

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Discussion/Business Meeting
March 1, 2006
Johnstown High School

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

ATTENDEES:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Robert Curtis	Joanne Freeman
Russell Martin	Richard McGuire	Scott Miller
John David Praught		

ABSENT:

Peter Cinelli	Kathleen Leo
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OTHERS:

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 Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on January 25, 2006; February 9, 2006; and February 13, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

- Introduction of current JHS Foreign Exchange Students
Host Fred Peets introduced Tomas Kotasek, visiting from Prague in the Czech Republic and Hostess Lynn Beck introduced Beste Vural, visiting from Istanbul, Turkey. The students talked about the differences between school systems and indicated that they are enjoying their time here. Mr. Peets stated that this is his ninth year hosting and he thinks Johnstown is the best school district around. Mrs. Sullivan thanked the hosts for all they have done for AFS students.

V. REPORTS (PRESIDENT/STANDING COMMITTEE)

- Audit Committee: Met on 02/15/06 to work on allocations for next year's budget; reviewed new format for financial reports due to implementation of new software in business office; next meeting 03/09/06 @ 3:00PM to make final preparations for 3/15/06 budget workshop
- Facilities Planning Committee: Met 2/10/06, Chairperson absent tonight, no report given.
- Extra-Curricular Committee: Met 03/01/06, advises Winter Guard home show over past weekend was well attended and our students performed well; last month's music festival was also well attended; three winter sports teams have earned Scholar-Athlete distinction – boys & girls skiing and girls basketball; varsity awards will take place March 7th @ 7:00 PM in the JHS auditorium; girls basketball will participate in sectional championships this Saturday at HVCC; a family recreation night is scheduled for 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM on April 7th and both the pool & the gym will be open; next committee meeting will be April 26th @ 5:00 PM in the conference room.
- Academic Curriculum Committee: Next meeting April 5th @ 5:00 PM

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Resignation of Heather Dodson, School Secretary

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resignation, with regret, of Heather Dodson, School Secretary, effective February 10, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

b. Termination of Jeremy DeLyser, Custodial Worker

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the termination of Jeremy DeLyser as Custodial Worker, effective January 23, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

B. --Warrants

C. --Treasurer's Reports

- Appropriation Status Report – By Functions
- Unrestricted Cash Balance
- Handwritten Checks
- Vendor Listing By Number (Vendor Additions)

VII. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Resignation of Hanz Litz, Baseball Assistant #2

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the resignation of Hanz Litz as baseball assistant #2 for the 2005-2006 school year.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

2. Leave of Absences

a. Leave of Absence for Melissa Miles

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to allow a child care leave of absence for Melissa Miles, as mathematics teacher, effective on or about March 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

b. Leave of Absence Extension for Elaine Geniti

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to allow an unpaid child care leave of absence extension for Elaine Geniti, as special education teacher, effective July 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

- c. **Leave of Absence Extension for Jennifer Jurica Sweeney**
Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to allow an unpaid child care leave of absence extension for Jennifer Jurica Sweeney, as social studies teacher, effective July 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

- d. **Leave of Absence for Colleen Robinson**
Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to allow a child care leave of absence for Colleen Robinson, on or about April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

3. **Abolishments**

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

- a. **Term Appointment of Anne M. Christiano as Elementary Summer School Director**

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the term appointment of Anne M. Christiano as Elementary Summer School Director effective for the 2005-2006 school year at a stipend of \$2,000.00.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

- b. **Payment of Music Festival Stipends**

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the payment of music festival stipends for attendance at the Fulton County Music Festival on February 4, 2006 for the following individuals:

<i>Daniel Jones</i>	<i>\$104.00</i>
<i>Tamara Healy</i>	<i>\$104.00</i>
<i>Andrew LaCoppola</i>	<i>\$104.00</i>
<i>Cindy Fiorenza</i>	<i>\$104.00</i>
<i>Kim Tyler</i>	<i>\$104.00</i>
<i>Patricia Zullo</i>	<i>\$104.00</i>

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

- c. **Term Appointments for Winter and Spring Coaches**

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the term appointments of the following individuals as winter and spring coaches for the 2005-2006 school year:

<i>Eric Schneider, baseball assistant #3</i>	<i>\$2,008</i>
<i>Jon Jennings, baseball assistant #2</i>	<i>\$2,117</i>
<i>Robert Kramer, casual strength coach, February, March, April, May and June 2006</i>	<i>\$335 per month</i>

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE

1. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on February 2, 9, and 16, 2006.

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VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

2. Committee for Pre-School Special Education

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Pre-School Special Education meetings held on February 9, 2006.

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VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

1. International Club Winter Camping Trip to Woodworth Lake Boy Scout Camp

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the JHS International Club winter camping trip to Woodworth Lake Boy Scout Camp in Woodworth, New York from Friday, March 3, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 5, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

2. Winter Guard Trip to Trenton, New Jersey

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Winter Guard trip to the WGI Power Regional competition in Trenton, New Jersey from Friday, February 24, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. Sunday, February 26, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. First Reading of New Policy #5683

#5683 Information Security Breach and Notification

2. Adoption of 2006-2007 District Calendar

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt the District Calendar for the 2006-2007 school year effective March 1, 2006, as seen in addendum #1.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

3. BOCES Board of Education Nomination

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Curtis, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, three (3) seats are expiring June 30, 2006 on the Hamilton-Fulton & Montgomery Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services, and

WHEREAS, nominations must be received at the Office of the Clerk of the Hamilton-Fulton & Montgomery Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services no later than March 13, 2006, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District nominates the following individual as a candidate for a position on the Hamilton-Fulton & Montgomery Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services:

Peter Raneri, residing at 3 W. State Street, Johnstown, New York 12095

and, directs the District Clerk to submit the nomination accordingly.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. McGuire cited an article in the NYSSBA publication "On Board" regarding reclaiming instructional time lost due to the closing of high school during regents exams.
- Mr. Curtis voiced opposition to the girls & boys basketball teams both playing on Tuesday and Friday nights next year, which may impact attendance and cause viewing problems for families with children on each team. Mr. Whelan advised it was a Foothills Council decision.
- Mrs. Sullivan reported that Rev. Small has offered a \$2,000 per year scholarship for a senior student pursuing theater arts, in memory of his recently deceased wife, and publicly thanked him for his generous donation.
- Mr. Miller inquired about the final Capital Project drawings. Mr. Whelan advised they were delivered to SED yesterday and that Dave Bonacci will make a presentation at the next Board meeting.
- Fred Peets asked if we are considering getting into a different conference as he doesn't think it is fair for our teams to have to compete with Queensbury and Scotia-Glenville.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

March 15, 2006	Budget Workshop Business Meeting	5:00 PM Open Meeting 6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
April 5, 2006	Discussion/Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Knox Jr. High Library
April 26, 2006	Board Candidate Nominating Petitions	5:00 PM Filing Deadline District Clerk's Office
April 26, 2006	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School

XI. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Curtis to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person, at 6:44 PM.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Praught to adjourn at 9:28 PM.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk