

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Discussion/Business Meeting
November 1, 2006
Glebe Street Library

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

ATTENDEES:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Joanne Freeman	John David Praught
Robert Curtis	James Levin	Russell Martin (arrived 6:14 p.m.)
Susanne Fitzgerald	Scott Miller	

ABSENT:

Robert Kosowicz

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. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on October 18, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

- Board of Education yearbook photo (D. Lenz)
- Mr. Crankshaw welcomed the board members and introduced many Glebe Street staff members. The Glebe Street PTA provided treat bags, which were most appreciated.
- Audit Report from Dorfman-Robbie CPA's, postponed to Nov. 15
- Turner Construction Company representatives Marty Griffin and Jeff Farewell discussed their proposal for professional construction management estimating/review services for the District Wide Capital Project III and answered questions regarding the same.

V. REPORTS (PRESIDENT/STANDING COMMITTEE)

- Audit Committee (B. Curtis, Chairperson) Mr. Hopke reported the committee met with Dorfman-Robbie on Oct. 25 to review draft financial statements. They will make a full presentation at the board's Nov. 15 meeting. The committee will meet with representatives from the State Comptroller's office 4 p.m. Nov. 7 at JHS to discuss the draft exit report.
- Facilities Planning Committee (S. Miller, Chairperson) Mr. Miller reported the committee met with Turner Construction representatives on Oct. 25 and the outcome of that meeting was the proposal presented tonight. He indicated he wanted to clarify that the committee and the administration are on the same page with regard to the project, it is the architect who is not.
- Academic Curriculum Committee (J. Freeman, Chairperson) Mrs. Freeman reported the committee met at 5 p.m. today and discussed possible revisions to the academic eligibility policy. They will meet 4 p.m. on Nov. 15 at JHS to continue this discussion.
- Extra-Curricular Committee (L. Buggeln-Bosworth, Chairperson) Next meeting will be 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 at JHS

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Review Items for 11/15/06 Meeting

--Personnel Matters – Classified

- Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

--June 2006 Warrants

--June 2006 Treasurer's Reports

1. Appropriation Status Report
2. Revenue Budget Status Report
3. Unrestricted Cash Balance
4. Handwritten Checks
5. Budget Transfer Schedule #7
6. Vendor Listings by Number (Vendor Additions)

B. Removed

VII. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Resignation of Lauren Orlando, Spanish Teacher

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resignation of Lauren Orlando as Spanish Teacher, effective October 13, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

2. Leaves of Absence

a. Leave of absence for Ericka Curley

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the child care leave of absence of Ericka Curley, special education teacher, effective December 11, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

3. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Sixth Period Course Stipends for High School Teachers

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the payment of sixth period course stipend to the following individual for the 2006-2007 school year:

Ronald Savoie, CADD \$3,500 (two semesters)

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

B. STUDENT MATTERS

1. Committee for Preschool Special Education

Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Preschool Special Education meeting held on October 26, 2006:

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VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

2. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Preschool Special Education meetings held on October 12, 2006, October 16, 2006, October 19, 2006 and October 26, 2006:

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009140061 009140020 009140015
000940039 002500018 002400081

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Turner Construction Company as the Construction Management Agency for the District Wide Capital Project III

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Turner Construction Company as the construction management agency for the District Wide Capital Project III, at a cost not to exceed \$12,800 for labor, and reimbursable costs not to exceed \$700, pursuant to proposal of Turner Construction Company dated October 18, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTAIN (Mr. Martin)

2. First Reading of New Policy #6214.1, Reduction in Certified Personnel

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Curtis said over 2,300 people had attended the International Club's Haunted House during a five night period and that this is a great project for students and a lot of fun.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

November 7, 2006	Audit/Finance Committee	4 p.m. Admin. Conf. Room
November 15, 2006	Academic Curriculum Committee BOE Business Meeting	4 p.m. Conf. Room, Open 5 p.m. Executive Session 6 p.m. Open Session JHS small café
December 13, 2006	Extra-Curricular Committee BOE Business Meeting	4:30 p.m., Conf. Room, Open 5 p.m. Executive Session 6 p.m. Open Session JHS large café

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

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Martin to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular persons at 6:26 p.m.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Curtis to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk