

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
December 13, 2006
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by President Praught at 6:06 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

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

ABSENT:

Robert Curtis

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 Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on November 15, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Mr. Whelan announced the Facilities Planning Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 18 to further review information compiled from the Turner Construction report, EXCEL and Bonacci Architects
- Mrs. Sullivan announced the district was fortunate to recently receive a visit from a nationally known presenter in special education identification and it had been a rewarding experience. She indicated we are on target and even ahead of the Federal mandate.
- Mrs. Sullivan reported that the communications specialist will soon be adding an art gallery to our web site.

V. REPORTS (PRESIDENT/STANDING COMMITTEES)

- Audit Committee (B. Curtis, Chairperson) Mrs. Freeman reported the committee met earlier today and discussed internal audit control and then a couple other things.
- Facilities Planning Committee (S. Miller, Chairperson) Mr. Miller indicated the Turner Construction report was delivered at the last meeting and that they had done a great job and it was money well spent. Next meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. 12/18/06
- Academic Curriculum Committee (J. Freeman, Chairperson) Next Meeting 5 p.m. 01/10/07
- Extra-Curricular Committee (L. Buggeln-Bosworth, Chairperson) Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth reported the committee met earlier today and discussed the Family Fun Night scheduled for 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. January 11, 2007 at JHS. Healthlink and Cornell Cooperative Extension will be present with activities and displays; the physical education department will organize activities and there will be giveaways, funded by grant money. All are welcome to attend, although children must be accompanied by an adult. She announced that the Wellness Committee is meeting tomorrow at 4 p.m. and all are welcome; reported that numbers are up in the

wrestling program and we are therefore investigating adding an additional paid coaching position; and advised that her committee had discussed issues relating to the student newspaper, "The Bugle."

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Amended Resignation of Megan Morrison, Teacher Aide

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the amended resignation of Megan Morrison as a Teacher Aide, effective January 5, 2007 instead of January 12, 2007.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

b. Termination of Ashley Myers, Teacher Aide

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the termination of Ashley Myers as a Teacher Aide, effective November 1, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

c. Termination of Erika Lindsay, Teacher Aide

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the termination of Erika Lindsay as a Teacher Aide, effective November 17, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

2. Leaves of Absence

3. Abolishments

4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Permanent Appointment of Erin Dougherty, Library Typist

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the permanent appointment of Erin Dougherty as a Library Typist effective November 21, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

b. Permanent Appointment of Lorie Allen, School Monitor

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the permanent appointment of Lorie Allen as a School Monitor effective December 18, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

c. Substitute Appointment of Brian Crankshaw, School Bus Driver

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Brian Crankshaw as a School Bus Driver, with a pay rate per the 2006/07 substitute pay schedule effective November 21, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

B. WARRANTS – October 2006

Motion by Mrs. Freman seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the District Auditor, to accept the following warrants for October 2006, as seen in addendum #1:

*General (A): # 16, 18
School Lunch (C): # 7, 8
Federal (F): # 6, 7
Trust & Agency (TA): # 7,8
Expendable Trust (TE): # 2*

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

C. TREASURER’S REPORT – October 2006

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer’s Report for October 2006, as seen in addendum #2.

*Appropriation Status Report
Unrestricted Cash Balance
Handwritten Checks
Vendor Listing by Number (Vendor Additions)*

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

D. COOPERATIVE MEAT BID #07-08

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to award the Cooperative Meat Bid #07-08 to Quandt’s Food Service and Ginsberg’s Food Service as the lowest, qualified, responsible bidders, as seen in addendum #3.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

E. TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT OF UNPAID TAXES

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the tax collector’s report of unpaid taxes as seen in addendum #4.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

F. TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to add Halliday Financial Group to the list of prospective companies for tax sheltered annuities, as seen in addendum # 5.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

VII. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Resignation of Kathleen Smith as Cheerleading Head Coach

Motion by Mr. Kosowicz seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resignation of Kathleen Smith as cheerleading head coach for the 2006-2007 school year:

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

2. Leaves of Absence

a. Leave of Absence for Kimberly Park

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a childcare leave of absence for Kimberly Park, elementary teacher, from March 29, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

b. Leave of Absence Extension for Christina Sitts

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to allow an extension of unpaid child care leave of absence for Christina Sitts, as elementary teacher, effective January 2, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

3. Abolishments

4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Adjustment of Term Appointment of Tammy Wilson

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to extend the expiration date of the term assignment of Tammy Wilson, extended leave substitute elementary teacher, to June 30, 2007.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

b. Payment of Music Festival Stipend to Daniel Jones

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the payment of \$104.00 as music festival stipend for Daniel Jones for attendance at the November 18, 2006 All Area State Festival Weekend in Saratoga Springs, New York, per JTA agreement.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

c. Term Appointments of Coaches

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following term appointments of coaches for the 2006-2007 school year:

Sheli Murray, head coach, alpine skiing \$3,177

Craig Blowers, boys' basketball volunteer	Unpaid
Edward D. Hart, III, boys' basketball volunteer	Unpaid
Aaron Mraz, girls' basketball volunteer	Unpaid
Jim Mraz, girls' basketball volunteer	Unpaid
Jennifer Jurica Sweeney, head coach, Nordic skiing	\$3,177
Jim Biron, wrestling volunteer	Unpaid
Clint Froschauer, wrestling volunteer	Unpaid
Chuck Gibson, wrestling volunteer	Unpaid
Melissa Zanella, cheerleading head coach	\$ 976
Aaron Mraz, baseball head coach	\$3,177

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE

1. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on 11/13/06, 11/20/06, 11/27/06 and 11/30/06:

009140077	002400084	009140078	000970017
002400058	000890108	009140154	009140155
009140156	009140157	009140161	009140159
009140160	002400038	000240041	000990009
002500080	009140136		

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. First Reading of Revised Policy #7412

#7412 – Academic Eligibility

2. Waiver of Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy #7412

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to waive the second reading of revised policy #7412 – Academic Eligibility and adopt the same effective December 13, 2006.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

3. Extension of Employment Agreement for John Whelan, Superintendent of Schools

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to extend the employment of John Whelan, Superintendent of Schools, through June 30, 2009, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute a memorandum of agreement with such terms as agreed upon by the Board of Education.

VOTE: 4 YES 4 NO (Fitzgerald, Miller, Freeman, Levin)

4. Extension of Employment Agreement for John Whelan, Superintendent of Schools

*Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to **TABLE THE MOTION TO** extend the employment of John Whelan, Superintendent of Schools, through June 30, 2009, and authorizing the Board President to execute a memorandum of agreement with such terms as agreed upon by the Board of Education.*

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

5. **Extension of Employment Agreement for Katherine Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction**

Motion by Mr. Kosowicz seconded by Mr. Levin to extend the employment of Katherine Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, through June 30, 2010, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute a memorandum of agreement with such terms as agreed upon by the Board of Education.

VOTE: 7 YES 1 NO (Freeman)

IX. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Kathy Dougherty spoke about Pleasant Ave.'s current school-wide character education fundraiser, "Canines for Combat Vets," which supplies service dogs for combat vets who have lost the use of their legs. They are attempting to raise \$500 by selling "bones" for \$5 and "pawprints" for .25 so that they can name a dog.
- Mrs. Dougherty also noted that, as some families are not as fortunate as others, Pleasant Ave. is providing support to 10 families for the holidays. She offered thanks to Walmart Returns (Excel), Coldwell Banker, the Pleasant Ave. staff, John Hladik, JAVAC, First Presbyterian Church, the Fulton County Sheriff, Bank of America and three private families for their assistance with donations.

X. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

January 10, 2006	Discussion Meeting	6 p.m. Open to Public Jansen Ave. Library
January 24, 2006	Business Meeting	6 p.m. Open to Public JHS small café

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

Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Levin 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. Kosowicz seconded by Mr. Levin to adjourn at 7:30p.m.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk