

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Discussion/Business Meeting**  
**January 10, 2007**  
**Jansen Ave. Library**

I. Called to order by President Praught at 6:01 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Robert Kosowicz	Scott Miller	Joanne Freeman
Susanne Fitzgerald	John David Praught	Russell Martin
Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	James Levin	Robert Curtis (departed 6:54 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. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

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

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth 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:            6 YES            3 NO (Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Levin, Mr. Miller)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on December 13, 2006.*

VOTE:            9 YES            0 NO

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

➤ Jeff Farewell of Turner Construction Company and Dave Bonacci of Bonacci Architects were present to discuss the District Wide Capital Project and addressed questions raised by Board members regarding the status of bid documents, providing for add or deduct alternates, changes in estimates, Excel funding and SED review. Board members will have an opportunity to review bid documents at the district office prior to the January 24 meeting.

VI. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS DISTRICT SECURITY ISSUES

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing district security issues at 6:54 p.m.*

VOTE:            9 Yes            0 No

VII. MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to reconvene in public session at 7:25 p.m.*

VOTE:            8 Yes            0 No

**VIII. REPORTS (PRESIDENT/STANDING COMMITTEES)**

- Audit Committee (B. Curtis, Chairperson)
- Facilities Planning Committee (S. Miller, Chairperson) 12/18/06 meeting covered during Turner Construction and Bonacci Architects report earlier
- Academic Curriculum Committee (J. Freeman, Chairperson) Met 1/10/07; Mr. Carr reviewed junior high class structure; discussed information obtained during NYSSBA Convention in NYC regarding ways to improve and meet the needs of students
- Extra-Curricular Committee (L. Buggeln-Bosworth, Chairperson) Next mtg 1/24, 5:30 p.m.; Reminder regarding Family Fun Night tomorrow at JHS starting at 6:00 p.m.

**IX. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. APPROVAL OF INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement for Internal Audit Services with Questar III BOCES for 2006/07, pursuant to the agreement dated December 12, 2006.*

VOTE:              7   YES              1   NO (Mr. Martin)

**B. SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT VEHICLE BID #07-12**

*Motion by Mr. Kosowicz seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Equipment Vehicle Bid #07-12 (2001 Toro Reelmaster 3100-D) to the Canajoharie Country Club as the highest, qualified, responsible bidder for \$12,052.00.*

VOTE:              8   YES              0   NO

**C. Review Items for 01/24/07 Meeting**

--Personnel Matters – Classified

- Separations
- Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

--Cooperative Canned Food Bid #07-09

--November 2006 Warrants

--November 2006 Treasurer's Reports

- Appropriation Status Report
- Unrestricted Cash Balance
- Handwritten Checks
- Budget Transfer Schedule #2
- Vendor Listing By Number (Vendor Additions)

**X. EDUCATION ITEMS**

**A. PERSONNEL**

**1. Separations**

**a. Leave of Absence Extension for Jennifer Keller**

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an extension of unpaid childcare leave of absence for Jennifer Keller, social studies teacher, from September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008.*

VOTE:              8   YES              0   NO



VOTE:             8   YES             0   NO

**C.     STUDENT MATTERS**

**1.     Senior Trip to Virginia Beach, Virginia**

*Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Johnstown Senior Class trip to Virginia Beach, Virginia from Saturday, May 19, 2007 (departing Johnstown High School at approximately 12:01 a.m.) to Tuesday, May 22, 2007 (returning to Johnstown High School at approximately 12:35 a.m.).*

VOTE:             8   YES             0   NO

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

- Jansen Ave. Principal Patti Sotero introduced PTA President Lisa Van Aernam and offered thanks for the many projects the PTA makes possible, including computer classes currently being offered to parents and neighborhood residents.
- Mr. Praught thanked the PTA for providing treats for the board this evening and commended them for the good job they do, which means a lot to the system.

**XII.   INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

January 24, 2007 Wednesday	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
February 12, 2007 Monday	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School

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

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 7:43 p.m.*

VOTE:             8   Yes             0   No

**XIV.   ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.*

VOTE:             8   YES             0   NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter  
District Clerk