

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Special Meeting
March 29, 2011
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by Board President at 6:10 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Douglas Dougherty	Paul VanDenburgh	James Levin
Scott Miller	Robert Curtis	Ronald Beck
Jennifer Spnonoble (arrived 6:40 p.m.)		

EXCUSED:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth Evamarie Mraz

OTHERS:

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

II. **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Mrs. Sise provided a handout outlining proposed cuts of \$604,847. Mrs. Sullivan advised that the district needs to achieve \$820,000 in cuts to reach a 3% tax levy while keeping fund balance usage in line with past amounts. Questions arose over cuts to field trip funding, including whether trips could be continued if the PTAs or parents picked up the tab. Indications were that while it might work at the elementary level where the teacher goes on the trip with the class, it wouldn't work at the junior high and high school level, because substitute teachers would be required to cover non-participating classes. Mrs. Sullivan advised that the Board should prepare to discuss staff cuts at its April 7 meeting.

III. **PRESENTATIONS BY HFM BOCES SUPERINTENDENT DR. PATRICK MICHEL**

- Dr. Michel reviewed reductions to the proposed HFM BOCES budget, including elimination of lunch services for Career & Tech students, who will need to eat at their home district now. Provided a line by line review of the cost of services provided to GJSD by BOCES and answered questions posed by Board members relative to the same. Discussed the newly proposed regional bidding network, which will start as a school district initiative and eventually become open to municipalities.
- Dr. Michel reviewed the process for selecting a superintendent to replace Mrs. Sullivan, who plans to retire at the end of the school year. Discussion items included a proposed salary range (\$110,000-\$125,000), requiring the new superintendent to live in the HFM region, providing moving expenses up to \$6,000, developing a calendar of events/timeline for the search process, accepting applications through May 6, and selecting a finalist by June 3. Board members were provided with a questionnaire to complete and return to Dr. Michel at the BOCES annual meeting on April 5, at which time the Board will also review a candidate brochure to be developed by BOCES.

IV. **APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT FOR SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mrs. Spnonoble, to appoint Dr. Patrick Michel, Superintendent of the Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES, to serve as the consultant in the search for a Superintendent of Schools for the Greater Johnstown School District.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

"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."

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

April 7, 2011	Budget Workshop & Special Meeting	6 PM, JHS
April 27, 2011	Deadline to File Board Candidate Petitions	5 p.m., District Clerk's Office
	Academic Committee Meeting	5 p.m., JHS
	Business Meeting	6 p.m., JHS

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

Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to go to executive session to discuss the employment history of particular persons at 8:10 p.m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

VIII. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mr. Levin, seconded by Mrs. Spinnoble, to reconvene in public session at 10:23 p.m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Spinnoble to adjourn at 10:23 p.m.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,
District Clerk