

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Business Meeting
August 17, 2005
Johnstown High School

I. Called to order by Board President at 6:01 PM.

ATTENDEES:

Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Russell Martin	John David Praught (arrived 6:08 PM)
Robert Curtis	Richard McGuire	
Joanne Freeman (arrived 6:06 PM)	Scott Miller	

ABSENT

Peter Cinelli	Kathleen Leo
---------------	--------------

OTHERS:

John S. Whelan (arrived 6:06 PM)	Katherine Sullivan	Peter Hopke (arrived 6:06 PM)
----------------------------------	--------------------	-------------------------------

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

- Mrs. Sullivan introduced the following new administrators, who were present at the meeting: Anne Christiano, Principal at Warren Street; Patti Sotero, Principal at Jansen Ave.; Frank Raspanti, Director of Special Education, Pupil Services & Programs; and Mike Satterlee, Coordinator of Health, Recreation & Extra-Curricular Activities.
- Mr. Satterlee presented information about the Citizenship through Athletics program developed by the NYS Public High School Athletic Association to promote citizenship/sportsmanship with coaches, students, parents and community members. He indicated that staff members Vic Malagisi, Bobby Kraemer and Diane _____ are currently trained as facilitators and he himself is getting trained. It was noted that Mr. Malagisi already utilizes the program's proactive techniques and the GJSD girls soccer team won the Section II sportsmanship award last year.
- Mr. Satterlee reported on changes to the qualification procedures for the NYSPHSAA Section II Selective Classification Program for students in grades 7 & 8 who participate on an athletic team beyond their grade placement for an extended athletic career.
- Mr. Whelan provided Board members with a copy of the brochure being mailed to taxpayers regarding the upcoming capital project bond vote and announced the dates and places for community presentations (Sept. 15, Glebe; Sept. 19, Pleasant; Sept. 22, JHS; Sept. 28, JHS; Sept. 29, Warren; all begin at 6:30 PM). Information is also available on the school website.
- Mr. Whelan announced that the attorney for the owner of the Snyder Avenue facility sent correspondence indicating the property is being sold soon. As our lease expires on January 1, 2006 and the new owners have indicated they want to use the building, we are currently looking at other areas to lease for placement of our buses and equipment.
- Mr. Hopke discussed the impact of changes in assessment practices on the equalization rates, the tax levy and the fund balance for the 2005/2006 school year.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Mr. McGuire requested that, by the last meeting in September, Board members be ready to discuss goals to be accomplished during the school year. He indicated the goals should be things that can be measured so that in January they can be reviewed for progress.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. McGuire stated that as the capital project is well underway, but there is still a need for long-range facilities planning, the title of the Capital Projects committee will be changed to the Facilities Planning committee. He also announced that a new Extra-Curricular committee is being established.

f. Substitute Appointment of Darla Abraham, Teacher Aide

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Darla Abraham as Teacher Aide, \$8.37 per hour, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

g. Substitute Appointment of Darla Abraham, Clerk

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Darla Abraham as Clerk, \$8.37 per hour, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

h. Substitute Appointment of Shawn Stock, Custodian

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute appointment of Shawn Stock as Custodian, pay per the 2005/06 classified substitute pay schedule, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

i. Stipend for Valerie Danise, Administrative Aide

Motion by Mr. Curtis seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a \$1,000 stipend for secretarial duties for the District Treasurer to Valerie Danise, Administrative Aide for the 2005/06 school year.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

B. COOPERATIVE CANNED FOOD BID #06-00

Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to award the Cooperative Canned Food Bid #06-00 to various vendors as the lowest, qualified, responsible bidders, as seen in addendum #1.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

C. COOPERATIVE SNACK FOOD & FRUIT DRINK BID #06-01

Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to award the Cooperative Snack Food & Fruit Drink Bid #06-01 to various vendors as the lowest, qualified, responsible bidders, as seen in addendum #2.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

D. COOPERATIVE BREAD BID #06-02

Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to award the Cooperative Bread Bid #06-02 to Freihofer's AKA Weston Bakeries as the lowest, qualified, responsible bidder, as seen in addendum #3.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

E. BUDGETARY REVIEWS

Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Praught to TABLE amending estimated 2005/06 budgetary revenues by increasing the use of fund balance and decreasing the use of tax levy by \$150,000.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

F. TAX RATES

Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Praught to **TABLE** approval of the levy of taxes for the 2005/06 school year in the amount of \$6,585,702., and to **TABLE** approval of the following individual tax rates:

City of Johnstown	\$20.72445640
Town of Johnstown	\$19.27510044
Town of Ephratah	\$22.05741517
Town of Palatine	\$21.53406368
City of Gloversville	\$18.94788712

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

VIII. EDUCATION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Separations

a. Resignation of Heidi Bolebruch, Science Teacher

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Freeman, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Heidi Bolebruch, with regret, as a junior high school science teacher, effective July 15, 2005.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

b. Resignation of Kelly Martin, Social Studies Teacher

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Freeman, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Kelly Martin, with regret, as a high school social studies teacher, effective August 17, 2005.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

c. Resignation of Lindy Gower, Art Teacher

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Freeman, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Lindy Gower, with regret, as an elementary school art teacher, effective August 17, 2005.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

d. Resignation of Heather Loucks, Volleyball Assistant #2

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Freeman, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resignation of Heather Loucks, with regret, as volleyball assistant #2 for the 2005-2006 school year effective August 1, 2005.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

2. **Leave of Absences**

a. **Leave of Absence for Elaine Geniti, Special Education Teacher**

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mrs. Freeman, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to allow a child care leave of absence for Elaine Geniti, as special education teacher, effective October 2005 through June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

3. **Abolishments**

4. **Creations/Appointments/Adjustments**

a. **Term Appointments of Co-Curricular Advisors**

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the term appointments of following individuals as Co-Curricular advisors for the 2005-2006 school year:

<i>Dylan Thomarie, JHS Student Council Assistant</i>	<i>\$1,591</i>
<i>Tara Bruce, Field Hockey, Asst #3</i>	<i>\$1,553</i>
<i>Ronald Savoie, Football, Asst #5</i>	<i>\$2,016</i>
<i>Julee Hart, Girls' Soccer, Asst #1</i>	<i>\$2,228</i>
<i>Colleen Tabor, Girls' Soccer, Asst #2</i>	<i>\$1,963</i>
<i>Susan Williamsen, Girls' Tennis, Head Coach</i>	<i>\$1,857</i>
<i>Kristy Lynch-Herringshaw, Volleyball, Asst #2</i>	<i>\$1,963</i>
<i>John St. Peter, Volleyball, Asst #1</i>	<i>\$2,228</i>

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

b. **Term Appointment of Amy Shutter, Elementary Teacher**

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Grant-funded one year term appointment of Amy Shutter as an elementary teacher in the elementary teacher tenure area, (.5 FTE) at Step C1, (\$36,212 prorated), pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement with the Johnstown Teachers' Association, effective September 1, 2005 and expiring June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

c. **Term Appointment of Ericka Curley, Special Education Teacher**

Motion by Mrs. Freeman seconded by Mr. Miller, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the term appointment of Ericka Curley as a special education teacher in the special education teacher tenure area, (.6 FTE) at Step C1, (\$36,212 prorated), pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement with the Johnstown Teachers' Association, effective September 1, 2005 and expiring June 30, 2006.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

The Committee on Pre-School Special Education will also have an evaluator member from the agency that conducted the evaluation and the County will be invited to send a representative.

VOTE: 7 YES 0 NO

C. STUDENT MATTERS

IX. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

1. First Reading of Policy #7260, Phase in Graduation Standard of 65 on Required Regents Examinations

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

- Dick Baker asked if the Colonials are charged for their use of Knox field and if they pay the bill. Mr. Hopke indicated that they are charged and do pay.
- Dick Baker asked whether a parent can refuse to allow their elementary school child to be held back. Mr. Whelan indicated if it goes to a hearing the District puts its recommendation on record but in the past the Commissioner has allowed the parent to make the final decision.
- Dick Baker said he heard that another school District is requiring their aides to have more training and asked if this is a statewide requirement. Mrs. Sullivan indicated our teacher aides don't do instruction and that our teacher assistants have two- year degrees.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

September 7, 2005	Discussion/Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
September 21, 2005	GJSD Voter Registration	12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM Administration Office
September 21, 2005	Business Meeting	6:00 PM Public Session Johnstown High School
October 4, 2005	Capital Project Vote	Polls Open Noon – 9:00 PM
May 3, 2006	Board of Education Meeting	CANCELED (mark your calendars)

XII. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS RELATING TO PROSPECTIVE OR PENDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS

Motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Curtis to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 7:46 PM.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No

XIII. MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Miller to return to public session at 9:00 PM.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Praught seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

VOTE: 7 Yes 0 No

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk