

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Business Meeting**  
**March 21, 2007**  
**Johnstown High School**

I. Called to order by President Praught at 6:04 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Russell Martin	Joanne Freeman (departed 8:30 pm)	Robert Curtis
James Levin	John Praught	Robert Kosowicz
Susanne Fitzgerald	Scott Miller	

ABSENT:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth

OTHERS:

John S. Whelan                      Peter Hopke

**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 March 7, 2007 and March 14, 2007.*

VOTE:                      8 YES                      0 NO

**IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

- Architects Dave Bonacci and Larry Czajkowski reported on the capital project. Items reviewed included 1) the necessity for the HVAC and asbestos abatement re-bidding process; and 2) two options for the auditorium portion of the project given that there won't be enough funds from the current bond to cover the cost. Option one is to move ahead with project minus the auditorium portion and re-bid it separately in the future, while option two is to ask bidders to hold prices for extended period of time and go back to the voters and seek additional funds to cover it. The second option results in less impact to the voters; the first option would result in a totally separate project subject to another SED approval).
- Mr. Hopke advised that there has been no change in the state budget yet, but that a check is on the way to the district for aid from 2000-01, which can be used as an unanticipated \$121,000 addition to the fund balance. A handout with 2007-08 preliminary revenue projections was provided to Board members.

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

- Audit Committee (B. Curtis, Chairperson) Meeting pending, no date set.
- Facilities Planning Committee (S. Miller, Chairperson) Mr. Miller issued a thank you for the enormous amount of time and effort expended.
- Academic Curriculum Committee (J. Freeman, Chairperson) Mrs. Freeman asked to schedule a full board workshop to discuss facilities and enrollment after the April break.
- Extra-Curricular Committee (L. Buggeln-Bosworth, Chairperson) Next mtg. 4/3/07 5:30 p.m.

VI. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **PERSONNEL**

1. **Separations**

a. **Resignation of Peter Hopke, District Treasurer**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Peter Hopke as District Treasurer tentatively effective April 16, 2007, the duties of that office being separate and apart from the duties of the Business Administrator in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Education on February 12, 2007.*

VOTE:              7   YES                              1   NO (Mr. Martin)

b. **Resignation of Lorie Allen, School Monitor (Cafeteria)**

*Motion by Mr. Kosowicz seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resignation of Lorie Allen as a School Monitor (Cafeteria) effective February 17, 2007.*

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

2. **Leaves of Absence**

3. **Abolishments**

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **Term Appointment of School District Treasurer**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the term appointment of Alice M. Dillenbeck as the School District Treasurer of the Greater Johnstown School District at a salary of \$39,900.00 (pro-rated), tentatively effective April 16, 2007 through June 30, 2007, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute an employment agreement with such terms as agreed upon by the Board of Education.*

*AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby directs that Alice M. Dillenbeck shall, upon undertaking the duties of School District Treasurer, and within 10 days after notice in writing of her appointment is duly served upon her, execute and deliver to the Board of Education, by filing with the School District Clerk, an insurance bond known in the law as an official undertaking conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of her office in the amount of at least \$1,000,000. This shall be at the district's expense.*

VOTE:              7   YES                              1   NO (Mr. Martin)

**Administration of Oath of Office**

*Administration of Oath of Faithful Performance in Office in accordance with Public Officer's Laws 10 and 30 and NYS Constitution Act XIII-1 (to be administered at a later date due to absence).*

**b. Creation of Temporary Teacher Aide (one to one)**

*Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the creation of a Teacher Aide (one to one) position effective March 15, 2007 for an undetermined amount of time but to end no later than June 30, 2007.*

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**c. Probationary Appointment of Sandra Johnson, Teacher Aide (one to one)**

*Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Sandra Johnson, as a Teacher Aide (one to one), 10 months per year, \$7.48 per hour, effective March 5, 2007.*

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**d. Permanent Appointment of Pamela Nellis, Food Service Helper**

*Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Kosowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the permanent appointment of Pamela Nellis as a Food Service Helper, effective April 9, 2007.*

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**B. WARRANTS – January 2007**

*Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the District Auditor, to accept the following warrants for January 2007, as seen in addendum #1:*

General (A):                           # 31, 32, 35  
School Lunch (C):                   # 14, 15, 16  
Federal (F):                           #13, 14, 16  
Trust & Agency (TA):               # 14, 15, 16, 17  
Expendable Trust (TE):             #5

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**C. TREASURER'S REPORT – January 2007**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2007, as seen in addendum #2:*

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

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**VII. EDUCATION ITEMS**

**A. PERSONNEL**

**1. Separations**

**2. Leaves of Absence**

3. **Abolishments**

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **Term Appointments of Coaching Staff**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following spring coaches for the 2006-2007 school year:*

<i>Andrew Roth, Boys' Lacrosse Asst #1</i>	<i>\$1,337</i>
<i>Shelli Murray, Girls' Lacrosse Volunteer</i>	<i>Unpaid</i>
<i>Clint Froschauer, Girls' Softball Asst #2</i>	<i>\$2,062</i>
<i>Nicholas Colistra, Boys' Tennis Head Coach</i>	<i>\$1,951</i>
<i>Charles Goebel, Track &amp; Field Asst #3</i>	<i>\$2,062</i>

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

b. **Payment of Music Festival Stipends**

*Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Curtis to **TABLE** the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the payment of music festival stipends for attendance at the Fulton County Music Festival 2 on March 2, 2007 and March 3, 2007 for the following individuals:*

<i>Anthony LaCoppola</i>	<i>\$104</i>
<i>Cynthia Fiorenza</i>	<i>\$104</i>
<i>Tamara Healy</i>	<i>\$104</i>
<i>Daniel Jones</i>	<i>\$104</i>
<i>Joshua Stamp</i>	<i>\$104</i>
<i>Kim Tyler</i>	<i>\$104</i>
<i>Patricia Zullo</i>	<i>\$104</i>

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE**

1. **Committee for Pre-School Special Education**

*Motion by Mr. Kosowicz seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Pre-school Special Education meeting(s) held on 3/21/07:*

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VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

2. **Committee for Special Education**

*Motion by Mr. Kosowicz seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meeting(s) held on 2/28/07, 3/1/07, 3/6/07, 3/8/07, 3/9/07, 3/12/07, and 3/14/07:*

<i>0008900098</i>	<i>000920072</i>	<i>000900082</i>	<i>002500036</i>
<i>000880941</i>	<i>000860206</i>	<i>000880949</i>	<i>000910108</i>
<i>000880966</i>	<i>000900083</i>	<i>000900054</i>	<i>000890065</i>
<i>009140201</i>	<i>000000079</i>	<i>000890072</i>	<i>000910089</i>
<i>000890090</i>	<i>000910068</i>	<i>000880964</i>	<i>000910073</i>
<i>002500031</i>	<i>000910064</i>	<i>000900010</i>	<i>000920067</i>
<i>000880029</i>	<i>000890094</i>	<i>002500035</i>	<i>009140158</i>
<i>000880912</i>	<i>000900063</i>	<i>000900106</i>	<i>000880921</i>

000910085	000900123	000890028	000890002
000880005	000240020	009140144	000880976
000920044	000900118	000880916	009140071
002400084	000910107	000890075	000880980
000890029	000890113	000890112	000890093
000900038	000890051	000900034	000890044
009140188	009140159	009140061	009140191
009140190	009140074		

VOTE:            8 YES                    0 NO

**VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

**A. Adoption of Textbook**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the textbook Essentials of Sociology – A Down-To-Earth Approach for use in Johnstown High School, beginning in September 2007.*

VOTE:            8 YES                    0 NO

**B. Motion for Proposition to be placed on May 15, 2007 Ballot for Additional District-Wide III Facilities Funding**

*Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Curtis recommending that the Board of Education place a proposition before the voters at the 2007-08 annual budget vote on May 15, 2007 seeking an additional \$4,000,000 in funding for the construction of a new auditorium at JHS, together with renovations to the existing auditorium, all as part of the District-Wide III Facilities Project previously adopted by the District and approved by SED, subject to language to be recommended by legal counsel.*

VOTE:            8 YES                    0 NO

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

- Steven Leigh, speaking as the parent of a varsity athlete, questioned the chain of command for choosing coaches and resolving issues. He was reminded that the Board does not permit oral comment on personnel decisions and was advised to submit his concerns in writing.
- Dick Baker asked whether there will be other budget meetings besides the workshop last week or if the budget is ready to go. He indicated that the board use to provide the public with copies of whatever documents they were looking at, but they didn't so this year or last year and he doesn't believe that is fair.

**X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

April 3, 2007	Discussion/Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session
Tuesday ( <u>change in date</u> )		Johnstown High School

April 25, 2007	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session
		Johnstown High School

April 25, 2007	Candidate Nominating Petition Deadline	5:00 PM District Clerk's Office
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April 26, 2007	Candidate Ballot Draw	1:00 PM District Clerk's Office
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**XI. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Levin to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 7:05 p.m.*

VOTE:            8 Yes                    0 No

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Curtis to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.*

VOTE:            7 YES            0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,  
District Clerk