

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
March 15, 2006
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by Board President at 6:04 PM

ATTENDEES:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Peter Cinelli	Joanne Freeman
Kathleen Leo	Richard McGuire	Scott Miller

ABSENT:

Robert Curtis	Russell Martin	John David Praught
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OTHERS:

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 Mr. Cinelli to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on March 1, 2006.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Larry Chicoski of Dave Bonacci's architect firm reported that the documents for the District Wide III Capital Project have been submitted SED and, pending SED's approval, we anticipate submitting to bidders May 15th.
- President McGuire and Principal Beatty presented a local diploma to JHS January graduate James Sweeney. President McGuire commended him for being persistent and reaching this achievement.
- Mrs. Sullivan congratulated Coach Jim Mraz and the girls basketball team for reaching the regional playoffs and winning several awards.
- Mrs. Sullivan indicated she is finalizing a Reading First Grant application, which if awarded could bring considerable targeted funding to the district for three years. However, she noted that schools that are below standard and designated by NYS as being in "Need of Improvement" will probably receive priority funding and we are not on that list.

V. REPORTS (PRESIDENT/STANDING COMMITTEES)

- Audit Committee – Mrs. Freeman thanked Mr. Hopke for doing an excellent job with the Board's budget workshop held earlier this evening, which unfortunately was only attended by herself, Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth and President McGuire.
- Facilities Planning Committee – Mr. Cinelli reported that the February 10th meeting had mostly focused on the Capital Project. He indicated a new meeting will probably be scheduled within the next week, pending the availability of the architect.
- Academic Curriculum Committee (R. Martin, Chairperson): Next meeting 4/05/06 5:00 PM
- Extra-Curricular Committee (J.D. Praught, Chairperson): Next meeting 4/26/06 5:00 PM

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

- 1. Separations**
- 2. Leave of Absences**
- 3. Abolishments**
- 4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

- a. Permanent Appointment of Clarence Foss, Computer Lab Assistant**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the permanent appointment of Clarence Foss, Computer Lab Assistant, effective April 24, 2006.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

- b. Probationary Appointment of Susan Thompson, Food Service Helper**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Susan Thompson, Food Service Helper, \$8.22 per hour, 10 months per year, effective February 6, 2006.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

- c. Substitute Appointment of Nancy Marsh, Food Service Helper**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Nancy Marsh, Food Service Helper, pay per the 2005/06 classified substitute pay schedule, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

- d. Substitute Appointment of Susan Thompson, Food Service Helper**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Susan Thompson, Food Service Helper, pay per the 2005/06 classified substitute pay schedule, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

- e. Substitute Appointment of Todd Mraz, Custodian**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Todd Mraz, Custodian, pay per the 2005/06 classified substitute pay schedule, effective February 9, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

- f. **Substitute Appointment of Edmond Farhart, School Bus Driver**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Edmond Farhart, School Bus Driver, pay per the 2005/06 classified substitute pay schedule, effective March 3, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

B. WARRANTS

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the District Auditor, to accept the following warrants for January 2006, as seen in addendum #1:

School Lunch (C): #1, 2
General (A): #2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11
Trust & Agency (TA): #1, 2, 3
Federal (F): #1, 2

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2006, as seen in addendum #2.

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

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

VII. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. **Separations**
2. **Leave of Absences**

- a. **Leave of Absence Extension for Lauren Orlando**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to allow an unpaid child care leave of absence extension for Lauren Orlando, as Spanish teacher, effective July 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

3. **Abolishments**
4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**
 - a. **Payment of Music Festival Stipends**

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the payment of music festival stipends for attendance at the Fulton County Music Festival 2 on March 3, 2006 and March 4, 2006 for the following individuals:

Daniel Jones \$104
 Tamara Healy \$104
 Andrew LaCoppola \$104
 Cindy Fiorenza \$104
 Kim Tyler \$104
 Patricia Zullo \$104

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE

1. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on February 28, 2006 and March 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7, 2006.

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000240018	000240007	000890041
000910114	000240019	000900054
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VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

1. January Graduates

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Leo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following individuals as January 2006, Johnstown High School graduates:

Justin M. Brownell James Sweeney

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Second Reading of New Policy #5683

#5683 Information Security Breach and Notification

2. **Adoption of Policy #5683 Information Security Breach and Notification**
Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Cinelli to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt policy #5683 Information Security Breach and Notification,, effective March 15, 2006.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

3. **First Reading of Revised Policy #7512**
#7512 Student Physicals

4. **First Reading of New Policy #7170**
#7170 Education of Homeless Children and Youth

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Jim Mraz, speaking as both a coach and a parent, objected to the Foothills Council’s decision to change the days that girls’ basketball teams play their games next year from Mondays and Thursdays to Tuesdays and Fridays. He indicated the coaches are unanimously opposed to the decision and want the old schedule restored. He also questioned the need for the extra-curricular code to be signed several times a year and asked that a simpler solution be implemented. Finally, he recommended that long range planning be used so the district’s ability to add a gym (which he believes is needed), or to address other needs in the future, isn’t limited by the proposed placement of current project additions.
- Lisa McCoy denounced the Glebe Street principal selection process and enumerated problems she believes correlate to the lack of a permanently appointed principal.
- Lesa Levin criticized the Glebe Street principal selection process.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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
April 27, 2006	Drawing for Candidate Ballot Positions	1:00 PM District Clerk’s Office

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to adjourn at 7:01 PM.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk