

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Discussion/Business Meeting
September 7, 2005
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by Board President at 6:00 PM.

ATTENDEES:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Kathleen Leo	Russell Martin (arrived 6:15 PM)
Robert Curtis	Richard McGuire	
Joanne Freeman	Scott Miller (arrived 6:01 PM)	

ABSENT

Peter Cinelli	John David Praught
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OTHERS:

John S. Whelan	Katherine Sullivan	Peter Hopke (arrived 6:04 PM)
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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on August 17 and August 23, 2005.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Mr. Whelan advised that discussions are taking place with Peter Sciocchetti at the Fulton County Economic Development Corp regarding leasing the Karg Building at 20 Cresendoe Road for our warehouse and transportation facility, due to the fact that our lease for the Snyder Ave. premises will not be renewed when it expires at year's end.
- Mrs. Sullivan reported that opening day went smoothly and expressed gratitude to the custodial staff for their work in making everything look beautiful. Mr. Harris from Glebe Street, Mrs. Sotero from Jansen Ave., Mrs. Dougherty from Pleasant Ave., Mrs. Christiano from Warren Street, Mr. Beatty from JHS and Mr. Raspanti from Special Ed all spoke about the successful start of the school year.

IV. REPORTS (PRESIDENT/STANDING COMMITTEES)

President McGuire asked the Board to consider reducing the "Public Comment" portion of the agenda from two sessions to one, permitting the public to speak at the end of the meeting rather than at both the beginning and the end, starting with the September 21st meeting. He noted that while public comment is an important aspect, it should not disrupt the flow of the meeting, and pointed out that while Board meetings are held in public, they are not public meetings and the public should not interfere with the Board's efficient completion of business. Various options were discussed, but no vote was taken. He asked that this topic be placed on the next meeting agenda for further review.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS - CLASSIFIED

- Separations
- Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

VI. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Second Reading of Policy #7260, Phase in Graduation Standard of 65 on Required Regents Examinations

2. Adoption of Policy #7620, Phase in Graduation Standard of 65 on Required Regents Examinations

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt Policy 7620, Phase in Graduation Standard of 65 on Required Regents Examinations, effective September 7, 2005.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA AND NON-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 business meeting where the Board permits the public comment on agenda and non-agenda items. The Board will accept written comments from the public on this subject matter and all other agenda and non-agenda items."

- John Galinsky inquired as to the status of GJSD's athletic conference alignment. Mr. Whelan stated we are still in the Foothills and it has been indicated to him that there is currently a moratorium on the Colonial Council, but further meetings are pending.
- Mrs. Freeman was excited that the football team had won their opening game and disappointed that it didn't receive more prominent coverage from the Leader Herald.
- Mr. Miller said he had been asked why a turf field is necessary at Knox and why a concession stand is needed at the high school if all teams can play at Knox. Mr. Whelan advised that it is not possible to have all teams play at Knox due to scheduling conflicts. He indicated that Knox field needs work due to drainage issues and, if we use field turf it will be useable as soon as the work is completed, versus a two-year wait if we go natural. Mr. McGuire commented on the need for rest room facilities for both players and fans at softball and baseball games and Mrs. Freeman pointed out that a concession stand at the field reduces foot traffic in the main building and will generate income.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

September 21, 2005	GJSD Voter Registration	12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM Administration Office
September 21, 2005	BOE Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
October 4, 2005	Capital Project Vote	Polls Open Noon – 9:00 PM
October 5, 2005	BOE Discussion/Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Pleasant Ave. Library

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. McGuire seconded by Mrs. Freeman to adjourn at 6:42 PM.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk