival Stipends

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the payment of music festival stipends for attendance at the Fulton County Music Festival 2 on March 5, 2005 for the following individuals:

<i>Sara Corrigan</i>	<i>\$104.00</i>
<i>Cindy Fiorenza</i>	<i>\$104.00</i>
<i>Andy LaCoppola</i>	<i>\$104.00</i>
<i>Kim Tyler</i>	<i>\$104.00</i>
<i>Patricia Zullo</i>	<i>\$104.00</i>

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE

1. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Cinelli to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on February 16, 2005.

<i>002500018</i>	<i>000970029</i>
<i>002500013</i>	<i>000250005</i>

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

C. STUDENT MATTERS

1. January Graduates

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following individuals as January 2005, Johnstown High School graduates:

*Tiffany L. Alikhan
Anthony T. Busseno
Lacy Rae Carpenter*

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

XI. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Resolution Concerning the Economic Development Zone 2004 Revision

~~(Counsel Member)~~ (Board Member) Mr. Miller presented the following resolution and moved its adoption

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE ENLARGED EMPIRE ZONE

WHEREAS, a portion of the (City) (Town) (~~Village~~) of Johnstown has been designated as an Economic Development Zone pursuant to General Municipal Law Article 18-b, and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed to expand the Economic Development Zone to include additional lands described in Schedule A hereof, and

WHEREAS, among other things the Economic Development Zone legislation of New York State permits certain real property tax exemptions to be made available as incentives to capital investment within the Economic Development Zone, and

WHEREAS, it has been the intention of this body to permit these real property tax exemptions to the maximum extent permitted by law, and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing, the Board now desires to adopt a resolution authorizing and approving the real property tax exemptions provided by Real Property Tax Law Section 485-e for property located within the Empire Zone, as described in Schedule A hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the real property constructed, altered, installed or improved in the enlarged and in the Empire Zone as the same may be amended from time to time, and including the lands described in Schedule A hereof, pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law and related legislation shall be exempt from taxes on the improvements made to said real property to the maximum extend authorized by Real Property Tax Law Section 485-e for a period of ten (10) years from the date the improvements were made to the real property, on the following schedule:

<u>TAX YEAR FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENT</u>	<u>BASE AMOUNT OF THE EXEMPTION</u>
1	100
2	100
3	100
4	100
5	100
6	100
7	100
8	75
9	50
10	25
11	0

These exemptions shall be granted only upon application by the owner of the real property located within the Zone and compliance with all applicable provisions of law, including Article 18-b of the General Municipal Law and Section 485-e of the Real Property Tax Law. In the case of the area to be added to the Zone, these

exemptions shall be effective upon approval of the enlargement of the Zone as proved by law, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of New York State Department of Economic Development is hereby requested to revise the boundaries of the Economic Development Zone to include the lands described in Schedule A.

Seconded by (~~Council Member~~) (Board Member) Mr. Cinelli

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

2. **Calendar of Events for Annual Election on May 17, 2005**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the calendar of events for the Annual Election to be held on May 17, 2005 as seen in addendum # 5.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

3. **Authorization for District Clerk to Publish Election Notices**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Cinelli 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 17, 2005 for the election of three members to the Board of Education to serve three year terms to begin July 1, 2005 for the offices now held by:

Brian Miller William Pollak Christopher Swatt

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

4. **Appointment of Board of Registration**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Registration shall consist of Barbara Sprung (R) of 180 Briggs Street, Johnstown and Jacqueline Swatt (D) of 102 Fon Clair Street, Johnstown, who were appointed to the Board of Registration for a one-year term which commenced on June 2, 2004, and that the Board of Registration Meeting shall be held at the District Office from the hours of 12:00 NOON to 4:00 PM on May 3, 2005; and that the flat rate of pay for each member shall be \$6.00 per hour for a total of \$24.00 for each meeting consisting of four hours.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Swatt)

5. **First Reading of Revised Policy #7412**

#7412 – Academic Eligibility

6. **Approval of Revised District Wide III Project**

Motion by Mr. Pollak seconded by Mrs. Freeman, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the revised District Wide III Project in the amount of \$8,832,270, effective March 16, 2005, as more specifically set forth in the Summary of Projects attached hereto as Addendum #6, and that the Board proposes to declare itself lead agency with respect to the proposed project for purposes of complying with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), subject to language to be recommended by legal counsel.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Carm D'Amore commended the Board on approval of tenure this evening, especially for Mr. Beatty, whom he worked with when he was a guidance counselor and whom he has known for nineteen years.
- Barbara Skoda questioned whether the tax exemption figures set forth in the economic development resolution were percentages or dollar figures. They are percentages. She also asked if the revised academic policy would be discussed at the next BOE meeting. It was noted the proposed policy is posted on the District website for review by the public.
- Richard Baker noted that all schools get bashed and Mrs. Sullivan had done a good job getting correct information out tonight. He stated that the teachers do a great job and the kids make us proud.
- Mr. Pollak asked if there had been any changes to the budget figures discussed at the recent budget workshop. Mr. Hopke indicated there were no surprises and it looked as though it would remain at 2.95%.

XIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

April 7, 2005 (rescheduled from April 6th)	Discussion/Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
April 27, 2005	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
May 3, 2005	Public Budget Hearing	6:00 PM Public Session Knox Junior High Auditorium
May 9, 2005 (rescheduled from May 4th)	Annual Joint Board Meeting	7:00 PM Public Session Wheelerville Union Free School

XIV. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS 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 7:55 PM.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

XV. MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Pollak to return to public session at 8:40 PM.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Pollak to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk