

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
Thursday, February 9, 2006
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by Board President at 5:33 PM.

ATTENDEES:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Joanne Freeman	John David Praught
Peter Cinelli	Richard McGuire	Kathleen Leo (arrived 5:34 PM)
Robert Curtis	Scott Miller	Russell Martin (arrived 5:34 PM)

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 PARTICULAR PERSONNEL**

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Cinelli to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person, at 5:33 PM.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No

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

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Cinelli to return to public session at 6:08 PM.

VOTE: 9 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."

None

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

- Kathy Zajicek provided a Power Point presentation of the Community Mural created by ten Advanced Art students, with assistance from her and Paul Lakata. She noted that the project began as a 4" x 10" sketch and the size of the finished piece is 8' x 20', made of up five 4' x 8' panels. She indicated the students voluntarily worked on the project at Mr. Lakata's studio on Sundays from October 16th to January 9th, donating approximately 240 hours of labor. The mural will be mounted on the building at the corner of East Main & Perry Streets in the spring, and is currently on display in the JHS library. The meeting was recessed from 6:37 to 6:46 to for viewing of the mural.
- Mr. Whelan discussed the situation regarding the possible unavailability of Knox field for commencement ceremonies on June 24th due to proposed renovations, and indicated the District is aware there are objections to relocating the ceremony. After discussing the situation, the Board asked for student proposals. Senior class member Caitlin Subik spoke of tradition and indicated that if they are not allowed to use the field, they will be the first class in 70 years to be denied the opportunity, weather permitting. She indicated over 100 seniors had signed a petition asking the Board to delay construction rather than changing the site of graduation to FMCC, and that as the eighth grade promotion ceremony at Knox would also

be affected, she had obtained the signatures of 50-60 of them as well. Senior Class Officers Alexandra Disney and Jonathan Galinsky indicated that, while Knox would be their first choice, if the field will not available, they would prefer a site on campus rather than using FMCC. Kevin Quinn, the parent of a senior class member, indicted that he understands tradition, as well as the difficult decision the Board has to make, and indicated it is not so important where graduation is held as it is that the students graduate surrounded by family and friends. Mr. Curtis asked the senior officers to meet with their classmates and pick three or four locations on campus for review. Mr. Martin thanked the students for coming forward and presenting their position in a polite manner.

VI. REPORTS (PRESIDENT/STANDING COMMITTEES)

- Finance Committee (J. Freeman, Chairperson): Will meet 02/15/06 & 03/08/06 @ 2:00PM
- Facilities Planning Committee (P. Cinelli, Chairperson): Will meet 2/10/06 @ 3:00 PM
- Academic Curriculum Committee (R. Martin, Chairperson). Not meeting until after 03/01/06
- Extra-Curricular Committee (J.D. Praught, Chairperson): Will meet 03/01/06 @ 5:00 PM

VII. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Resignation of Ellen Freeny, Food Service Helper

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Curtis to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resignation, with regret, of Ellen Freeny, Food Service Helper, effective January 23, 2006.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

2. Leave of Absences

3. Abolishments

4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Creation of Temporary Teacher Aide (one to one)

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the creation of a temporary Teacher Aide (one to one), effective February 1, 2006 to end no later than June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

b. Permanent Appointments

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following permanent appointments:

<i>Earl Harris</i>	<i>Custodial Worker</i>	<i>effective March 6, 2006</i>
<i>Frank Insognia</i>	<i>Cleaner</i>	<i>effective March 2, 2006</i>
<i>Rudy Pavlick</i>	<i>Groundskeeper</i>	<i>effective March 6, 2006</i>

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

c. Probationary Appointment of Amanda Embree, Teacher Aide (one to one)

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Amanda Embree, Teacher Aide (one to one) \$6.98 per hour, 10 months per year, effective January 24, 2006.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

d. Probationary Appointment of Rebecca Hayes, Teacher Aide (one to one)

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Rebecca Hayes, Teacher Aide (one to one) \$6.98 per hour, 10 months per year, effective February 1, 2006.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

e. Probationary Appointment of Maralyn Vozna, Food Service Helper

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Maralyn Vozna, Food Service Helper, \$8.22 per hour, 10 months per year, effective January 30, 2006.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

f. Temporary Appointment of Erika Lindsay, Teacher Aide (one to one)

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the temporary appointment of Erika Lindsay, Teacher Aide (one to one) \$6.98 per hour, effective February 1, 2006 to end no later than June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

B. WARRANTS

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the District Auditor, to accept warrants #8 and #9 for December 2005, as seen in addendum #1.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. *Appropriation Report*
2. *Unrestricted Cash Balance Report*
3. *Handwritten Checks*
4. *Revenue Status Report*

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

D. VENDOR ADDITIONS

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Vendor Additions for December 2005, as seen in addendum #3.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

E. BUDGET TRANSFERS

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Budget Transfer Schedule #5 for December 2005, as seen in addendum #4.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

VIII. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

2. Leave of Absences

3. Abolishments

4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Appointment of Mentors for Teachers with Initial Certification

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the appointment of the following teachers as mentors of initially certified teachers, for a stipend of \$1500, pursuant to the recent Johnstown Teachers' Association collective bargaining agreement and in accordance with the District's Professional Development Plan for the 2005-2006 school year:

*Peter Raneri, mentor for Joan Capobianco
Carolyn Beck, mentor for Matthew Greco
Lori Smith, mentor for Amy Shutter
Paul Cuttica, mentor for Heather Vazal
Beth Brower, mentor for Laura Swider
Cory Cotter, mentor for Jeff Kolakowski (September to November)
Judy Kane, mentor for Jeff Kolakowski (December to June)
Jim Donovan, mentor for Heather Welch
Sue Ackerbauer, mentor for Jeremy Weber.*

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

b. Appointment of Mentor Coordinator

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the appointment of Sharon Humphrey as mentor coordinator, for a stipend of \$1500, pursuant to the recent Johnstown Teachers' Association collective bargaining agreement and in accordance with the District's Professional Development Plan for the 2005-2006 school year.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE

1. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Curtis to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on January 19, 2006 and January 26, 2006.

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009140047	000980018	000980024
002500056	000990005	000900070
000910115	000930042	000940052

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

2. Committee for Preschool Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Leo to approve the minutes of the Committee for Preschool Special Education meeting held on February 1, 2006.

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VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

C. STUDENT MATTERS

1. Senior Trip to Orlando, Florida

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Johnstown Senior Class trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida from Thursday, April 27, 2006 (departing Johnstown High School at approximately 4:00 p.m.) to Sunday, April 30, 2006 (returning to Johnstown High School at approximately 10:00 p.m.).

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

IX. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Second Reading of New Policy #5500

#5500 Audit Committee

2. Second Reading of New Policy #5505

#5505 Internal Audit Function

3. Second Reading of New Policy #5580

#5580 Meals and Refreshments

4. Second Reading of New Policy #5590

#5590 Expense Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

5. Second Reading of New Policy #6480

#6480 Use of District Owned Cell Phones

6. Adoption of Policy #5500 Audit Committee

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt policy #5500 Audit Committee, effective February 9, 2006.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

7. **Adoption of Policy #5505 Internal Audit Function**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt policy #5505 Internal Audit Function, effective February 9, 2006.
- VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No
8. **Adoption of Policy #5580 Meals and Refreshments**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt policy #5580 Meals and Refreshments, effective February 9, 2006.
- VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No
9. **Adoption of Policy #5590 Expense Reimbursement for Travel Expenses**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt policy #5590 Expense Reimbursement for Travel Expenses, effective February 9, 2006.
- VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No
10. **Adoption of Policy #6480 Use of District Owned Cell Phones**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt policy #6480 Use of District Owned Cell Phones, effective February 9, 2006.
- VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No
11. **Calendar of Events for Annual Election on May 16, 2006**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the calendar of events for the Annual Election to be held on May 16, 2006 as seen in addendum # 5 .
- VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No
12. **Appointment of Board of Registration**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Registration shall consist of Barbara Sprung (R) of 180 Briggs Street, Johnstown and Jacqueline Swatt (D) of 102 Fon Clair Street, Johnstown, who were appointed to the Board of Registration for a one-year term which commenced on July 6, 2005, and that the Board of Registration Meeting shall be held at the District Office from the hours of 12:00 NOON to 4:00 PM on May 2, 2006; and that the flat rate of pay for each member shall be \$6.75 per hour for a total of \$27.00 for each meeting consisting of four hours.
- VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No
13. **Authorization for District Clerk to Publish Election Notices**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to authorize the District Clerk to publish Notice of Voter Registration, to prepare Registers, and to provide for public notification of the Annual Meeting and Election of the Greater Johnstown School District to be held on May 16, 2006 for the

election of three members to the Board of Education to serve three year terms to begin July 1, 2006 for the offices now held by:

Peter Cinelli

Kathleen Leo

Richard McGuire

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

14. Adoption of Textbook

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the textbook Realidades for use in the Spanish classes at Knox and the High School, beginning in September 2006.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Kevin Quinn noted that the flag at Glebe Street appears faded. He asked that the District attend to flags when they begin looking ratty.
- Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth thanked the Board for agreeing to move this evening's meeting, which had originally been scheduled for last night, but conflicted with the Junior Prom Fashion Show. She indicated the show had been very successful and raised \$1,200.
- Mr. Martin asked Board members to contact him with thoughts or suggestions for a basket to be donated for the Johnstown Public Library's Storybook Sundae.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

March 1, 2006	Discussion/Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
March 15, 2006	Budget Workshop	5:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
March 15, 2006	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
April 5, 2006	Discussion/Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Knox Jr. High Library

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mrs. Freeman to adjourn at 7:06 PM.

VOTE: 9 Yes 0 No

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk