

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
May 16, 2006
Johnstown High School

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

ATTENDEES:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Scott Miller
Joanne Freeman	John David Praught
Richard McGuire	Robert Curtis (arrived 6:06 PM)

ABSENT:

Peter Cinelli	Kathleen Leo	Russell Martin
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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 Mr. Praught to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on April 26, 2006.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Mr. Whelan reported that several there are several Clerk of the Works applications for the Facilities Committee to review. Also, as no one from SED has returned our phone calls regarding the Capital Project, Mr. Hopke will stop by the State offices tomorrow and attempt to talk to someone.
- Mr. Whelan announced that Mr. Miller is replacing Mr. Cinelli on the Glebe Street Principal search committee, which committee will meet on Thursday (05/18/06) at 4:30 PM in the Administrative Conference Room.
- Mr. Whelan advised that as Broadalbin-Perth is leaving the Colonial Council and rejoining the Foothills, and as Spa Catholic has also applied to the Foothills, a letter has been sent withdrawing Johnstown's application to the Colonial Council – which council has issued a moratorium on new members anyway.
- Mr. Whelan indicated that the architect would like the Superintendent, the Board President and the Athletic Coordinator to visit Cortland College, Homer High School and another high school in that area to view three different types of field turf.
- Mrs. Sullivan provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the recently released NYS School Report Card, comparing this year's data to prior years' data. A copy of the report card is available on the web site, and may also be obtained from the building principals. She congratulated the staff and administration on making the report card positive.
- Mrs. Sullivan announced that the Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce recently awarded six \$1,000 scholarships and that Johnstown students were the recipients of five of them. Congratulations to Alexandra Disney, Jonathan Galinsky, Sarah Holmes and Anna Wing, who were chosen to receive a \$1000 scholarship and plaque, and to Samantha Kollar, who received a \$1000 scholarship and plaque for "The Performing Arts Scholarship" given by the Chamber of Commerce and the Glove Theater.

- Mrs. Sullivan announced that the Greater Johnstown School District has earned the designation of one of the 100 Best Communities for Music in Education in America 2006. Congratulations to all involved!
- Mrs. Sullivan announced that JHS Senior Megan McNamara won first place for news features in the Schenectady Daily Gazette's Student Gazette editorial and advertising contest, and that JHS Senior Kristin Mraz's entry had also been published. Congratulations to both of them!

V. REPORTS (PRESIDENT/STANDING COMMITTEES)

- Mrs. Freeman asked Mr. Hopke to provide a report on today's Audit Committee meeting. Requests for proposals for audit services were sent out to twelve firms, three responses were received, and the committee is now in the process of reviewing them in order to make a recommendation to the full Board. The possibility of restoring the tax cut reserve fund by transfer was discussed, as it was exhausted by two cases this spring.
- Mr. Miller delivered the Facilities Planning Committee report in Mr. Cinelli's absence. A prospective Clerk of the Works interviewed on Friday and it went well, but there are more applicants to look at. There are concerns with the status of the contract documents provided by the architect and his payment schedule.
- Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth reported for the Academic Committee in Mr. Martin's absence. A checklist is being prepared setting forth the description of rules/responsibilities for co-curricular advisors so people coming in to the positions know what is expected.
- Mr. Praught advised that the Extra-Curricular Committee met today. Two drama productions, Guys & Dolls at Knox and Footloose at JHS, were highly praised. The girls' lacrosse team has earned its best record ever and is preparing for sectionals. Boys' lacrosse is also preparing for sectionals. A Wellness Policy is in the works. Jake Damphier was nominated as a National Football Foundation - Albany Chapter - Scholar-Athlete. Jonathan Galinsky and Alexandra Disney are being recognized as Capital Region Scholar Athletes. Marcus Ralbovsky and Kristin Mraz were recognized as Capital Region Scholar Athletes for basketball. Both the lacrosse and track teams have earned Scholar-Athlete Team recognition. The Sports Awards banquet will take place on June 5th. Mr. Satterlee was commended for arranging a Student-Athlete College Information Night, where several college coaches will speak about participation in college sports. Eighty students are participating in Spring Band and will be performing at Memorial Day events. Winter Guard's seventh place finish in the World Championships semi-finals was recognized. Mr. Curtis asked if the Extra-Curricular Committee looked into the girls basketball schedule change for next year and requested that Mr. McGuire, as Board President, write a letter to other Board Presidents in the Foothills Council asking for the decision to be reversed. The Extra-Curricular Committee will meet again on June 21st at 5:00 PM.

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

2. Leave of Absences

a. Unpaid Leave of Absence, Ashley Myers, Teacher Aide

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Ashley Myers, Teacher Aide from April 2006 through October 2006.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

3. Abolishments

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **Creation of Summer 2006 Classified Positions**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the creation of the following summer 2006 positions:

Two (2) School Bus Drivers 7/5/06 to 8/31/06
Three (3) Automotive Mechanic Helpers 6/26/06 to 8/31/06
Cleaner 7/17/06 to 8/11/06
Three (3) Food Service Helpers 7/17/06 to 8/11/06
Cook 7/17/06 to 8/11/06

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

b. **Probationary Appointment of Toni Horning, School Bus Attendant**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Toni Horning, School Bus Attendant, \$6.75 per hour, 10 months per year, effective May 3, 2006.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

c. **Substitute Appointment of Christine VanValkenburgh, Teacher Aide**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Christine VanValkenburgh, Teacher Aide, effective April 24, 2006 through June 30, 2006, pay per the 2005-06 classified substitute pay schedule.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

d. **Substitute Appointment of Jamie Buseck, Food Service Helper**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Jamie Buseck, Food Service Helper, effective April 24, 2006 through June 30, 2006, pay per the 2005-06 classified substitute pay schedule.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

e. **Substitute Appointment of Ruth Brown, Food Service Helper**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Ruth Brown, Food Service Helper, effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, pay per the 2006-07 classified substitute pay schedule.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

f. **Substitute Appointment of Candice Short, School Bus Driver**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Freeman to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Candice Short, School Bus Driver, effective April 24, 2006, pay per the 2005-06 classified substitute pay schedule.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

2. **Committee for Special Education**

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on April 10, 2006, April 11, 2006, April 12, 2006, April 13, 2006, April 24, 2006, April 25, 2006, and May 3, 2006:

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000960039	000950047	000960026
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000910108	000880973	000920072
002500034	000990008	000950015
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000970026	000240013	002400070
009140045	002500023	000250002
000930065	000960041	009140087
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VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

VIII. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

- Mr. McGuire would like to see Knox Field used for community gatherings, in addition to athletic contests, as used to be in days gone by when families gathered to use the swings, a wading pool, a sandbox and picnic tables. He suggested the center panel be removed behind the catcher/umpire for baseball, as the way it is currently set up it is difficult to steal a base because there isn't enough room behind the catcher.
- Mr. McGuire reminded Board members to return completed Superintendent Evaluation forms to him as soon as possible.
- Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth announced a Brooks BBQ sponsored by the PTSA & Class of 2006, to be held June 2nd in the Rite-Aid parking lot.
- Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth announced the theme of the post-prom is The Amazing Race and invited Board members to come look at the decorations.
- Mr. Curtis asked if there will be changes in the availability of lunch items next year. Mr. Whelan indicated a Wellness Policy addressing this is in the works. Mr. McGuire noted the District was proactive in removing soft drinks and Mr. Praught noted positive changes have been made in the elementary.

IX. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Robert Salamack said a grant is being looked into with Lexington Center for a Boundless Playground, which could be set up at Knox Field.

X. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

May 16, 2006	Budget Vote & Election	Polls Open Noon – 9:00 PM Results, JHS Cafe ≈ 9:30 PM
June 7, 2006	Discussion/Business Meeting (Joint Session w/Wheelerville)	6:00 PM Open Session Johnstown High School

June 21, 2006

Business Meeting

6:00 PM Open Session
Johnstown High School

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mrs. Freeman to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk