

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Business Meeting**  
**April 27, 2011**  
**Johnstown High School**

I. Called to order by Board President at 6:02 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Ronald Beck	Paul VanDenburgh	James Levin
Scott Miller	Jennifer Sponnoble	Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth
Evamarie Mraz	Robert Curtis	

EXCUSED:

Douglas Dougherty

OTHERS:

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

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. Miller seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on April 7, 2011.*

VOTE:            8 YES                    0 NO

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The following employees were introduced and congratulated with regard to their tenure appointments at the March 17, 2011 meeting: Patricia Kilburn, Jennifer Hall, Katie Catucci, Scott Chamberlain, Julianna Frederick, Sarah Jones, Amanda Landsberg, Stephanie Nasadoski, Kaitlin O'Keefe, Patricia Robinson, Rebecca Yost-Wager
- Mrs. Sullivan announced that four residents have filed nominating petitions for the three Board of Education seats up for election on May 17, 2011. The candidates are Robert Curtis, Brian Miller, Angela Clizbe and Anne Cassidy.
- Robin Kane, president of the Music Support Group, presented the district with a donation of \$1,320 for the music department and was thanked by Board members and administrators. The money was raised by conducting a fruit sale in December.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Beck advised that the Academic Committee met earlier in the evening to review proposals for a policy regarding future selection of valedictorian and salutatorian. He indicated the discussion is not yet finished and further committee meetings will be needed.

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

*Motion by Mrs. Mraz seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 6:10 p.m.*

VOTE:            8 YES                    0 NO

**VII. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION**

*Motion by Mrs. Mraz, seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth, to reconvene in public session at 6:28 p.m.*

VOTE:           8 Yes                           0 No

**VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. PERSONNEL**

**1. Separations**

**a. Resignation of John Murray, Food Service Helper**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of John Murray as a Food Service Helper, effective April 29, 2011.*

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**2. Leaves of Absence**

**3. Abolishments**

**4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

**a. Substitute Appointment of Deborah Henderson, Food Service Helper**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Deborah Henderson as a Food Service Helper, pay per the 2010/11 classified substitute pay schedule, effective April 8, 2011.*

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**b. Substitute Appointment of Ronald Thompson, School Bus Driver**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Ronald Thompson as a School Bus Driver, pay per the 2010/11 classified substitute pay schedule, effective April 14, 2011.*

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**c. Substitute Appointment of Franklin Atkins, School Bus Driver**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Franklin Atkins as a School Bus Driver, pay per the 2010/11 classified substitute pay schedule, effective April 13, 2011.*

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**B ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION**

*Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the donation of \$1,320 from the "Johnstown Music Support Group" for the District's general music fund.*

VOTE:           8 YES                           0 NO

**C. Closure and Sale of Irving Street Building**

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following resolution*

*WHEREAS, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year, the Greater Johnstown School District determined that it could operate its programs with fewer facilities; and*

*WHEREAS, all students, faculty and staff are currently housed in 5 buildings, leaving the Irving Street School building vacant, and all classes and activities are taking place in the remaining facilities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it will be able to educate its students within the remaining buildings into the future; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the Irving Street School building is no longer of use or value to the District and that the District would benefit more from the sale of the building; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board has solicited and received an offer for the purchase of the Irving Street School building; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board believes that it is in the best interests of the District to accept the offer, subject to voter approval;*

*BASED UPON THE FOREGOING,*

*IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Irving Street School building has been permanently closed as a public school effective April 27, 2011.*

*VOTE:             8   YES                             0   NO*

**D. Taxes – Refund Overpayments (Duplicate Payments)**

*Motion by Mr. Levin and seconded by Mrs. Sponnoble that:*

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon information provided by the tax collector and recommendation of the Superintendent, refund the following overpayments (duplicate payments) of taxes, by the appropriate amounts as indicated below:*

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*Michael J. Bevington, owner, in the City of Johnstown, 174.8-17-6:*

<i>Amount Due</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>Refund Amount</i>
<i>\$570.77</i>	<i>\$1,141.54</i>	<i>\$570.00</i>

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*Brad J. Dunlap, owner, in the Town of Johnstown, 163.-1-75.1:*

<i>Amount Due</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>Refund Amount</i>
<i>\$1,458.81.</i>	<i>\$2,917.62</i>	<i>\$1,458.81</i>

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*Domingo Echevarria, owner, in the City of Johnstown, 162.16-6-6:*

<i>Amount Due</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>Refund Amount</i>
<i>\$577.28</i>	<i>\$1,154.56</i>	<i>\$577.28</i>
<i>Late Fee Paid</i>	<i><u>\$ 11.55</u></i>	
<i>Total Refund</i>	<i>\$588.83</i>	

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*James B. Erdman, owner, in the City of Johnstown, 174.8-16-4:*

<i>Amount Due</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>Refund Amount</i>
<i>\$878.94</i>	<i>\$1,757.88</i>	<i>\$878.94</i>

Judith Hale, owner, in the City of Johnstown, 174.15-4-3:

Amount Due	Amount Paid	Refund Amount
\$215.50	\$431.00	\$215.50

Greg A. Jackson, owner, in the City of Johnstown, 162.16-5-8:

Amount Due	Amount Paid	Refund Amount
\$655.41	\$1,310.82	\$655.41
Late Fee Paid	\$ 13.11	
Total Refund	\$668.52	

William L. Keller, III, owner, in the City of Johnstown, 174.11-13-4:

Amount Due	Amount Paid	Refund Amount
\$3,689.40	\$7,378.80	\$3,689.40

VOTE:        8 YES                      0 NO

**IX. EDUCATION ITEMS**

**A. STUDENT MATTERS**

**B. PERSONNEL**

**1. Separations**

**a. Retirement of Charlotte Leo, English Teacher**

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Sponnoble to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resignation of Charlotte Leo, as English teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective August 31, 2011.*

VOTE:        8 YES                      0 NO

**2. Leaves of Absence**

**a. Extension of Child Care Leave for Jennifer Caputo**

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Sponnoble to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the extension of child care leave for Jennifer Caputo from April 30, 2011 through June 30, 2011.*

VOTE:        8 YES                      0 NO

**3. Abolishments**

**4. Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

**a. Appointments of Fall Coaching Staff**

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Sponnoble to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve appointments of the following fall coaches for the 2011-2012 school year:*

Matthew Benton, Head Football Coach	\$4,113
Robert Kraemer, Football Assistant #1	\$2,970
Scott Hale, Football Assistant #2	\$2,742
Tom Nicholas, Football Assistant #3	\$2,571
Bruce Heberer, Football Assistant #4	\$2,456

<i>Damian Croucher, Football Assistant #5</i>	\$2,171
<i>Mark Ralbovsky, Golf Head Coach</i>	\$2,000
<i>Jon Jennings, Boys' Soccer Head Coach</i>	\$3,257
<i>Michael Hill, Boys' Soccer Assistant #1</i>	\$2,399
<i>Aaron Mraz, Boys' Soccer Assistant #2</i>	\$2,114
<i>Sarah Jones, Girls' Soccer Head Coach</i>	\$3,257
<i>Colleen Froschauer, Girls' Soccer Assistant #1</i>	\$2,399
<i>Julianna Frederick, Girls' Swimming Head Coach</i>	\$3,141
<i>Michael Bruce, Girls' Tennis Head Coach</i>	\$2,000
<i>Heather McGuire, Volleyball Head Coach</i>	\$3,257
<i>Tricia Best, Volleyball Assistant #1</i>	\$2,399

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

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

**1.     504 Committee for Special Education**

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Spinnoble to approve the minutes of the 504 Committee for Special Education meetings held on March 14 and 24, 2011*

000125205                            000153780                            000144624

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

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

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Spinnoble to approve the minutes of the Committee for Pre-School Special Education meetings held on April 12, 2011*

000140412                            000140445

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

**3.     Committee for Special Education**

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mrs. Spinnoble to approve the minutes of the Committee for Special Education meetings held on March 14, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 31, April 1, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 14, 2011*

000305989	000306163	000901047	000173113	000173128
000165075	000183935	000306001	000305976	000193043
000193965	000305998	000306014	000900824	000400035
000500072	000900998	000140418	000134654	000901165
000900181	000140423	000305670	000930001	000140340
000140117	000140400	000140118	000140346	000195284
000140422	000900183	000140328	000900128	000133701
000140409	000145914	000990005	000140411	000140436
000950036	000124570	000990009	000900632	000113600
000136777	000153782	000154768	000143752	000140401
000166898	000185214	000185189	000140444	000900937
000185192	000900725	000186050	000195285	000195286
000900182	000185201	000175136	000184937	000176979
000176954	000140380	000175125	000195250	000140237
000140215	000173910	000195279		

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

**X.     BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

**XI. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

**A. BOCES Administrative Budget**

*Motion by Mr. VanDenburgh seconded by Mrs. Spinnoble that the Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery Board of Cooperative Educational Services be authorized to expend the sums of money set forth in the Administrative Budget document in the total amount of 2,657,058 during the school year 2011-2012 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES, and other sources as deemed appropriate.*

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

**B. Voting for Members of the HFM BOCES Board of Education - Two (2) Open Seats for Two (2) Year Terms [Vote for up to two (2) of the Following Candidates]:**

**1. BOCES Board Vacancy**

*Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Miller that the Board of Education cast one vote for **Louis Capece, Jr., residing at 280 Hickory Hill Road, Fort Plain, New York in the Fort Plain Central School District** to serve as a member of the Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery Board of Cooperative Educational Services and that the District Clerk certify that at this public meeting, April 27, 2011, the Greater Johnstown School District Board of Education adopted a resolution to cast its vote in the annual election of members of the Board of Educational Services for **Louis Capece, Jr.***

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

**2. BOCES Board Vacancy**

*Motion by Mrs. Spinnoble seconded by Mr. Beck that the Board of Education cast one vote for **Jean LaPorta, residing at 39 Prospect Avenue, Gloversville, NY 12078 in the Gloversville Central School District** to serve as a member of the Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery Board of Cooperative Educational Services and that the District Clerk certify that at this public meeting, April 27, 2011, the Greater Johnstown School District Board of Education adopted a resolution to cast its vote in the annual election of members of the Board of Educational Services for **Jean LaPorta**.*

*Motion Fails*                            VOTE:              4   YES                              4   NO (Levin, Miller, Mraz, Buggeln-Bosworth)

**C. Interscholastic Athletic Merger for Modified Football**

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the interscholastic athletic merger between the Greater Johnstown School District and Wheelerville Union Free School District for modified football effective for the 2011-2012 school year.*

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

**D. Interscholastic Athletic Merger for Modified Boys' Soccer**

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the interscholastic athletic merger between the Greater Johnstown School District and Wheelerville Union Free School District for modified boys' soccer effective for the 2011-2012 school year.*

VOTE:              8   YES                              0   NO

- E. Interscholastic Athletic Merger for Girls' Swimming & Diving**  
*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the interscholastic athletic merger between the Greater Johnstown School District and Fonda-Fultonville Central School District for girls' swimming and diving effective for the 2011-2012 school year.*
- VOTE:             8   YES                             0   NO
- F. Interscholastic Athletic Merger for Boys' Swimming & Diving**  
*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the interscholastic athletic merger between the Greater Johnstown School District and Fonda-Fultonville Central School District for boys' swimming effective for the 2011-2012 school year.*
- VOTE:             8   YES                             0   NO
- G. Interscholastic Athletic Merger for Modified Wrestling**  
*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the interscholastic athletic merger between the Greater Johnstown School District and Wheelerville Union Free School District for modified wrestling effective for the 2011-2012 school year.*
- VOTE:             8   YES                             0   NO
- H. First Reading of Revised Policy #5510, Accounting of Funds**
- I. First Reading of Revised Policy #5590, Expense Reimbursement for Travel Expenses**
- J. First Reading of Revised Policy #7130, Entitlement to Attend – Age and Residency**
- K. First Reading of New Policy #2130, Board Member Training**
- L. First Reading of New Policy #5511, Reserve Funds**
- M. First Reading of New Policy #8242, Animals in the School (Instructional Purposes)**
- N. APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER**  
*Motion by Mr. Levin and seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth that:*
- WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Schools has preferred disciplinary charges pursuant to Civil Service Law Section 75 against Darrell Henry and Roberta Healy, employees of the Greater Johnstown School District; and,*
- WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District desires to exercise its authority to appoint a hearing officer to hear these matters and return a report and recommendation to it concerning the two proceedings.*
- IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that Brian W. Devane, Esq. is appointed by the Board of Education to preside as hearing officer concerning a pending civil service hearing involving Darrell Henry, an employee of the Greater Johnstown School District pursuant to Civil Service Law Section 75. Mr. Devane is directed to conduct the hearing and return his report and recommendations in accordance with Civil Service Law Section 75.*
- BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that Brian W. Devane, Esq. is appointed by the Board of Education to preside as hearing officer concerning a pending civil service hearing involving Roberta Healy, an employee of the Greater Johnstown School District pursuant to Civil Service Law*

Section 75. Mr. Devane is directed to conduct the hearing and return his report and recommendations in accordance with Civil Service Law Section 75.

VOTE:            7 YES                      0 NO                      1 ABSTAIN (VanDenburgh)

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

- Dick Baker expressed reservations about entering into interscholastic mergers when the district is cutting back modified teams. Mrs. Mraz indicated there had always been just one modified soccer team. Mr. Curtis noted that players are not cut at the modified level. Mr. Baker suggested getting more students involved with the swim team or pulling the plug; says only six boys participated between both schools last year.

**XIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

May 3, 2011	Public Budget Hearing	6:30 PM, JHS
May 17, 2011	Budget Vote & Board Election	Polls Open 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
May 19, 2011	Business Meeting	6 PM., Glebe Street

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Mr. Levin seconded by Mr. VanDenburgh to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.*

VOTE:            8 YES                      0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,  
District Clerk