

**GLENS FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

**Monday, February 10, 2014
District Office - 15 Quade Street - 7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Poulos – President, Mr. Conrick – Vice-President, Mrs. Berger, Mrs. Burton, Mr. Casertino, Mr. Deason, Mrs. Kunst, Mr. McTiernan
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Spector-Tougas
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins – Superintendent, Christopher Hearley, Trent Clay, Debbie Hall, Jennifer Hayes, Carrie Mauro, Barbara Sealy, Christopher Reed
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Skye Heritage, Gene Figler, Peter Taylor, Paul Streicher, Kathy Holser
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry Casertino, Jennifer Vandernoot, Jaime Wright, Sarah Burton, Melissa Montgomery

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Poulos, Board President, at 7:00 p.m.

1. MINUTES:

It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting, and the January 28, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

2. INFORMATION:

2.1 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, February 11	Founders' Day – 6:00 p.m. (Middle School Cafeteria)
Wednesday, February 12	Elementary Orchestra Concert – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 17 - Friday, February 21	Midwinter Recess
Tuesday, February 25	Curriculum Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Public Relations Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

2.2 Superintendent's Report:

- The Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) has reduced school aid to Glens Falls City Schools by nearly \$10.7 million since it began in 2010. Though it was intended to be temporary, the GEA has continued each year, and shows up as another \$2.4 million loss for Glens Falls in Governor Cuomo's 2014 – 2015 budget proposal. Senator Betty Little sent a letter to the school district asking for community members to advocate to eliminate the GEA. Ending the GEA is one of the district's top advocacy priorities. We have joined with several school districts around the region to press legislators for significant, long-term solutions to the challenges we face with school funding. Getting rid of the GEA would be a major step forward.
- Mr. Jenkins presented a certificate to Kathy Holser for her outstanding efforts on Friday, January 24, 2014. Kathy aided first-grader Owen Harrington during breakfast in the Jackson Heights Elementary School cafeteria, performing the Heimlich maneuver on the choking student, and maintaining a calm and courageous attitude of immediate action. The board thanked Mrs. Holser for her demonstrated commitment to providing students with a safe, positive and stimulating environment – one that fosters self-growth, a passion for continuous learning, confidence and the ability to succeed in a changing world.

- Mr. Jenkins presented Dr. Anna Poulos with a certificate and organizer from the NYS School Boards Association. Dr. Poulos received the award for continuously educating herself, and has earned the Level 3 Board Mastery Award. Congratulations, Anna!

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

4. **REPORTS:**

- Big Cross PTA – Jaime Wright reported Big Cross had their annual “Pasta Night” hosted by Chef Teta and Mrs. Teta. The food was delicious, and she thanked the Teta’s for making the evening a huge success. PARP is underway, and they are encouraging all students to participate. Last year they exceeded their goal, and students were able to throw pies at Miss Hall. The students, staff and PTA are very excited to see what happens this year! Big Cross is very pleased to announce this year’s Founders’ Day recipients.....Mrs. Teta and Mrs. Schulze. The PTA is currently shopping for new playground equipment to replace some older pieces. Right now the PTA is getting ready for the spring fair, which is being held on Friday, March 21st.

Middle School PTSA – Melissa Montgomery reported the Middle School had a fundraiser in the fall, and 23 students sold 25 items. As an incentive for selling 25 items, students were rewarded with a limousine ride and lunch at Pizza Hut. The 5/6 activity night was held on February 7th. The Founders’ Day ceremony is tomorrow night, and the Middle School has one recipient.

Middle School Student Council – Sarah Burton reported they had a Native American historical program at the Middle School. The student council collected over 1,500 cans for the food drive. The student council also donated money to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and bought 1,000 Christmas lights to decorate for dances.

High School Student Council – Jerry Casertino reported they are looking at starting a staff/student basketball league. As part of a PILOT Program, the Special Olympics are encouraging us to start a unified team, which would consist of half regular education students and half special needs students. The team would play other schools from Section 2, and we are very excited to see how that will turn out.

Curriculum Committee – Dr. Anna Poulos reported the Curriculum Committee met on January 28th. Mr. Clay presented on Early College High School programs, the PARCC field test and Project STRETCH.

5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

- 5.1 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Conrick, to **arrange for appropriate special education programs and services as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (A copy of the recommendations is included with these minutes).
- 5.1a. It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Conrick, to **approve additions to the CSE/CPSE Recommendations.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached)
- 5.2 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve Warrant #11, Warrant #12 and the Internal Claims Auditor’s Report.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.3 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Casertino, to **approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).

- 5.4 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve the Resolution that the Greater Amsterdam School District be accepted into the Foothills Council starting in the 2014-2015 school year.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.5 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the Resolution that the Schuylerville Central School District be accepted into the Foothills Council starting in the 2014-2015 school year.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.6 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Casertino, **to approve the Donation of \$1,000 to the Music Department from the Glens Falls High School Class of 1952.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
Dr. Poulos – with many thanks!
- 5.7 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve Discarding Library Books at Jackson Heights Elementary School.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.8 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve Budget Transfers.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).

6. **PERSONNEL:**

- 6.1 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the following Professional Retirements:**
Severance, Scott, Music Teacher, Effective June 30, 2014
Freebern, Connie, Music Teacher, Effective June 30, 2014
Hagy, Sheryll, Elementary Teacher, Effective June 30, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)
Dr. Poulos – with thanks for many years of service!
- 6.2 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the following Nonteaching Retirements:**
Greene, Denise, Teacher Aide, Effective July 31, 2014
Giblin, Louise, Job Coach, Effective June 28, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)
Dr. Poulos – with our thanks for their service to the District!
- 6.3 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the following Nonteaching Resignations:**
Lorrain, Sherry, Clerk, Big Cross, Effective January 30, 2014
Bartlett, Kimberly, Bus Monitor, Effective February 7, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)
- 6.4 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Nonteaching Appointments:**
Harppinger, Wendy, 5.50 Hour Special Education Teacher Aide, Kensington, Effective February 3, 2014, Salary; \$10,643.05 prorated, Probationary Period: February 3, 2014 – August 3, 2014

Lorrain, Sherry, Senior Typist, Middle School, Provisional Appointment (pending the promotional civil service test), Effective Friday, January 31, 2014, Salary; \$19,344.00 prorated, Probationary Period: January 31, 2014 – July 31, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

6.5 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Casertino, **to approve the following Professional Leave of Absence:**

Reed, Meredith, Music Teacher, Middle School, Effective (approximately) May 25, 2014 for six to eight weeks

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

8. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

9. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:15 p.m., there being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Conrick, to **adjourn the meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

Amy Towers
Clerk, Board of Education