

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Business Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 10, 2010 - JHS**

I. Called to order by President Curtis at 6 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Joanne Freeman	EvaMarie Mraz	Scott Miller
Ronald Beck	Robert Curtis	Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth
James Levin	John David Praught	Russell Martin (departed 8:10 p.m.)

OTHERS:

Katherine Sullivan, Superintendent	Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk
Alice Dillenbeck, Business Manager	

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 Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Levin to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on May 18 and May 20, 2010.*

VOTE:              9   YES                      0   NO

IV. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

➤ **Recognition of Retiring Personnel (K. Sullivan)**

Teachers

Judi Kane, Social Studies Teacher, JHS (2010)  
Linda Cecconi, Reading Teacher, Glebe (2010)  
Rosemary Podbielski, School Psychologist, JHS (2010)

Classified Staff

Linda Ellis, School Lunch Manager (2009)  
Floyd King, Jr., Bus Driver (2009)  
Linda Mittler, Cook, Glebe (2010)  
Marion Duesler, Food Service Helper, JHS (2010)  
Alan Spawn, Bus Driver (2010)

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Joanne Freeman, 2004-2010  
John David Praught, 2004-2010  
Russell Martin, 2001-2010

➤ **NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Awards (J. Robare)**

Field Hockey, Coach Tracy Ringer

Lindsay Brandt	Carly Brunco	Mary Jane Carville
Kendra Cooper	Gabrielle D'Antonio	Samantha Heberer
Abigail Heroth	Courtney Javarone	Lindsay Lizio
Victoria Maxian	Sarah Muzzi	Kayla Satterlee
Karly Vdoviak		

Girls Swimming & Diving, Coach Julianna Frederick

Nicolette Angioli (FF)	Erica Askew	Meghan Bartlett
Morgan Casey (FF)	Susie Freeman (FF)	Elizabeth Havlicek
Amy LaMont	Hannah Palsgraf	Emmilee Phillips
Caitlyn Russell (FF)	Samantha Sweet (FF)	Priya Winston

*FF=Fonda-Fultonville swimmers will be recognized at Fonda*

Girls Alpine Ski Team, Coach Jeff Krempa

Alyssa Brand	Stephanie DeLorenzo	Elizabeth Havlicek
Abigail Heroth	Courtney Javarone	Ashley Polidore
Toria Rubinstein	Taylor Simek	

Boys Basketball, Coach Scott Hale

Kameron Bruce	Zachary Chirichio	Brandon Hillier
Cameron Hasain	Logan Husain	Michael Kelly
Justin Salvione		

Girls Basketball, Coach Tim Derwin

Lindsay Achzet	Tiffany Boyer	Kelly Brown
Carly Brunco	Kendra Cooper	Brynn Hlozansky
Kayla Satterlee		

Boys Nordic Ski Team, Coach Michael McHenry

Jared Brower	Aston Day	Alex Glebe
Trevor Goderie	Elliott Hockey	Kyle Pollak
Bryan Schlesier	Evan Swedick	

Boys Swimming & Diving, Coach John Broderick

Cody Arminio	Benjamin Claus	Thomas Dwyer (FF)
Michael Gifford	Kyle Hall	Josh Harford (FF)
Jacob Heatnik (FF)	Jonathan Licht (FF)	Joseph Maher (FF)
Joshua Palsgraf	Dylan Quinn	

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Girls Lacrosse, Coach Denise Benton

Taylor Baird	Alyssa Brand	Kelly Brown
Carly Brunco	Mary Jane Carville	Gabrielle D'Antonino
Mackenzie English	Mallory Hansen	Courtney Javarone
Anna Swierzowski	Karly Vdoviak	

Girls Track & Field, Coach Jennifer O'Neil

Madina Alam	Beth Auld	Quincey Brabant
Scout Brink	Kendra Cooper	Emily Fettinger
Alyssa Henry	Abigail Heroth	Lauren Mosher
Kayla Satterlee	Cassidy Shiel	Cassandra Swart

Boys Track & Field, Coach Jennifer O'Neil

Simeon Bien-Aime	Jacob Blackwood	Jared Brower
Dylan Dalmata	Ashton Day	Nicholas Gallo
Alex Hollister	Anthony McCarthy	Matthew Miller
Travis Miller	Kyle Pollak	Brandon Spaid

V. **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

- Mrs. Mraz reports that the Long Range Restructuring Committee met at 5 p.m. this evening to critique and approve the revised restructuring survey. It will be sent home with pre-k through eighth grade students on Monday and made available online; it will not be mailed.

VI. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **PERSONNEL**

1. **Separations**

a. **Resignation of Darla Abraham, School Monitor (Cafeteria)**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Darla Abraham as a School Monitor (Cafeteria), effective June 30, 2010.*

VOTE:              8   YES              0   NO              1   ABSTAIN (Mr. Praught)

2. **Leaves of Absence**

3. **Abolishments**

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **Creation of Temporary Positions**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the creation of the following temporary positions (dates are estimated):*

<i>Cook</i>	<i>July 9-August 6, 2010</i>
<i>Cook Manager</i>	<i>July 9-August 6, 2010</i>
<i>4 Cleaners</i>	<i>June 14-September 3, 2010</i>
<i>4 School Bus Attendants</i>	<i>July 1-August 20, 2010</i>
<i>4 Bus Drivers</i>	<i>July 1-August 20, 2010</i>
<i>1 Automotive Mechanic Helper</i>	<i>July 1-September 3, 2010</i>

VOTE:              8   YES              0   NO              1   ABSTAIN (Mr. Praught)

B. **WARRANTS – April 2010**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the District Auditor, to accept the following warrants for April 2010, as seen in **addendum #1**:*

<i>General (A):</i>	<i>#41, 43,</i>
<i>School Lunch (C):</i>	<i>#19, 20,</i>
<i>Federal (F):</i>	<i>#18, 19,</i>
<i>Capital (H)</i>	<i>#4</i>
<i>Trust &amp; Agency (TA):</i>	<i>#32, 33, 34,</i>

VOTE:              8   YES              0   NO              1   ABSTAIN (Mr. Praught)

**C. TREASURER'S REPORT – April 2010**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2010, as seen in **addendum #2.***

1. Unrestricted Cash Balance
2. Budget Transfer Schedule #11
3. Handwritten Checks
4. Revenue Budget Status
5. School Lunch Program Profit & Loss Statement
6. Appropriation Status Report
7. Vendor Listing by Number (Vendor Additions)

VOTE:        8 YES        0 NO        1 ABSTAIN (Mr. Praught)

**D. Cooperative Meat Bid #11-01**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to award the Cooperative Meat Bid #11-01 to Ginsberg, Quandt's, Sysco and US Food Service, as the lowest, qualified, responsible bidders, as seen in **addendum #3.***

VOTE:        8 YES        0 NO        1 ABSTAIN (Mr. Praught)

**E. Cooperative Ice Cream Bid #11-02**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to award the Cooperative Ice Cream Bid #11-02 to Quandt's and Gillette Creamery, as the lowest, qualified, responsible bidders, as seen in **addendum #4.***

VOTE:        8 YES        0 NO        1 ABSTAIN (Mr. Praught)

**VII. EDUCATION ITEMS**

**A. STUDENT MATTERS**

**1. FORMATION OF JHS GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE CLUB**

*Motion by Mrs. Mraz seconded by Mr. Levin to **TABLE** the formation of the JHS Gay Straight Alliance Club, with no cost to the District, which will be supervised by an unpaid advisor, effective September 1, 2010.*

**TABLED**        VOTE:        5 YES        4 NO (Mr. Beck, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth & Mr. Praught)

**B. PERSONNEL**

**1. Separations**

**2. Leaves of Absence**

**a. Extension of Child Care Leave of Absence for Kim Tyler**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an extension of the child care leave of absence for Kim Tyler, music teacher, for the 2010-2011 school year.*

VOTE:        9 YES        0 NO

3. **Abolishments**

a. **Abolishment of Reading Teacher Position**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to abolish the reading teacher position, effective July 1, 2010.*

VOTE:              9   YES              0   NO

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **JTA Longevity Payments**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve longevity payments of \$1000 each to the following individuals for 30 years of credited service on the salary schedule, per JTA contract, as of June 30, 2010:*

<i>Kathleen Bintz</i>	<i>Sue Canfield</i>	<i>Louise Carville</i>
<i>Andrew Dagostino</i>	<i>Astrid Duross</i>	<i>Nancy Edwards</i>
<i>Caroline Olszowy</i>	<i>Deborah Peck-Spraker</i>	<i>Susan Ringanese</i>

VOTE:              9   YES              0   NO

b. **Term Appointments of Co-Curricular Staff**

*Motion by Mrs. Mraz seconded by Mr. Levin to **TABLE** the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve term appointments of the following individuals as co-curricular advisors for the 2010-2011 school year:*

*JHS Gay Straight Alliance Club Volunteer Advisor, Scott Ziomek      Unpaid*

**TABLED**

VOTE:              5   YES              4   NO (Mr. Beck, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth & Mr. Praught)

c. **Creation of Skills Enhancement Teacher Position**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the creation of a Skills Enhancement Teacher Position, effective July 1, 2010.*

VOTE:              8   YES              0   NO              1   ABSTAIN (Mr. Praught)

d. **Creation of Transitional Study Skills Teacher Position**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the creation of a grant-funded Transitional Study Skills Teacher Position, effective July 1, 2010.*

VOTE:              8   YES              0   NO              1   ABSTAIN (Mr. Praught)

**e. Term Appointments of Co-Curricular Staff**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointmen(s) of the following individual(s) as co-curricular advisor(s) for the 2010-2011 school year, pending fingerprint clearance:*

*John David Praught, Freshman Class Advisor \$857.00*

*VOTE:           8 YES           0 NO           1 ABSTAIN (Mr. Praught)*

**f. Summer Temporary Recreation Appointments**

*Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Levin, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the summer appointments of the following individuals as temporary recreation supervisors at \$8.00 per hour and lifeguards at \$8.00 per hour, for the 2010 summer recreation program, pending fingerprint clearance:*

<i>Supervisors:</i>	<i>Scott Hale</i>	<i>Denise Benton</i>	<i>Fred Guzielek</i>
	<i>Sarah Hafter</i>	<i>Matthew Guzielek</i>	<i>John St. Peter</i>
	<i>Scott Petrie</i>	<i>Michael Bruce</i>	<i>Scott Murphy</i>
	<i>George Werle</i>	<i>Eric Murphy</i>	<i>Sarah Jones</i>
	<i>Tim Derwin</i>	<i>Hillary Kollar</i>	<i>Katie Conery</i>
	<i>Matt Benton</i>	<i>Christine Krempa</i>	<i>Quinn Swartwout</i>
	<i>Jon Swartwout</i>	<i>Damien Croucher</i>	<i>Tom Nicholas</i>
	<i>John Valovic</i>	<i>Michael McHenry</i>	<i>Scott Jeffers</i>

<i>Lifeguards:</i>	<i>Katherine Bant</i>	<i>Julianna Federick</i>
	<i>Michael Gifford</i>	<i>Phillip Satterlee</i>

*VOTE:           8 YES           0 NO           1 ABSTAIN (Mr. Praught)*

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CSE, CPSE, 504 Committee**

**1. Committee for Pre-School Special Education**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to approve the minutes of the Committee for Pre-School Special Education meetings held on May 17, 19 and 28, 2010*

<i>000140363</i>	<i>000140321</i>	<i>000900690</i>	<i>000140350</i>	<i>000140358</i>
<i>000140325</i>	<i>000140385</i>	<i>000900718</i>	<i>000140319</i>	<i>000900583</i>
<i>000140316</i>	<i>000140340</i>	<i>000140351</i>	<i>000140403</i>	<i>000140332</i>
<i>000140320</i>				

*VOTE:           9 YES           0 NO*

**2. Committee for Special Education**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Levin to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on May 14, 17, 19, 25, 27 and 28, 2010*

<i>000140319</i>	<i>000306235</i>	<i>00193007</i>	<i>000193043</i>	<i>000900384</i>
<i>000306229</i>	<i>000306163</i>	<i>000102023</i>	<i>000920015</i>	<i>000306189</i>
<i>000306188</i>	<i>000305907</i>	<i>000115028</i>	<i>000103517</i>	<i>000135874</i>
<i>000140208</i>	<i>000140321</i>	<i>000900690</i>	<i>000140325</i>	<i>000140340</i>
<i>000140121</i>	<i>000140320</i>	<i>000140249</i>	<i>000900447</i>	<i>000140024</i>
<i>000900631</i>	<i>000185192</i>	<i>000140238</i>	<i>000140215</i>	<i>000900732</i>

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000900508

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

**VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

**A. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education be held on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the Johnstown High School.*

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

**B. ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOK**

*Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the textbook American History – A Survey – 13<sup>th</sup> Edition by Alan Brinkley, published by McGraw Hill, for use at Johnstown High School with AP US History classes, beginning in September 2010.*

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

Discussion: Mr. Beck indicates he took a course in 2000 at Columbia from the author, who is newsman David Brinkley's son.

**C. Professional Development Plan Adoption**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the revised Professional Development Plan to be effective 2008 – 2012.*

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

**D. Employment Agreement for Melissa Baker, District Treasurer**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an employment agreement for the 2010-11 school year for Melissa Baker, District Treasurer (pending reappointment at the July 2010 Organizational Meeting), and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement.*

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

**E. Employment Agreement for Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk**

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Levin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an employment agreement for the 2010-11 school year for Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk (pending reappointment at the July 2010 Organizational Meeting), and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement.*

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

**IX. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

- Mr. Praught says it has been an honor to be on the Board; wishes incoming Board members good luck; says there is nothing better than this school and he is proud to be a Sir Bill.
- Mrs. Freeman says it has been an honor and a privilege to serve; she is proud of all that has been accomplished in the last six years. Wishes good luck to the incoming Board members.
- Mr. Curtis notes the only committee the Board is required to establish by law is the Audit Committee. Suggests considering restructuring committees for 2010-2011; says sometimes the committees are an encumbrance that slow things down.
- Mr. Levin notes there are a host of activities available to students through the school's Summer Recreation program. Flyer with details is available on the web site.
- Mrs. Freeman sends kudos to students and staff for the JHS musical "The Princess and the Pea." She attended and found it very enjoyable.
- Mr. Beck says the play was good, but noted there was a problem with scenery not going all the way up and that he asked the play adviser to compile a list of things that need to be addressed. Mr. Miller notes there is a 20' fly space, it was constructed specifically. Perhaps someone wasn't aware of this or didn't measure accurately.

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

**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

June 26, 2010 (Sat.)	Graduation	10 AM, Knox Field
July 1, 2010 (Thu.)	Annual Organizational Meeting	6 PM, JHS

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

*Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mrs. Mraz to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 6:47 p.m.*

VOTE:              7   YES                              2   NO (*Praught, Martin*)

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.*

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter  
District Clerk