

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
April 26, 2006
Johnstown High School Café

I. Called to order by District Clerk at 6:01 PM

ATTENDEES:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Joanne Freeman	Scott Miller
Peter Cinelli	Russell Martin	

ABSENT:

Robert Curtis	Richard McGuire
Kathleen Leo	John David Praught

OTHERS:

John S. Whelan	Peter Hopke
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II. **APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN TO ACT IN ABSENCE OF BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Cinelli to nominate Russell Martin to act as Temporary Chairman in the absence of the President and Vice President, for purposes of conducting Board of Education business at this evening's meeting only.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

III. **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."

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on April 5, 2006.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

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

- Mr. Whelan indicated that Mr. Hopke spoke with SED last week and they acknowledged that they are in receipt of our Capital Project documents. Mr. Whelan further indicated that he had left a message for Bob Rodgers at SED today regarding the status of the Capital Project and was waiting for a return call.
- Mr. Whelan reported that as of today's date there are 31 applicants for the Glebe Street principal position. Applications will continue to be accepted until May 11th, after which the stakeholders will conduct reviews and interviews, with the anticipation of appointing someone to the position at the Board meeting in June. It was noted that Mr. Praught had stepped down from the BOE stakeholder committee earlier in the week, as his wife is part of the PTA stakeholder committee, and that Mr. Cinelli had agreed to replace him. Mr. Miller questioned the stakeholder replacement process and was offered the opportunity to join the committee, but ultimately declined.
- Mr. Whelan announced (on Mrs. Sullivan's behalf) that the 2005-2006 NYS Report Card has been received and Commissioner Mills will be releasing the data to the public shortly. It is anticipated that building principals will make presentations at next month's PTA meetings.

B. WARRANTS

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

- School Lunch (C): #3, 4, 5*
- General (A): #12, 15, 16*
- Trust & Agency (TA): #4, 5, 6*
- Federal (F): #3, 4, 5*
- Expendable Trust (TE): #1*

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

C. TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion by Mr. Cinelli seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer’s Report for February 2006, as seen in addendum #2.

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

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

D. COOPERATIVE MEAT BID #06-08

Motion by Mr. Cinelli seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Cooperative Meat Bid #06-08 to Quandt’s Food Service and Ginsberg’s Food Service as the lowest, qualified, responsible bidders, as seen in addendum #3.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

VIII. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Leave of Absence for Jennifer Keller

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to allow child care leave of absence for Jennifer Keller, as Social Studies teacher, effective August 31, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

2. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Term Appointment of David Halloran as Secondary Summer School Principal

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the term appointment of David Halloran as Secondary Summer School Principal effective for the 2005-2006 school year at a stipend of \$2,000.00, per JAA contract.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

- b. **Term Appointment of Maxwell Spritzer, Baseball Unpaid Assistant**
Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the term appointment of Maxwell Spritzer, as an unpaid baseball assistant for the 2005-2006 school year.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

- c. **Term Appointment of Gerald Fitzgerald as Interim Principal**
Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the term appointment of Gerald Fitzgerald as interim elementary principal, at \$325 per day, effective April 24, 2006 through June 26, 2006.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

- d. **Tenure Appointment of David Carr, Principal**
Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, that David Carr, probationary principal in the principal tenure area, having been appointed to such position July 28, 2003, be appointed to tenure to the position of principal in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that David Carr holds a valid NYS permanent certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of David Carr will expire on July 27, 2006.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

- e. **Tenure Appointment of Jennifer Cronkhite, Elementary Teacher**
Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, that Jennifer Cronkhite, probationary teacher in the elementary tenure area, having been appointed to such position September 1, 2003, be appointed to tenure to the position of elementary teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District effective September 1, 2006. Be it shown that Jennifer Cronkhite holds a valid NYS permanent certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Jennifer Cronkhite will expire on August 31, 2006.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

- f. **Tenure Appointment of Ruthie Decker-Cook, Science Teacher**
Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, that Ruthie Decker-Cook, probationary teacher in the science tenure area, having been appointed to such position September 1, 2003, be appointed to tenure to the position of science teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District effective September 1, 2006. Be it shown that Ruthie Decker-Cook holds a valid NYS provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Ruthie Decker-Cook will expire on August 31, 2006.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

g. Tenure Appointment of Charlene Dybas, Business Teacher

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, that Charlene Dybas, probationary teacher in the business tenure area, having been appointed to such position September 1, 2003, be appointed to tenure to the position of business teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District effective September 1, 2006. Be it shown that Charlene Dybas holds a valid NYS permanent certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Charlene Dybas will expire on August 31, 2006.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

h. Tenure Appointment of Clint Froschauer, Social Studies Teacher

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, that Clint Froschauer, probationary teacher in the social studies tenure area, having been appointed to such position September 1, 2003, be appointed to tenure to the position of social studies teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District effective September 1, 2006. Be it shown that Clint Froschauer holds a valid NYS permanent certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Clint Froschauer will expire on August 31, 2006.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

i. Tenure Appointment of Jon Jennings, Physical Education Teacher

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, that Jon Jennings, probationary teacher in the physical education tenure area, having been appointed to such position September 1, 2003, be appointed to tenure to the position of physical education teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District effective September 1, 2006. Be it shown that Jon Jennings holds a valid NYS provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Jon Jennings will expire on August 31, 2006.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

j. Tenure Appointment of Lynne Kortz, Teacher Assistant

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Education Law and the provision of Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, that Lynne Kortz, teacher assistant, having been appointed to such position September 1, 2004, be appointed to tenure to the position of teacher assistant in the Greater Johnstown School District effective September 1, 2006. Be it shown that Lynne Kortz holds a valid NYS continuous certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area, and be it further shown that the probationary period of Lynne Kortz will expire on August 31, 2006.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

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VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

2. Committee for Pre-School Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on 3/17/06 and 3/27/06:

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VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

IX. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. BOCES Administrative Budget

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman that the Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services be authorized to expend the sums of money set forth in the Administrative Budget document in the total amount of \$1,240,090 during the school year 2006-2007 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES, and other sources as deemed appropriate.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

2. BOCES Board Vacancy

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman that the Board of Education cast one vote for David Edwards to serve as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services and that the District Clerk certify that at this public meeting, April 26, 2006, the Greater Johnstown School District Board of Education adopted a resolution to cast its vote in the annual election of members of the Board of Educational Services for David Edwards.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

3. BOCES Board Vacancy

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman that the Board of Education cast one vote for Peter Raneri to serve as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services and that the District Clerk certify that at this public meeting, April 26, 2006, the Greater Johnstown School District Board of Education adopted a resolution to cast its vote in the annual election of members of the Board of Educational Services for Peter Raneri.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

4. BOCES Board Vacancy

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman that the Board of Education cast one vote for Joseph Sullivan to serve as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services and that the District Clerk certify that at this public meeting, April 26, 2006, the Greater Johnstown School District Board of Education adopted a resolution to cast its

vote in the annual election of members of the Board of Educational Services for Joseph Sullivan.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

5. Admission of Broadalbin-Perth Central School District to Foothills Council

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to endorse the admission of the Broadalbin-Perth Central School District to the Foothills Council effective with the start of the 2006-07 school year.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

6. Interscholastic Athletic Merger for Girls' Swim

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the interscholastic athletic merger between the Greater Johnstown School District and Fonda-Fultonville Central School District for girls' swimming effective for the 2006-2007 school year.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

7. Interscholastic Athletic Merger for Boys' Swim

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the interscholastic athletic merger between the Greater Johnstown School District and Fonda-Fultonville Central School District for boys' swimming effective for the 2006-2007 school year.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

8. Interscholastic Athletic Merger for Modified Football

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the interscholastic athletic merger between the Greater Johnstown School District and Wheelerville Union Free School District for modified football effective for the 2006-2007 school year.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

9. Interscholastic Athletic Merger for Modified Boys' Soccer

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the interscholastic athletic merger between the Greater Johnstown School District and Wheelerville Union Free School District for modified boys' soccer effective for the 2006-2007 school year.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

10. Interscholastic Athletic Merger for Modified Wrestling

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the interscholastic athletic merger between the Greater Johnstown School District and Wheelerville Union Free School District for modified wrestling effective for the 2006-2007 school year.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

11. Interscholastic Athletic Merger for Modified Baseball

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the interscholastic athletic merger between the Greater Johnstown School District and Wheelerville Union Free School District for modified baseball effective for the 2006-2007 school year.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

12. Interscholastic Athletic Merger for Modified Track

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the interscholastic athletic merger between the Greater Johnstown School District and Wheelerville Union Free School District for modified track effective for the 2006-2007 school year.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

13. School Vehicles Proposition

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman that the Board of Education place the following proposition before the voters in connection with the annual budget vote for 2006-07 on May 16, 2006:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District, is hereby authorized to (1) acquire school vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$355,000, which is estimated to be the maximum principal cost thereof, (2) expend such sum for such purpose, (3) levy the tax necessary therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$355,000, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement at a maximum principal cost not to exceed \$355,000 to acquire such school vehicles and in either case levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Tenure candidates were congratulated and those who were present were introduced and thanked the Board for granting approval: Jason McCullough, Melissa Livingstone, Ruthie Cook, Colleen Robinson and David Carr.
- Mr. Hopke discussed the purpose of the school vehicles proposition set forth on tonight's agenda, which will appear as a proposition on the ballot at the budget vote on May 16th. He also provided copies of the budget statement and attachments to the Board members and announced that this document is available for the public as well.
- Harry Brand asked for clarification regarding the possibility of having to go to double sessions during the Capital Project renovations and whether alternatives such as busing students to another site have been looked into. He expressed concern that this will be an imposition to students and their parents and confusing especially for seventh graders.
- Kathy Zajicek, JTA President, said she is confident that stakeholders will be notified appropriately if it is determined that double sessions are necessary.
- Kathy Zajicek announced that the JTA will host its second annual Evening for Education at the bandshell on May 15th. There will be an ice cream social and various people and programs will be showcased. She also commented that the planned installation of the mural created by the advanced art students has been delayed due to structural problems at the Liberty Tax building site. Alternate locations are being explored.
- Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth addressed recent comments about the expense of the senior trip. She indicated each student, commencing in ninth grade, has an opportunity to earn points by participating in class fundraisers, which points are awarded a dollar value. Students are provided with opportunities to earn enough points to attend the trip for free or at a substantially reduced cost.
- The District Clerk announced that only one nominating petition had been received as of today's 5:00 PM deadline for the three board seats up for election on May 16th, which means some of the vacancies may therefore be filled by individuals receiving write-in votes. If there are not sufficient write-in candidates, the next step would be to look into filling remaining vacancies under Education Law Sections 1709(17), 2502(6) or 2113.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

May 2, 2006	Voter Registration	Noon –4:00 PM District Office (JHS)
May 2, 2006	Budget Hearing & Candidates Night	6:30 PM Knox Junior High Auditorium
May 16, 2006	Budget Vote & Election	Polls Open Noon – 9:00 PM Results announced JHS 9:30PM
May 16, 2006	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Open Session Johnstown High School Cafe

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn at 6:49 PM.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk