

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

MINUTES

**Monday, December 9, 2013
District Office - 15 Quade Street - 7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Poulos – President, Mr. Conrick – Vice-President, Mrs. Berger, Mr. Casertino, Mrs. Kunst, Mr. McTiernan
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Burton, Mr. Deason, Mrs. Spector-Tougas
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins – Superintendent, Christopher Hearley, Trent Clay, Debbie Hall, Jennifer Hayes, Carrie Mauro, Barbara Sealy, Christopher Reed, Mark Stratton
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Skye Heritage, Gene Figler, Brandon Lis, Janet Mahoney, Joanne Truchon
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry Casertino, Kelly Culliton, Cheryl Nolin, Sarah Cappabianca

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. MINUTES:

It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2013 Regular Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

2. INFORMATION:

2.1 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, December 10	Middle School Instrumental Holiday Concert – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18	Middle School Vocal Holiday Concert – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 19	High School Holiday Concert – 7:00 p.m.
December 23 – January 3	Holiday Recess – No School
Wednesday, January 8	Athletic Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
	Personnel Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, January 13	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

2.2 Superintendent's Report:

- Congratulations to Jeff Dock for receiving National Board Certification. It's a very rigorous process to receive National Board Certification, and we are very proud to acknowledge him and his accomplishment.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

4. REPORTS:

- Middle School PTSA – Kelly Culliton reported the last PTSA meeting was held on Thursday, December 5th. The second 5th/6th grade Activity Night was held on December 6th. The proceeds benefited the 5th grade team Abenaki.

High School PTSA – The High School PTSA met in November. They discussed the after-prom party, and Founders' Day. At January's meeting they will be serving refreshments, and invite all parents and staff members to attend.

Kensington PTA – Sarah Cappabianca reported everyone is looking forward to the Holiday sing-a-long next week. The 4th grade concert went very well, and a big thanks to Mrs. Teta for all her hard work. They are currently collecting gifts for six families in the community. The fall fundraiser is finished, and it was a huge success.

Big Cross PTA – Kari Paro reported the Thanksgiving breakfast was a success, as well as the book fair, the fall festival and the bake sale. Holiday Shopping starts on December 9th. The pasta dinner is scheduled for January 23rd. So far Big Cross is having a great year!

High School Student Council – Jerry Casertino reported the next event is Cabin Fever week. It will be held in January, and will be similar to Homecoming week.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Leslee Kunst reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on November 19th. They discussed the Capital Project, and how we are still waiting for SED approval to begin the Technology portion of the project. Also discussed was a structural problem that was discovered at the High School. The estimated repairs would be approximately \$80,000 and would require SED approval for reimbursement. Gene Figler spoke to an engineer, and we may be able to do the repair in-house.

Curriculum Committee – Anna Poulos reported the committee met on November 19th. Each Building Principal gave a presentation on anti-bullying efforts and the DASA initiative in their respective buildings.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

- 5.1 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, 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. (6-0) (A copy of the recommendations is included with these minutes).
- 5.1a. It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Casertino, **to approve additions to the CSE/CPSE Recommendations.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached)
- 5.2 It was moved by Mr. Casertino, seconded by Mrs. Berger, **to approve Warrant #7, and the Internal Claims Auditor's Report.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached).
- 5.3 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Casertino, **to approve Discarding "Biology: The Study of Life" Textbooks.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached).
- 5.4 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve Discarding "Discovering French" Textbooks.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached).
- 5.5 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Casertino, **to approve Discarding "Allez, Viens French 1" Textbooks.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached).

6. PERSONNEL:

- 6.1 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Professional Appointment:**
Nolin, Cheryl, Library Media Specialist, High School, Salary; Step 1 MA, \$46,224.00, Effective 1/6/14, Probationary Period: 1/6/14 – 1/6/17

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.2 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Casertino, **to accept the following Nonteaching Resignations:**

Hayes, Jeanne, Library Aide, Jackson Heights, Effective November 22, 2013

Smith, Debra, Lunch Monitor, Jackson Heights, Effective November 26, 2013

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.3 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Nonteaching Appointments:**

Noonan, Tammy, 3.0 Hour Teacher Aide, Kensington, Effective November 25, 2013, Salary; \$5,805.30 prorated, Probationary Period: November 25, 2013 – May 25, 2014

Galatioto, Peter, Payroll Clerk, Administration Building, Effective December 9, 2013, Salary; \$29,500, Provisional pending the Civil Service Exam, Probationary Period: December 9, 2013 – June 9, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.4 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Casertino, **to approve the following Nonteaching Leave of Absence:**

Northrop, Karen, Teacher Assistant, Kensington, Effective November 25, 2013 – June 26, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.5 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve rescinding the following Coaching Appointments (2013-2014):**

Bryan Seybolt Modified Boys Track

Kristina Hermance JV Girls Lacrosse

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.6 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Coaching Appointments (2013-2014):**

Kevin Hall JV Boys Track C-4 \$4,045

Laura Kules Modified Girls Track D-4 \$3,538

Bryan Seybolt JV Girls Lacrosse C-4 \$4,045

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.7 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Per Diem Coaches (2013-2014):**

Jen Behlmer Modified Swimming \$53.80 per day, not to exceed \$1,883

Erin Kuhn Cross-County \$53.80 per day, not to exceed \$1,883

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

8. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

9. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:10 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Casertino, seconded by Mr. Conrick, to **adjourn to executive session to discuss a Personnel Issue, a Leave of Absence Request and Negotiations.**

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

Executive Session ended at 8:25 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Casertino, to **come out of executive session.**

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

At 8:26 p.m., the public portion of the meeting was reopened and the following actions were taken:

It was moved by Mr. Casertino, seconded by Mr. Conrick, to **approve the following Professional Appointment:**

Murray, Cindy, Social Studies Teacher, Salary; Step 1 MA, \$45,774.00, Effective 12/10/13, Probationary Period: 12/10/13 – 12/10/16

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

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

Motsiff, Paul, Elementary Teacher, Middle School, Effective January 5, 2014 – June 26, 2014.

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:35 p.m., there being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, to **adjourn the meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

Amy Towers
Clerk, Board of Education