

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
March 17, 2011
Knox Junior High School Library

I. Called to order by Board President at 5:01 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

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| Ronald Beck | Douglas Dougherty | Paul VanDenburgh |
| Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth | Robert Curtis | Jennifer Sponnoble (arrived 5:04 p.m.) |
| Scott Miller | Evamarie Mraz | James Levin (arrived 5:41 p.m.) |

OTHERS:

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| Katherine Sullivan, Superintendent | Alice Sise, Business Manager |
| Larraina Carpenter, District Clerk | |

II. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mrs. Sise provided an updated worksheet for review. Noted that what the Board needs to approve in the coming weeks is a spending plan for 2011-12; the tax levy doesn't get approved until August. Noted our BOCES budget projection is currently at 4.1 million, but cross contracts are still under review. Reported that she and Transportation Director Corey Barber had looked into the Board's request for a review of door to door service within the city; changing the lines would affect about 37 students, save one run and eliminate one driver. However, NYSED won't allow a small city school district to change its transportation policy without putting it out to voters. Advised that the bid for surveillance cameras isn't part of the proposed budget; would be the better part of a percent on the tax levy if included. Mr. Dougherty inquired whether a 0% levy would be possible. Mrs. Sise indicated if we did that, the fund balance would be gone. Mr. Levin doesn't feel it would be doing the district a favor in any way, shape or form to look at a 0% tax levy. Mrs. Sise reported that raising lunch prices by .25 would reduce the budget line by \$25,000. Mr. Curtis indicated the district needs to look at cutting programs and electives. Mr. Dougherty would like to see extra-curriculars go before academics; suggests combining smaller sections. Mr. Curtis suggests a 10% cut of sports teams and clubs based on participation. Mrs. Sponnoble said she doesn't like a hasty rush to cut at the 11th hour; suggests that next year the budget be started in the fall. Mrs. Sise noted we needed to wait for the governor's budget proposal to come out.

III. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF PARTICULAR PERSONS

Motion by Mr. Dougherty seconded by Mr. Beck to go to executive session to discuss the employment history of particular persons at 5:58 p.m.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

IV. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mr. Dougherty, seconded by Mr. Beck, to reconvene in public session at 7:40 p.m.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

V. 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."

g. Correction of Probationary Appointment of Doreen Banovic, School Bus Attendant

Motion by Mr. Dougherty seconded by Mrs. Mraz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the correction of the probationary appointment of Doreen Banovic as a School Bus Attendant, \$7.75 per hour, 10 months per year, effective October 1, 2010.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

h. Probationary Appointment of José Gonzales, Bus Driver

Motion by Mr. Dougherty seconded by Mrs. Mraz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of José Gonzales as a Bus Driver, 10 months per year, \$12.79 per hour, effective March 14, 2011.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

i. Probationary Appointment of Greg Musillo, Bus Driver

Motion by Mr. Dougherty seconded by Mrs. Mraz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the probationary appointment of Greg Musillo as a Bus Driver, 10 months per year, \$12.79 per hour, effective March 21, 2011.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

j. Substitute Appointment of James Carter, Bus Driver

Motion by Mr. Dougherty seconded by Mrs. Mraz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of James Carter as a Bus Driver, pay rate per the 2010/11 classified substitute pay schedule, effective March 9, 2011.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

B. WARRANTS – January 2011

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the District Auditor, to accept the following warrants for January 2011, as seen in **addendum #1**:*

General (A): # 28, 30,
School Lunch (C): # 13, 14,
Federal (F): # 13, 14,
Capital (H) # 6,

Trust & Agency (TA): # 23, 21, 22,
Expendable Trust (TE): # 2,

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

C. TREASURER'S REPORT – January 2011

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the District Treasurer, to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2011, as seen in **addendum #2**.*

1. *Unrestricted Cash Balance*
2. *Budget Transfer Fund A, Schedule #8*
3. *Budget Transfer Fund C, Schedule #2*
4. *Handwritten Checks*
5. *Revenue Budget Status*
6. *School Lunch Program Profit & Loss Statement*
7. *Appropriation Status Report*
8. *Vendor Listing by Number (Vendor Additions)*

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

X. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. STUDENT MATTERS

B. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

2. Leaves of Absence

a. Child Care Leave of Absence of Jennifer O'Neil, Physical Education Teacher

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the child care leave of absence of Jennifer O'Neil, physical education teacher, from approximately June 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

3. Abolishments

4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments

a. Fulton County Music Educators Association (FCMEA) Festival I Stipends

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a stipend of \$104 for the following individuals as chaperones at the FCMEA Festival 1 on February 4, 2011 and February 5, 2011:

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| <i>Andrew LaCoppola</i> | <i>Cynthia Fiorenza</i> |
| <i>Tamara Healy</i> | <i>James Morton</i> |

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

b. Fulton County Music Educators Association (FCMEA) Festival II Stipends

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a stipend of \$104 for the following individuals as chaperones at the FCMEA Festival II on March 4, 2011 and March 5, 2011:

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| <i>Andrew LaCoppola</i> | <i>Cynthia Fiorenza</i> | <i>Tamara Healy</i> |
| <i>James Morton</i> | <i>Jenna Poling</i> | <i>Patricia Zullo</i> |

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

c. Appointment of Colleen Sprague, Extended Leave Substitute School Counselor

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Colleen Sprague, as Extended Leave Substitute School Counselor, in the school counselor tenure area, at Step A1 (\$37,434), prorated, effective March 18, 2011 through June 30, 2011, pursuant to the Johnstown Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

d. Appointments of Spring Coaching Staff

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve appointments of the following spring coaches for the 2010-2011 school year:

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| <i>Joseph Gargiulo, Baseball Assistant #3</i> | <i>\$2,114</i> |
| <i>Kayla May, Track Assistant #3</i> | <i>\$2,114</i> |

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

e. Tenure Appointment of Patricia Kilburn, Director of Curriculum, Testing and Personnel

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Sponnoble 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 Patricia Kilburn , probationary Director of Curriculum, Testing and Personnel, in the tenure area of Director of Curriculum, Testing and Personnel, having been appointed to such position on July 1, 2008, be appointed to tenure to the position of Director of Curriculum, Testing and Personnel in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Patricia Kilburn holds a valid NYS permanent certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area. Be it further shown that the probationary period of Patricia Kilburn will expire on June 30, 2011.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

- i. **Tenure Appointment of Julianna Frederick, Physical Education Teacher**
Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Sponnoble 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 Julianna Frederick, probationary physical education teacher in the physical education tenure area, having been appointed to such position on September 1, 2008, be appointed to tenure to the position of physical education teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Julianna Frederick holds a valid NYS Initial certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area. Be it further shown that the probationary period of Julianna Frederick will expire on August 31, 2011.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

- j. **Tenure Appointment of Sarah Jones, Business Teacher**
Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Sponnoble 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 Sarah Jones, probationary business teacher in the business and marketing tenure area, having been appointed to such position on September 1, 2008, be appointed to tenure to the position of business teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Sarah Jones holds a valid NYS Initial certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area. Be it further shown that the probationary period of Sarah Jones will expire on August 31, 2011.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

- k. **Tenure Appointment of Amanda Landsberg, Mathematics Teacher**
Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Sponnoble 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 Amanda Landsberg, probationary mathematics teacher in the mathematics tenure area, having been appointed to such position on September 1, 2008, be appointed to tenure to the position of mathematics teacher in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Amanda Landsberg holds a valid NYS Initial certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area. Be it further shown that the probationary period of Amanda Landsberg will expire on August 31, 2011.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

- l. **Tenure Appointment of Stephanie Nasadoski, School Counselor**
Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Sponnoble 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 Stephanie Nasadoski, probationary school counselor in the school counselor tenure area, having been appointed to such position on September 1, 2008, be appointed to tenure to the position of school counselor in the Greater Johnstown School District. Be it shown that Stephanie Nasadoski holds a valid NYS Provisional certificate to serve in the aforesaid tenure area. Be it further shown that the probationary period of Stephanie Nasadoski will expire on August 31, 2011.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

- m. **Tenure Appointment of Kaitlin O'Keefe, Special Education Teacher**

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

1. Committee for Special Education

Motion by Mr. VanDenburgh seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on February 3, 4, 8, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9,

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| 000140434 | 000124570 | 000126719 | 000900549 | 000901125 |
| 000306149 | 000900631 | 000900393 | 000900446 | 000900447 |
| 000140024 | 000901036 | 000140325 | 000900690 | 000176954 |
| 000140394 | 000900274 | 000140243 | 000140121 | 000901030 |
| 000140184 | 000140238 | 000900755 | 000900579 | 000901040 |
| 000305935 | 000194959 | 000900275 | 000900758 | 000900734 |
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| 000900363 | 000900120 | 000305952 | 000195302 | 000184910 |
| 000184931 | 000185203 | 000186062 | 000900759 | 000900987 |
| 000166080 | 000176987 | 000165043 | 000195279 | 000305898 |
| 000900286 | 000184938 | 000155990 | 000165115 | |

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

XI. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

A. Appointment of Election Inspectors

Motion by Mr. VanDenburgh seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to approve the individuals listed to serve as election inspectors for the May 17, 2011 Board of Education Election and Budget Vote.

Johnstown High School

*Bonnie Dostal (D)
Emily Kralovic (R)
Patricia Bender (D)
Joanne Blair (R)
Jacqueline Swatt (D)
Georgianne Chatterton (R)*

Ephratah Fire House

*Hazel Prall (D)
Denise Duesler (D)
Darlene Terricola (R)*

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROPOSITION TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh that the Board of Education place the following proposition before the voters in connection with the annual budget vote for 2011-2012 on May 17, 2011:

PROPOSITION

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District be authorized to expend monies from the Capital Reserve Fund, previously established and approved by the voters of the District on May 19, 2009 and currently maintaining a balance of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand and no/100 (\$185,000.00) Dollars, on equipment maintenance and apparatus repairs and upgrades in order to maintain functionality and replace end of life hardware to ensure a stable environment for District inter and intra building technology, the maximum amount to be expended from the Capital Reserve not to exceed One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars.

The Proposition shall appear on the ballot labels of the voting machines and in the absentee ballots in the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION

SHALL the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District be authorized to expend monies from the Capital Reserve Fund, previously established and approved by the voters of the District on May 19, 2009 and currently maintaining a balance of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand (\$185,000) Dollars, on equipment and apparatus upgrades to maintain functionality and replace end of life hardware to ensure a stable environment for District inter and intra building technology, with the maximum amount to be expended from such reserve not to exceed One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

XIV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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| March 29, 2011 | Budget Workshop | 6 PM, JHS |
| April 7, 2011 | Budget Workshop Special Meeting | 6 PM, JHS Immediately following workshop |
| April 27, 2011 | Business Meeting | 6 p.m., JHS |

XV. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS STUDENT RECORDS, WHICH IS A MATTER MADE CONFIDENTIAL BY FEDERAL LAW (THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT), AND TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON

Motion by Mr. Dougherty seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to go to executive session to discuss student records, which is a matter made confidential by Federal Law, and to discuss the employment history of a particular person, at 8:07 p.m.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

XVI. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mr. VanDenburgh, seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth, to reconvene in public session at 8:50 p.m.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. VanDenburgh seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

VOTE: 9 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,
District Clerk