

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Discussion/Business Meeting
October 4, 2006
Warren Street Elementary Library

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

ATTENDEES:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Joanne Freeman	Scott Miller
Robert Curtis	Robert Kosowicz	John David Praught
Susanne Fitzgerald	James Levin	

ABSENT:

Russell Martin

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 Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on September 20, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

- In light of the tragic situations occurring at three other schools last week, and due to the fact that these things can happen anywhere, Mr. Whelan advised that the district is in a state of heightened security and the staff is reviewing safety plans.
- An unsigned letter reputedly issued by various Foothills Council booster clubs was sent to several board members regarding the boys & girls basketball schedules. Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth indicated GJSD may have been the only board aware of the change; Mr. Curtis noted that Mr. McGuire sent a letter to all Foothills board presidents about the change and received only one response. Mr. Whelan indicated the Foothills superintendents are composing a letter of response.
- Mrs. Sullivan thanked Mrs. Christiano and the Warren Street PTA for providing goodie bags for the board and administration this evening.
- A copy of the poster made by Jansen Avenue student Sara Kosowicz for the "Kids Safe Online" NYS Poster Art Contest was shared with the board. Sara created one of the thirteen winning posters selected from 110 entries submitted by fourth and fifth graders statewide. She, her family and Mrs. Sotero attended a VIP reception at the Empire State Plaza on Oct. 3. The winning posters will be featured in a 2008 Cyber Security Awareness calendar to be distributed across the nation.
- Mrs. Sullivan reported that as of today enrollment is at 1,926 students compared to 2,201 students in 1998 and 2,571 students in 1978.

Victor Malagisi, math and financial applications \$3,500 (two semesters)
 Dave Rockwell, chemistry in the community \$3,500 (two semesters)
 Hanz Litz, living environment labs (2) \$3,500 (two semesters)
 Tara Bruce, chemistry in the community \$3,500 (two semesters)
 Colleen Robinson, Earth science labs (2) \$3,500 (two semesters)
 Sean Mahon, DDP \$3,500 (two semesters)
 Kathy Zajicek, Advanced Art \$3,500 (two semesters)
 Ruthie Cook, chemistry lab, 5.5 periods \$1,750 (two semesters)
 Maria Greco, Spanish I \$3,500 (two semesters)

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

c. Appointment of Mentors for Teachers with Initial Certification

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the appointment of the following teachers as mentors of initially certified teachers, for a stipend of \$1500, pursuant to the Johnstown Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement and in accordance with the District's Professional Development Plan for the 2006-2007 school year:

*Melissa Miles, mentor for Craig Blowers
 Judi Kane, mentor for Jennifer Rockwell
 Kathryn Zajicek, mentor for Joshua Stamp
 Peter Raneri, mentor for Regan Campbell
 Lisa Buggeln, mentor for Jeffrey Tully
 James Westman, mentor for Tammy Wilson
 Paul Cuttica, mentor for Joanne Kennedy
 Susan Ackerbauer, mentor for Erin Fleury*

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE

1. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meeting held on September 25, 2006:

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VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

1. JHS Girls' Basketball Trip to Adirondack Center in St. Johnsville, NY

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the JHS Girls' basketball trip to the Adirondack Center in St. Johnsville, New York; leaving Johnstown High School on Saturday, November 11, 2006 at 12:45 p.m. and returning at approximately 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

➤Christine VanValkenburgh said the Warren PTA is working on ways to encourage kids to be here. They are purchasing new posters and working on school beautification; she has volunteered to paint a wall mural in the entryway.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

October 12, 2006	Facilities Planning Committee Meeting	5 p.m. Open to Public Johnstown High School
October 18, 2006	Extra-Curricular Committee Meeting Board Workshop re: Academic Policy Business Meeting	5 p.m. Open to Public 5:30 p.m. Open to Public 6 p.m. Open to Public Johnstown High School
October 25, 2006	Audit Committee Meeting	3 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. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular persons at 6:37 p.m.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mrs. Freeman to adjourn at _____ p.m.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk