

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
September 17, 2009
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by President Curtis at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Scott Miller Robert Curtis Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth (arrived 7 p.m.)
Evamarie Mraz Joanne FreemanRussell Martin (arrived 7 p.m.)
John David Praught Ronald Beck

ABSENT:

James Levin

OTHERS:

Katherine Sullivan, Superintendent Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk
Ralph Aquaro, Interim Business Official

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

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 5:01 p.m.

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO

III. **RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Miller, to reconvene in public session at 6:21 p.m.

VOTE: 6 Yes 0 No

IV. **BREAK FOR FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 6:22 p.m.**

V. **RESUME PUBLIC SESSION – 7:00 P.M.**

VI. **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.”

- Robin Kane asked why the casual employment opportunities were listed again. President Curtis noted a correction needed to be made to the activity supervisor and game/activity attendant rates.
- Cecelia VanDenburgh feels the accompanist compensation of \$25 is inadequate for a professional musician spending numerous hours at practices and individual events.

VII. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mrs. Bugglen-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on September 3, 2009.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Mrs. Sullivan asked the building principals to introduce new staff members and comment on the opening of the school year; she offered thanks to E.J. Maye and his staff for making the buildings look fabulous.
- Mike Beatty said the high school had a great opening day; gave credit to the new guidance counselors for doing a terrific job.
- Mike Satterlee said it was a very exciting opening day at Knox; noted a couple of bumps in the road with scheduling issues, but the staff was professional and resolved them.
- Bill Crankshaw said there were some small glitches at Glebe, but they are being worked out and the staff, who spent weeks preparing, are fine tuning things.
- Scott Ziomek said the first days at Warren were busy and full of action, but smooth thanks to teachers and staff; noted the building is spotless and immaculate and it is a pleasure to be there.
- Jeff Vivenzio said the start of the year at Pleasant was fantastic; amazing staff, faculty & PTA; really excited about what the year will bring. Relayed that the fire alarm was unintentionally set off during a practice drill.
- Mrs. Sullivan introduced district treasurer Alice Dillenbeck, who will assume the position of district business official effective January 1; described her as an amazing person to have on board.
- Mrs. Sullivan noted that athletic director Jim Robare was unable to be present, but had e-mailed her a report. The student athlete mentoring program will begin in October at Warren Street; 27 student athletes will go to the two fourth grade classrooms at the end of the day and buddy up with the younger children 30 minutes a day for five weeks for reading, playing games and other activities; snacks are being donated by Matt Goodemote from the Wellness Center. The other elementary schools will take part in the winter & spring. Also, at the September 18 football game, the Little Sir Bills program will play at half-time; the pep-band will be in stands for all home games and the field band will provide a half-time show at homecoming. Finally, a student athlete of the week program is being instituted; a new sport will be featured each week; the first honoree is Aubrey Trumbull.

IX. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

- Mr. Miller reported the facilities committee met earlier in the evening. Discussed locating a bus garage on district property at JHS versus off-site; one possibility is a non-residential local site in the \$30,000 range with existing utilities and roadways; second possibility is the high school site, which would require installation of another exit road off Wright Drive. Talked about outbuildings for storage of four vans, five trucks & plows, tractors, mowers, backhoes and other equipment. Also discussed how much space the buildings & grounds department would need to occupy in Jansen for a paint shop, wood shop, food storage and district wide paper and commodity storage upon vacating Crescendoe - keeping in mind that Irving Street is to be sold once bus solution is decided upon. Noted that it might be necessary to remove the playground at Jansen and install concealment fencing to create a staging area for storage of bricks, blocks, repair materials, etc. Other discussions included a report on the rebuilt phone system at Knox and proposals for an ice machine at Knox. A draft proposal from Ashley McGraw for surveillance will be reviewed and discussed at the next facilities meeting.

d. Substitute Appointment of Darcy Jo DiMaio, Food Service Helper

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Mraz to approve the substitute appointment of Darcy Jo DiMaio as a Food Service Helper, at a pay rate per the 2009/10 classified substitute pay schedule, effective September 11, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

e. Substitute Appointment of Gary Butler, Bus Driver

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Mraz to approve the substitute appointment of Gary Butler as a Bus Driver, at a pay rate per the 2009/10 classified substitute pay schedule, effective September 8, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

f. Appointment of Central Treasurer for Extra-classroom Student Athletic Activities

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Mraz that the Board of Education appoint Patricia St. Peter as Central Treasurer for the Extra-classroom Student Athletic Activities for the 2009/10 school year, at no additional compensation and authorize the bonding of treasurers for Extra-classroom Student Athletic Activities Funds as per Commissioner's Regulation 172.5.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

g. Appointment of School Lunch Reviewing Officer

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Mraz that the Board of Education appoint Betsy Thomas as the School Lunch Reviewing Officer for the 2009/10 school year at no additional compensation.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

h. Appointment of School Lunch Hearing Officer

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Mraz that the Board of Education appoint the Superintendent of Schools as the School Lunch Hearing Officer for the 2009/10 school year at no additional compensation.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

i. Casual Employment Opportunities

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mrs. Mraz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following for Casual Employment Opportunities for the 2009/10 school year:

<i>Ticket Takers/Sellers</i>	<i>\$8.00/hr</i>
<i>Game Supervisors</i>	<i>\$8.00/hr</i>
<i>P.E. Swim Assistant</i>	<i>\$8.00/hr</i>
<i>Activity Supervisors</i>	<i>\$7.25/hr</i>
<i>Cashiers</i>	<i>\$10.00/hr</i>
<i>Game/Activity Attendants</i>	<i>\$7.25/hr</i>
<i>Camera</i>	<i>\$8.00/hr</i>

Public Address \$8.00/hr
Scoreboard \$10.00/hr
Accompanist \$25.00/event

Julia A. (Gill) Pyzik

VOTE: 7 YES 1 NO (Beck)

Discussion: Mr. Beck would like to see an hourly rate of \$10 for accompanists; the matter will be further reviewed at the next audit committee meeting.

XI. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

2. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Term Appointment of Jacqueline Dinge, Part-Time Art Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the term appointment of Jacqueline Dinge, as a part-time (.5 FTE) art teacher, in the art tenure area, at Step C2 (\$39,699) plus \$864 (27 graduate credits at \$32) prorated, pursuant to the Johnstown Teachers' Association Bargaining Agreement, effective September 10, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

b. Term Appointment of Kathryn Henry-Starace, Part-Time Health Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the term appointment of Kathryn Henry-Starace, as a part-time (.5 FTE) health teacher, in the health tenure area, at Step C4 (\$40,286) prorated of the Johnstown Teachers' Association Bargaining Agreement, effective September 11, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

c. Term Appointments of Coaching Staff

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following coaches for the 2009--2010 school year:

Hanz Litz, Casual Strength Coach (Sept, Oct & Nov 2009) \$343/mo
Charis Carangelo, Field Hockey Assistant #3 \$1700

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

d. Increase of Family and Consumer Science Teacher Position to Full Time

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the increase of the Family and Consumer Science Teacher position to full time status, effective with the 2009-2010 school year.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

e. Sixth Period Course Stipends

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Praught to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the payment of a sixth period course stipend to the following individuals for the 2009-2010 school year:

<i>Hanz Litz, Forensics</i>	<i>\$3500</i>
<i>Kristy Lynch Herringshaw, Child Development/I/O Choices</i>	<i>\$3500</i>
<i>Tara Bruce, AP Biology</i>	<i>\$3500</i>
<i>Colleen Robinson, Earth Science Lab (.5)</i>	<i>\$1750</i>
<i>Ruthie Cook, Chemistry Lab (.5)</i>	<i>\$1750</i>
<i>Michele Abel, Art</i>	<i>\$3500</i>

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

f. Appointments of JHS After-School Detention Supervisors

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Mraz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following individuals as JHS After-School Detention Supervisors, at \$15.00 per hour (by timesheet) during the 2009-2010 school year:

Michael Reilly Suzanne Canfield

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

g. Correction to Term Appointment of Jeffrey Blacha, Transition Coordinator

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Mraz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to correct the appointment of Jeffrey Blacha, transition coordinator, to be at a salary of \$39,570, effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2011.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CPSE, CSE

1. Committee for Pre-School Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Mraz seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Pre-School Special Education meetings held on September 2, 2009:

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VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

2. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Mraz seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on September 2, 2009:

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VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Steve Smith asked if anyone was aware of the passing of bus driver Martha Goold Wood on September 6. Mrs. Sullivan advised that a moment of silence was observed by administration and staff during the Superintendent’s Conference Day on September 8. Mr. Smith advised a service will take place at 11:00 on September 26 at the Presbyterian Church.
- Penny Brink asked that the Board move forward with a decision regarding Winterguard so that tryouts can be held.

XIV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

October 1, 2009 (Thurs)	Facilities Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
	Discussion/Business Meeting	7:00 PM Glebe St. Library
October 13, 2009 (Tues)	Audit Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
	Business Meeting	7:00 PM JHS

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

Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mrs. Freeman to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 7:42 p.m.

VOTE: 6 YES 2 NO (Miller, Praught)

XVI. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth, seconded by Mrs. Freeman, to reconvene in public session at 8:02 p.m.

VOTE: 8 Yes 0 No

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mrs. Freeman to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk