

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
September 20, 2006
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by President Praught at 6 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Robert Kosowicz	Scott Miller
Susanne Fitzgerald	James Levin	John David Praught
Joanne Freeman	Russell Martin	Robert Curtis (arrived 6:18 p.m.)

OTHERS:

John S. Whelan	Katherine Sullivan	Peter Hopke
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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. Kosowicz to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on August 29, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- New staff members were introduced by building principals and welcomed to the district.
- Board visitation day is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Oct. 12. Upon arrival at any building they wish to tour, board members should report to the main office and sign in.
- Due to safety and liability issues, children should not be throwing balls and rolling downhill next to the home-side bleachers at Knox during football games. Announcements will be made, signs will be posted, and officers will be patrolling.
- A recent NYS Education Department accountability report designating JHS as a school requiring academic progress was clarified. The designation was not due to low ELA or math test scores, but inadequate senior participation rates in 2004-05 (95 percent of seniors should have tested, only 89 percent did). There was 96 percent participation in 2005-06.
- Copies of district goals were posted during the meeting. Each building has three-year plans and goals that align with these district goals, which will be highlighted at a future meeting.

V. REPORTS (PRESIDENT/STANDING COMMITTEES)

- Audit Committee (Mr. Curtis, Chairperson) Next meeting 3:00 p.m., Oct. 12 @ JHS
- Facilities Planning Committee (Mr. Miller, Chairperson) Next meeting to be announced.
- Extra-Curricular Committee (Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth, Chairperson) Sept. 6 meeting report attached to the original of these minutes. Next meeting 5:00 p.m., Oct. 18 @ JHS.
- Academic Curriculum Committee (Mrs. Freeman, Chairperson) Sept. 6 meeting report attached to the original of these minutes. Noted that, due to issues arising since that meeting, the committee recommends board members attend an academic policy workshop at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 18 at JHS. Question presented to board by committee: There may be a need to study declining enrollment; shall this committee take on the task, or should a separate committee be formed? Enrollment numbers will be provided at the Oct. 4 meeting for consideration and discussion.

1. **Motion to Withdraw Agenda Items**

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to withdraw the following items from consideration on tonight's agenda:

- *Rescission of July 11, 2006 motion to conduct an Academic Eligibility Policy Workshop*
- *Second Reading of Revised Policy #7412, Academic Eligibility*
- *Adoption of Revised Policy #7412, Academic Eligibility*

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

VI. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **PERSONNEL**

1. **Separations**
2. **Leave of Absences**
3. **Abolishments**
4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

VII. **EDUCATION ITEMS**

A. **PERSONNEL**

1. **Separations**
2. **Leave of Absences**
3. **Abolishments**
4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **Correct Term Appointment of Tammy Wilson, Extended Leave Substitute**

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to correct the expiration date of the term appointment of Tammy Wilson as an extended leave substitute elementary teacher, to December 22, 2006.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

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

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following extra-curricular staff for the 2006-2007 school year:

<i>Victor Malagisi</i>	<i>Junior Class Advisor</i>	<i>\$1,393</i>
<i>Astrid Duross</i>	<i>Junior Class Advisor</i>	<i>\$1,393</i>
<i>Ronald Beck</i>	<i>Sophomore Class Advisor</i>	<i>\$1,115</i>
<i>Deborah Miller</i>	<i>Sophomore Class Advisor</i>	<i>\$1,115</i>
<i>Joshua Stamp</i>	<i>JHS Musical Director</i>	<i>\$2,508</i>
<i>Joshua Stamp</i>	<i>Women's Chorale</i>	<i>\$1,449</i>

James Morton	JHS Play Director	\$2,508
Cynthia Fiorenza	JHS Play Ass't Director	\$1,951
Robin Farrell	JHS Yearbook Advisor	\$1,672
Rebecca Bacon	JHS Yearbook Assistant	\$1,672
Deana Lenz	JHS Yearbook Unpaid Asst	\$1,672
Connie Lais	JHS French Exchange Advisor	\$ 557

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

c. Term Appointments of Coaching Staff

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following coaching staff for the 2006-2007 school year:

Sean Mahon, casual strength coach, for September and October, 2006	\$343/month
Walt Lane, unpaid girls' swimming and diving assistant	-0-
Charles Goebel, football assistant #7	\$1,600
Heather Welch, field hockey assistant #3	\$1,700

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

d. Term Appointment of Steve V. Smith, Summer Recreation Supervisor

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Steve V. Smith as summer recreation supervisor for the 2006-Summer Recreation Program at \$7.00 per hour.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

e. Appointment of JHS After-School Detention Supervisors

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following individuals as JHS detention supervisors at \$15.00 per hour (by timesheet) during the hours of 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) during the 2006-2007 school year:

*Michael Reilly (2 days per week)
Jeffrey Kincheloe (2 days per week)*

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

f. Stipend for Allan Hamm, Teacher Assistant

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a \$1,750 stipend for patrolling services during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to Alan Hamm, teacher assistant, for the 2006-2007 school year.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE

1. Committee for Pre-School Special Education

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to approve the minutes of the Committee for Pre-School Special Education meetings held on 8/23/06, 9/7/06 and 9/14/06:

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VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

1. JHS Marching Band Trip for Competition in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the JHS Marching Band trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. for competition; leaving Johnstown High School on Friday, October 6, 2006 at 7:00 a.m. and returning at approximately 10:00 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 1 NO (Martin) 1 (Freeman)

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. First Reading of Revised Policy #7313, Suspension of Students

2. Waiver of Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy #7313, Suspension of Students

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to waive the second reading of revised Policy #7313, Suspension of Students, and adopt the same effective September 20, 2006.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- John Licciardo: Would like the public to be able to speak about non-agenda items at the beginning of meetings; inquired about the availability of peanut butter sandwiches in school cafeterias and was advised that the district will no longer offer them as an alternative lunch choice (although students are permitted to bring them from home); provided product packaging that contained a different ingredient list on the individually wrapped items than what was listed on the exterior of the box, and asked that all labels be read carefully.
- Mrs. Freeman wondered why peanut butter sandwiches can't be served by the cafeteria but can be brought from home. The possibility of cross-contamination during preparation by food service workers was discussed.
- Mrs. Fitzgerald complimented building principals on the informative newsletters they provide and issued a thank you to all clubs who sent the board invitations for various functions.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

October 4, 2006	Discussion/Business Meeting	6 p.m. Open to Public Warren Street Library
October 12, 2006	Audit Committee Meeting	3 p.m. Open to Public Administrative Conf. Room
October 18, 2006	Business Meeting	6 p.m. Open to Public Johnstown High School
November 1, 2006	Discussion/Business Meeting	6 p.m. Open to Public Glebe Street Library

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

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Levin to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular persons at 7:15 p.m.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Curtis to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk