

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Business Meeting**  
**October 17, 2007**  
**Johnstown High School**

I. Called to order by President Praught at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

|                                    |                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| James Levin                        | Susanne Fitzgerald                 | Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth |
| Scott Miller                       | John David Praught                 | Joanne Freeman          |
| Robert Curtis (departed 6:42 p.m.) | Russell Martin (arrived 6:17 p.m.) |                         |

EXCUSED:

Robert Kosowicz

OTHERS:

|                |                    |             |
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| 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. Levin seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on September 19 and October 3, 2007.*

VOTE:              7   YES                              0   NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Mr. Whelan advised that a meeting will take place tomorrow with Fulton County EDC Director Jeff Bray to discuss economic development and any anticipated impact on district enrollment. It is expected that a timeline and options will be provided to the Board for review and discussion by March, 2008.
- Clerk of the works, Michael Croneiser, reported as follows regarding the Capital Project: Knox Field is, for the most part, completed; the track was painted today; there is some clean-up and landscape touch-up to do. Pleasant Ave. & Knox have their new fuel tanks installed. The boilers at both Knox & JHS have been fired up and work fine; some fine tuning will be done to temperature controls next week. The roof is installed on the classroom addition at JHS, utilities are 95% roughed in; interior block is complete; paint priming has started. Floors are being poured at the field house concession stand and the utility rough-ins are complete. The auditorium foundation is complete, part of the steel has been delivered and erection will start tomorrow; the re-routed utilities have been tied in, tested and approved. Mr. Levin asked if there are major milestones to complete before winter and was advised that completing Knox Field was the first milestone, the next will be in February for the classroom addition and field house, which deadline we may beat. Mr. Curtis expressed concerns about the drainage pond near Warren Street School. Mr. Croneiser will monitor it after the next substantial rainfall.
- Mr. Hopke introduced Alan Walther of Dorfman-Robbie CPA's, who summarized the results set forth in the district's Financial Statements and Required Reports Under OMB Circular A-133 for the year ended June 30, 2007. The external auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs was unqualified, which is the highest level available. Mr. Curtis offered congratulations to Mr. Hopke and his shop (the business office staff).

V. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **PERSONNEL**

1. **Separations**

a. **Resignation of Toni Horning, School Bus Attendant**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Toni Horning as a School Bus Attendant, effective September 28, 2007.*

VOTE:             8   YES                             0   NO

2. **Leaves of Absence**

3. **Abolishments**

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **Permanent Appointment of Sharon Pinaha, School Monitor (Cafeteria)**

*Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the permanent appointment of Sharon Pinaha, as a School Monitor (Cafeteria), effective October 18, 2007.*

VOTE:             8   YES                             0   NO

b. **Probationary Appointment of Carolyn Pesce, School Bus Attendant**

*Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Carolyn Pesce as a School Bus Attendant, 10 months per year, \$7.42/hour, effective October 1, 2007.*

VOTE:             8   YES                             0   NO

c. **Substitute Appointment of Michele Kuhne, School Bus Driver**

*Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Michele Kuhne as a Bus Driver, pay per the 2007/08 classified substitute pay schedule, effective September 24, 2007 through June 30, 2008.*

VOTE:             8   YES                             0   NO

d. **Substitute Appointment of Judith Douglas, Food Service Helper**

*Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Judith Douglas as a Food Service Helper, pay per the 2007/08 classified substitute pay schedule, effective October 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.*

VOTE:             8   YES                             0   NO

**e. Casual Employment Opportunities 2007/08 School Year**

*Motion by Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following for the Casual Employment Opportunities for the 2007/08 school year:*

Jeffrey Kincheloe

Craig Blowers

VOTE: 8 YES

0 NO

**B. WARRANTS – June 2007**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the District Auditor, to accept the following warrant for June 2007, as seen in addendum #1:*

General (A): #57, 58  
Federal (F): #25, 26  
School Lunch (C): #26, 27  
Capital Bonds (H): #1  
Trust & Agency (TA): #30, 31, 32, 33, 34  
Expendable Trust (TE): #9

VOTE: 8 YES

0 NO

**C. WARRANTS – July 2007**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the District Auditor, to accept the following warrant for July 2007, as seen in addendum #2:*

General (A): # 3, 4, 6  
School Lunch (C): # 1, 2, 3  
Federal (F): # 1, 3, 4  
Capital Bonds (H): #1,  
Trust & Agency (TA): #2, 3, 4  
Expendable Trust (TE): #1

VOTE: 8 YES

0 NO

**D. WARRANTS – August 2007**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the District Auditor, to accept the following warrant for August 2007, as seen in addendum #3:*

General (A): # 7, 9  
School Lunch (C): # 4, 5  
Federal (F): # 5, 6  
Trust & Agency (TA): # 5, 6, 7

VOTE: 8 YES

0 NO

**E. TREASURER'S REPORT – June 2007**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2007, as seen in addendum #4:*

1. *Appropriation Status Report*
2. *Revenue Budget Status Report*

3. *Unrestricted Cash Balance*
4. *Handwritten Checks*
5. *Budget Transfer Schedule #10*
6. *Vendor Listing by Number (Vendor Additions)*

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

**F.    TREASURER’S REPORT – July 2007**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer’s Report for July 2007, as seen in addendum #5:*

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

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

**G.    TREASURER’S REPORT – August 2007**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer’s Report for August 2007, as seen in addendum #6:*

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

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

**H.    ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION AND AMENDMENT OF BUDGET**

*Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the donation of \$6,500.00 from Wal-Mart for classroom supplies and, be it*

*Further resolved, that the Board of Education increase the 2007-08 General Fund budget by \$6,500.00 as follows:*

|                               |                                      |                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Increase Revenues:</i>     | <i>A2705 - Gifts &amp; Donations</i> | <i>\$6,500</i> |
| <i>Increase Expenditures:</i> | <i>A2110501- Supplies</i>            | <i>\$6,500</i> |
| <i>Budget Increase:</i>       | <i>From \$27,106,390</i>             |                |
|                               | <i>To: \$27,112,890</i>              |                |

*Be it further resolved, that the Treasurer of the Board of Education be authorized to appropriate funds as specified by this resolution.*

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

**I.    ANNUAL AUDIT**

*Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the annual audit for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.*

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

**VI. EDUCATION ITEMS**

**A. PERSONNEL**

**1. Separations**

**a. Resignation of David Halloran as Assistant High School Principal**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of David Halloran, Assistant High School Principal, effective at the end of the school day, October 19, 2007.*

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

*Note: Mr. Praught requests that Mr. Halloran's resignation be accepted with regret.*

**b. Resignation of Daniel Jones as SADD Advisor**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Daniel Jones, as SADD Advisor for the 2007-2008 school year.*

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

**Resignation of Carol Miller, Health Teacher**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Carol Miller, health teacher, effective September 1, 2007.*

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

**2. Leaves of Absence**

**3. Abolishments**

**4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

**a. Term Appointment of James Morton, Music Teacher**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the term appointment of James Morton as music teacher, effective September 4, 2007 through June 26, 2008 at Step A1 (\$37,434) of the Johnstown Teachers' Association Agreement.*

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

**b. Sixth Period Course Stipends for High School Teachers**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the payment of sixth period course stipends to the following individuals for the 2007-2008 school year:*

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| <i>Tara Bruce, .5 Living Environment Lab</i>     | <i>\$1750</i> |
| <i>Ruthie Cook, .5 Chemistry Lab</i>             | <i>\$1750</i> |
| <i>Hanz Litz, .5 Living Environment Lab</i>      | <i>\$1750</i> |
| <i>David Rockwell, .5 Living Environment Lab</i> | <i>\$1750</i> |

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**c.       Extra-Curricular Appointments**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following extra-curricular appointments for the 2007-2008 school year:*

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| <i>Joan Capobianco, Freshman Class Advisor</i>              | <i>\$857</i>   |
| <i>Charlene Dybas, Freshman Class Advisor</i>               | <i>\$857</i>   |
| <i>Amy Shutter, Intramural Supervisor at Warren St</i>      | <i>\$19/hr</i> |
| <i>Caroline Simpson, Intramural Supervisor at Warren St</i> | <i>\$19/hr</i> |

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**d.       Appointments of Winter Coaches**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following winter coaches for the 2007-2008 school year:*

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| <i>Sheli Murray, alpine ski head coach</i>                  | <i>\$3,257</i>  |
| <i>Jeremy Weber, bowling head coach</i>                     | <i>\$2,000</i>  |
| <i>Scott Hale, boys' basketball head coach</i>              | <i>\$3,884</i>  |
| <i>Hanz Litz, boys' basketball assistant #1</i>             | <i>\$2,744</i>  |
| <i>John St. Peter, boys' basketball assistant #2</i>        | <i>\$2,571</i>  |
| <i>Andrew Jablonski, boys' basketball assistant #3</i>      | <i>\$2,399</i>  |
| <i>Frederick Guzielek, boys' basketball assistant #4</i>    | <i>\$2,285</i>  |
| <i>Craig Blowers, boys' basketball volunteer</i>            | <i>Unpaid</i>   |
| <i>Tim Derwin, girls' basketball head coach</i>             | <i>\$3,884</i>  |
| <i>Colleen Tabor, girls' basketball assistant #1</i>        | <i>\$2,744</i>  |
| <i>Mark Ralbovsky, girls' basketball assistant #2</i>       | <i>\$2,571</i>  |
| <i>Jennifer Rockwell, girls' basketball assistant #3</i>    | <i>\$2,399</i>  |
| <i>John Broderick, boys' swimming and diving head coach</i> | <i>\$3,141*</i> |
| <i>*paid by Fonda-Fultonville</i>                           |                 |
| <i>Mark Gillen, wrestling head coach</i>                    | <i>\$3,428</i>  |
| <i>Mark Jones, wrestling assistant #1</i>                   | <i>\$2,571</i>  |
| <i>Melissa Zanella, cheerleading head coach</i>             | <i>\$1,000</i>  |

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**e.       Extra-Curricular Appointment**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following extra-curricular appointment for the 2007-2008 school year:*

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| <i>James Morton, Women's Chorale Director</i> | <i>\$1,485</i> |
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VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**f.       Appointment of Knox After-School Detention Supervisors**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following individuals as Knox detention supervisors at \$15.00 per hour (by timesheet) during the 2007-2008 school year:*

|                       |                     |                       |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Beth Brower</i>    | <i>Gloria Bruno</i> | <i>Regan Campbell</i> |
| <i>Janie Egelston</i> | <i>Sue Elliott</i>  | <i>Cindy Fiorenza</i> |

|                           |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Richard Fitzgerald</i> | <i>Matthew Greco</i>      | <i>Rebecca Hart</i>       |
| <i>Cherie Hockey</i>      | <i>Jonathan Jennings</i>  | <i>Mark Jones</i>         |
| <i>Andy LaCoppola</i>     | <i>Kristy Lynch</i>       | <i>Victor Malagisi</i>    |
| <i>Thomas Orlando</i>     | <i>Peter Raneri</i>       | <i>Roger Rhodes</i>       |
| <i>Merrill Rockwell</i>   | <i>Laura Schuttenberg</i> | <i>Patricia Simcinski</i> |
| <i>Jennifer Sweeney</i>   | <i>Colleen Tabor</i>      | <i>Angela Yetto</i>       |

VOTE:             8   YES                             0   NO

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

**1.     Committee for Special Education**

*Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meeting(s) held on 9/13/07, 9/20/07, 9/27/07, 10/4/07 and 10/10/07:*

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 000115012 | 000980014 | 009140275 | 000286462 |
| 009140277 | 009140279 | 009140278 | 000920015 |
| 000140234 | 000186138 | 000113591 | 000930029 |
| 000122004 | 009140003 | 000176961 | 000960054 |
| 009140276 | 000176979 | 000153780 | 000115012 |
| 000281208 | 000126999 | 000122006 | 000305621 |
| 000125806 | 000122012 | 000195254 |           |

VOTE:             8   YES                             0   NO

**C.     STUDENT MATTERS**

**1.     JHS Girls’ Basketball Trip to Adirondack Center**

*Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the JHS girls’ basketball trip to Adirondack Center in St. Johnsville, New York, for team building; leaving Johnstown High School on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at 12:45 p.m. and returning at approximately 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, November 11, 2007.*

VOTE:             8   YES                             0   NO

*Note: Mrs. Freeman requests a copy of the itinerary and chaperone list.*

**VII.   BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

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

- Christopher Hodgkin on behalf of Sandra Clark inquired about speaking at schools, specifically at Knox, regarding tobacco use. Mrs. Sullivan indicated that would be the choice of the new health teacher and principal.
- Jane Brower questioned the timeliness of communications to parents of morning pre-k students during the recent evacuation at Warren Street and asked that the system be reviewed. Mr. Whelan advised other avenues, including an alert system, are under investigation.
- Jason Fazio said the disrepair of the nature trail behind Pleasant Avenue is a negative. Mr. Whelan asked him to please contact E.J. Maye if he is interested in coordinating a volunteer clean-up.
- Mrs. Freeman stated that the marching band performed on the new football field Friday evening and that the field is unbelievable. She added that she is sure people who have to wash football uniforms will appreciate them no longer being full of mud.

**IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

|                   |  |   |
|-------------------|--|---|
| November 7, 2007  | Extra-Curricular & Audit Committees<br>Academic & Facilities Committees<br>Discussion/Business Meeting | 6:00 PM –6:30 PM<br>6:30PM – 7:00 PM<br>7:00 PM Public Session<br>Jansen Avenue Library |
| November 28, 2007 | Business Meeting   | 6:00 PM Public Session<br>Johnstown High School   |

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Mr. Levin, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald, to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.*

*VOTE:             7   YES                     0   NO*

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,  
District Clerk