

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
December 14, 2005
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by Board President at 5:01 PM.

ATTENDEES:

Richard McGuire	Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Peter Cinelli (arrived 5:05 PM)
John David Praught	Joanne Freeman	Robert Curtis (arrived 5:10 PM)
Kathleen Leo	Scott Miller (arrived 5:02 PM)	

EXCUSED:

Russell Martin

OTHERS:

John S. Whelan	Katherine Sullivan	Peter Hopke
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II. **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON**

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Leo to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular individual at 5:01 PM.

VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No

III. **MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Leo to return to public session at 6:07 PM.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

IV. **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."

V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on November 16, 2005.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No (Mrs. Freeman absent from room 6:07-6:09PM)

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

- Attorney J. Paul Kolodziej discussed the necessity of revising the Empire Zone Boundary to remove two parcels (Johnstown Knit & Johnstown Hotel) due to changes in State regulations.
- Mrs. Sullivan reported that the teachers have been involved in training sessions for web sites that offer opportunities for students to use interactive instructional software, without the necessity of purchasing the software. She also advised that we are looking into upgrading the AutoCAD software at JHS.
- Mrs. Sullivan provided a handout setting forth WMHT's television schedule for all performances of Music for the Holidays 2005, which the Knox Jr. High School Choir was chosen to participate in.
- Mrs. Sullivan announced that three year building plans, which outline the district goals, set forth the methods by which we work to accomplish those goals, and are reviewed regularly to determine our status in achieving those goals, are available if anyone wants to look at them.

VII. REPORTS (PRESIDENT/STANDING COMMITTEES)

- Mr. Cinelli stated that the December 7th Facilities Planning Committee meeting had focused mainly on the Capital Project. Mr. Whelan announced that the Board will be meeting with the architect for a Capital Projects Workshop on December 21st at 7:00 PM in the JHS Café. While the workshop is for the Board, the community is welcome to attend and listen.
- Mr. Praught indicated that the Extra-Curricular Committee had not met in December due to conflicting holiday schedules. The next meeting will take place on January 11, 2006 at 4:00 PM at Glebe Street.
- Mr. McGuire reported that Mr. Martin, chair of the Academic Committee, had been released from Ellis Hospital today following heart bypass surgery last week. It was decided that Mrs. Freeman should act as temporary Chair of the committee until Mr. Martin is able to return.
- Mrs. Freeman reiterated that, as announced previously, the Finance Committee's next meeting will take place on January 11th, at 5:00 PM

VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Resignation of Rebecca Hayes, School Monitor (Cafeteria)

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resignation, with regret, of Rebecca Hayes as School Monitor (Cafeteria) effective December 2, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

b. Resignation of Neil Martin, School Monitor (Cafeteria)

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resignation, with regret, of Neil Martin, School Monitor (Cafeteria) effective November 29, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

c. Resignation of Peter Ellsworth, Computer Lab Assistant

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resignation, with regret, of Peter Ellsworth, Computer Lab Assistant effective November 25, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

2. Leave of Absences

3. Abolishments

4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Probationary Appointment of Erin Dougherty, Library Typist

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Erin Dougherty as a Library Typist, 10 months per year, \$8.34 per hour, effective November 22, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

b. Probationary Appointment of Jolene Christman, Teacher Aide (one to one)

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Jolene Christman, as a Teacher Aide (one to one), 10 months per year, \$6.98 per hour, effective November 8, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

c. Probationary Appointment of Ashley Myers, Teacher Aide (one to one)

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Ashley Myers as a Teacher Aide (one to one), 10 months per year, \$6.98 per hour, effective November 10, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

d. Substitute Appointment of Rebecca Hayes Teacher Aide

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Rebecca Hayes as a Teacher Aide, \$6.47 per hour, effective November 21, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

e. Casual Employment Opportunities for the 2005/06 School Year

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following for the Casual Employment Opportunities for the 2005/06 school year:

Melissa Miles Claudia Jurica

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

B. WARRANTS

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the District Auditor, to accept warrants #2 and #3 dated August and September 2005, as seen in addendum #1.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer's Report for August and September 2005, as seen in addendum #2.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

D. REVENUE REPORT

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Revenue Status Report – General Fund for July to September 2005 as seen in addendum #3.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

E. VENDOR LIST

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Vendor List for August and September 2005, as seen in addendum #4.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

F. TRANSFERS

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Budget Transfer Schedule #2 for August and September 2005, as seen in addendum #5.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

G. AUTHORIZATION FOR PETTY CASH FUNDS

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Curtis that the Board of Education establish petty cash funds for the Special Education Department, Teshia Shults, in the amount of \$100.00 in accordance with Commissioner's Regulation 170.4: 8NYCRR§170.4(e), for the 2005/06 school year.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

H. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT OF UNPAID TAXES

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the tax collector's report of unpaid taxes as seen in addendum #6.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

I. APPROVAL OF THE FRESH PIZZA BID #06-05

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to award the Fresh Pizza Bid #06-05 to Plaza's Italian Bistro, as the lowest, qualified, responsible bidder, as seen in addendum #7.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

J. APPROVAL OF THE COOPERATIVE MEAT BID #06-06

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to award the Cooperative Meat Bid #06-06 to Quandt's Food Service and Ginsberg's Food Service, as the lowest, qualified, responsible bidders, as seen in addendum #8.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

IX. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Resignation of Cynthia Fiorenza, JHS Assistant Musical Director

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the resignation of Cynthia Fiorenza as JHS Asst. Musical Director for the 2005-2006 school year.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

b. Resignation of James Morton as JHS Musical Accompanist

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the resignation of James Morton as JHS Musical Accompanist for the 2005-2006 school year.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

2. Leave of Absences

3. Abolishments

4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Term Appointments for Winter Coaches

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the term appointments (pending fingerprinting) of the following individuals as winter coaches for the 2005-2006 school year:

<i>Julee Hart, Girl's Varsity Basketball unpaid assistant #1</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>
<i>Edward Hart, Boy's Varsity Basketball unpaid assistant #1</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>
<i>David Bartholomew, Alpine Ski unpaid assistant</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>
<i>Walt Lane, Boys' Swimming unpaid assistant</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>
<i>Joshua Trippoda, Bowling unpaid assistant</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

b. Term Appointments of Co-Curricular Advisors

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the term appointments of following individuals as Co-Curricular advisors for the 2005-2006 school year:

<i>Tara Bruce, JHS Science Club Advisor</i>	<i>\$2,387</i>
<i>James Morton, JHS Asst Musical Director</i>	<i>\$1,857</i>
<i>Daniel Jones, JHS Musical Accompanist</i>	<i>\$1,326</i>
<i>Judi Kane, JHS Student Council Advisor (1/2 year)</i>	<i>\$1,326</i>

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

c. Adjust Extra-Curricular Appointment of Corinne Cotter

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to adjust the appointment of Corinne Cotter, as JHS Student Council Advisor, from a one-year term to a half-year term and adjust salary accordingly (from \$2,652 to \$1,326) for the 2005-2006 school year.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

d. Term Appointment of Robert Toleno, Extended Leave Social Studies Teacher Substitute

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the term appointment of Robert Toleno as extended leave social studies substitute at Step A1 (tentative \$35,285) prorated, effective December 12, 2005 and expiring June 30, 2006 in conjunction with the 2002-2005 collective bargaining agreement with the Johnstown Teachers Association.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

e. **Payment for AIS Assignments**

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to pay the following individuals for AIS assignments for the 2005-2006 school year. Payment will be made through timesheet for two 20-minute sessions per week (\$9.28 per session) for a maximum of 40 minutes per week.

*Tom Skoda, Comp English Regents
Catherine Clemence, Mathematics
Judith Finley-Kane, Global Regents and U.S. History*

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

f. **Appointment of JHS Detention Supervisor**

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the appointment of Jeffrey Kincheloe as JHS detention supervisor at \$15.00 per hour (by timesheet) during the hours of 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) during the 2005-2006 school year.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE

1. **Committee for Special Education**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Leo to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on 10/27/05, 11/2/05, 11/3/05, 11/10/05, 11/17/05, 12/1/05, and 12/2/05.

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VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

C. STUDENT MATTERS

1. **Varsity Wrestling Team Trip to Cicero North Syracuse**

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Johnstown Varsity Wrestling Team trip to Cicero North Syracuse High School to participate in a two-day wrestling tournament from Tuesday, December 27, 2005 through Wednesday, December 28, 2005.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. **Resolution Concerning the Empire Zone Boundary Revision 2005-2006**

(~~Council Member~~) (Board Member) Mr. Curtis presented the following resolution and moved its adoption

RESOLUTION APPROVING A BOUNDARY REVISION OF THE EMPIRE ZONE

WHEREAS, a portion of the (~~City~~) (Town) (~~Village~~) of Johnstown has been designated as an Empire Zone pursuant to General Municipal Law Article 18-b, and

WHEREAS, the Empire Zone Administrative Board has proposed to amend the boundaries of the Empire Zone as described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing, the (~~Council~~) (Board) now desires to adopt a resolution concurring with the recommendation of the Empire Zone Administrative Board to amend the boundaries of the Empire Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the (~~Council~~) (Board) hereby concurs with the recommendation of the Empire Zone Administrative Board to amend the boundaries of the Empire Zone as depicted on Schedule "A" attached hereto, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Commissioner of New York State Department of Economic Development is hereby requested to revise the boundaries of the Empire Zone as described in Schedule "A", the map attached hereto.

Seconded by (~~Council Member~~) (Board Member) Mrs. Freeman

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Lisa Garguilo inquired about the process of hiring a new principal for Glebe Street. It was indicated that interviews are proceeding and we may have a new person by January 3rd.
- Dick Baker said he thinks worksheets should be provided for the public when the Board has workshops so people can follow along. He asked whether the District was being compensated for damage to buses housed at the Snyder Avenue facility caused by an adjacent facility. He would like to see additional energy conservation measures taken to reduce electric expenses, such as charging employees for the use of appliances like refrigerators.
- Lisa McCoy said she is concerned that the principal's position at Glebe Street has become a "revolving door". She indicated that she and some other parents are interested in seeing the return of a former principal and feel that the Board should consider reaching out to him if he has not formally applied for the position.
- Mr. Miller noted that Board members had an opportunity to visit the new transportation building earlier in the evening and that it had looked great. He offered praise for the work done in-house.
- Mrs. Leo acknowledged the tremendous amount of time Mr. Beck devotes to organization of the International Exchange Student Program and offered appreciation for his efforts.

XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

January 11, 2006	Discussion/Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Glebe Street Library
January 25, 2006	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
February 8, 2006	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Curtis to adjourn at 6:47 PM.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk