

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

MINUTES

Monday, May 12, 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, Mrs. Spector-Tougas
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins – Superintendent, Christopher Hearley, Trent Clay, Carrie Mauro, Christopher Reed, Debbie Hall, Jennifer Hayes, Laurie Parker
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gene Figler, Diane Lightfoote, Kristine Trevett-Jones, Brandon Lis, Anne Sheehan
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kelly Culliton, Jerry Casertino

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

1. MINUTES:

It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting, and the April 22, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

2. INFORMATION:

2.1 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 7	Technology Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Budget Public Hearing – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20	District Budget Vote – 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Sanford Street School
Monday, May 26	School Closed – Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 27	Public Relations Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Curriculum Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

2.2 Superintendent's Report:

- The annual budget vote is being held on Tuesday, May 20th at Sanford Street Elementary School. A Board meeting will be held directly following the closing of the polls.
- Mr. Jenkins presented Anne Sheehan with flowers and a certificate for being named the Outstanding Director of the Year for both the State of New York and for the Northeast region! Congratulations Anne!
- Mr. Jenkins presented Diane Lightfoote with flowers and a certificate for being named the 2014 New York State Nurse of the Year! Congratulations Diane!

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

4. REPORTS:

- Middle School PTSA – Kelly Culliton reported the last meeting was held on Thursday, May 8th. The 7th and 8th grade Activity Night was held on Friday, May 2nd. The Student Government planned the event, and the proceeds went towards the scholarship fund. The students enjoyed dressing up, and the Activity Night was well attended. Last week was Staff Appreciation Week. Many events took place during the week including breakfast, a drawing for a gift card, a staff luncheon, a school store

for staff to pick up supplies, and a candy shop. The PTSA is in the process of planning the Middle School Spirit Day, which is being held on Friday, June 6th. This week during the book fair, it's buy one get one free.

- Middle School Student Council – Karley Barber reported last Friday they held their first annual spring fling. A café was set up outside the auditorium with food and drinks. They raised \$650 dollars, and the proceeds will go towards the Student Senate Scholarship Fund. The Talent Show is being held on June 12th at 6:00 p.m., and try outs will be starting soon.
- High School Student Council – Jerry Casertino reported the Unified Sports Basketball game was held at the High School, and it went very well. Ballston Spa played Queensbury, and Glens Falls played Mechanicville. The CEO from the NYS Special Olympics attended the game. The next game will be held on Saturday, May 31st at the Civic Center. A polar plunge will be held following the game in the parking lot.
- Technology Committee – Matthew Conrick reported the committee met on Wednesday, May 7th. The committee discussed recent changes, current projects, Apple Planning Session Debriefing, and future planning.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

- 5.1 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Casertino, 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. (9-0) (A copy of the recommendations is included with these minutes).
- 5.1a. It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Casertino, to **approve additions to the CSE/CPSE Recommendations.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)
- 5.2 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve Warrant #17, Warrant #18 and the Internal Claims Auditor's Report.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.3 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Burton, to **accept the donation from the Kensington Road PTA for two benches and three tables for the Kensington Courtyard.**
The motion was carried. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.4 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, to **approve the Envirothon Competition Field Trip to SUNY Morrisville on May 21, 2014 – May 22, 2014.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.5 It was moved by Mr. Casertino, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve Discarding a Wooden Library Card Catalog at Kensington Road Elementary School.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)
- 5.6 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, to **approve the 2014 – 2015 Four Winds Tutorial Contract.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.7 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Conrick, to **approve discarding the Celebrate Reading Anthologies at Jackson Heights.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).

6. **PERSONNEL:**

- 6.1 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the following Professional Resignation:**
Bischoff, Susanne, Special Education Teacher, Effective June 30, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.2 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to accept the following Professional Retirements:**
Boyle, Valerie, English Teacher, Effective June 30, 2014
Brewer, Robin, Art Teacher, Effective June 30, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.3 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Professional Leave of Absence:**
Nastke, Nicole, Math Teacher, Middle School, Effective (approximately) September 3, 2014 – January 5, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.4 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the following Non-Teaching Resignations:**
Reed, David, Cleaner, Effective April 16, 2014
Morehouse, Walter, Custodian, Effective April 16, 2014
Smith, Ira, Custodian, Effective April 16, 2014
Kuhn, Erin, Title I Teacher Assistant, Effective June 30, 2014
Habshi, Albert, Driver/Cleaner, Effective May 6, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.5 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Appointments:**
Shipski, Ken, Second Shift Cleaner, Big Cross, Effective April 21, 2014, Salary; \$25,749.90 + Shift Stipend \$540 prorated, 1st on the call back list

Sheehan, Patricia, Part-Time Bus Monitor, Effective May 12, 2014, Salary; \$12.88 per hour, Probationary Period: May 12, 2014 – November 12, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.6 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to accept the following Non-Teaching Retirement:**
Brierton, Viola, Clerk, Effective July 31, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.7 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Leave of Absence:**
Miller, Julie, Building Aide, Big Cross, Effective April 23, 2014 – May 9, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.8 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Volunteer Coaching Appointment for 2014:**
Benway, Kari, Modified Softball

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
8. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mrs. Berger thanked and congratulated Arlene Dudley, and the Scholarship Committee for their efficiency and fairness in picking students for scholarships. It was a lengthy day, and staff spent many hours making thoughtful and fair decisions. Mrs. Berger said she was impressed with the whole process.
- Mr. Jenkins received a letter of retirement from Bev Gill today. He asked the Board if they would like to take action at this time.

It was moved by Mr. Casertino, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the following Professional Retirement:**
Gill, Beverly, Elementary Teacher, Effective June 30, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
At 7:15 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to adjourn to executive session to discuss a Legal Matter.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

Executive Session ended at 8:15 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to come out of executive session.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**
At 8:16 p.m., there being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to adjourn the meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

Amy Towers
Clerk, Board of Education