

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

MINUTES

**Monday, September 8, 2014
District Office - 15 Quade Street - 7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Poulos – President, Mrs. Burton, Mr. Deason, Mrs. Kunst, Mrs. Maurer, Mr. McTiernan, Mrs. Spector-Tougas (7:10 p.m.)
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Berger, Mr. Conrick
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins – Superintendent, Christopher Hearley, Chris Reed, Laurie Parker, Mark Stratton, Barbara Sealy, Trent Clay
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Skye Heritage, Paul Streicher, Joanne Truchon, Peter Taylor, Brandon Lis
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kelly Culliton

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

1. MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

2. INFORMATION:

2.1 Calendar of Events

Monday, October 13	Columbus Day – School Closed
Monday, October 20	Regular Board of Education Meeting

2.2 Superintendent's Report:

- We had a great start to the new school year. We actually gained a few students and lost a few. Our total enrollment is 2031 as of last week.
- Thank you to our custodial staff, Gene Figler, and Laura Moody. The work from Phase I of the capital project was completed over the summer, and the buildings were cleaned and ready to go for the new school year.
- We streamlined our communications by significantly reducing the print run of the school calendars, due to budget cuts. We are no longer mailing a calendar to all city residents. Any resident who wants a calendar can stop by or call the district office and we will be happy to provide one. This was also the first year of our consolidated summer mailing. Every family received one packet of back-to-school information that included information for all siblings in the household. Thank you to Skye Heritage, Paul Streicher, the secretaries at each building, and the high school guidance secretaries for the data coordination and effort that went into the project. We cut down on duplication of materials, saved on postage for multiple packets, and gave families all of their new school year information in one place.
- A Superintendent's Conference Day was held on September 2nd for all staff members. Our keynote speaker was Eric Sheninger, who talked with staff about leading and learning in the digital age as a model for moving schools and districts forward. He focused on the power of social media tools like Twitter, Facebook and the web. Debbie Hall, who is the Principal at Big Cross, has started tweeting. You can follow her @BCelemprincipal. Also to note, a photo of a very encouraging "welcome letter" of sorts from second-grade teacher Donna Scott reached

3,251 people via Facebook, including 152 “likes” and 22 comments. One comment came from a motivational speaker/author in Texas, who attended Jackson Heights as a child. One example of power and reach of school media. Robert Amberger, a Teacher at the High School, produced a first day video which included words of advice from the graduates of 2014, hopes and aspirations of incoming freshman, and great photos of students. The video is posted on Robert Amberger’s teacher page, and is viewable with a GFSD login.

- The “Box out Bullying” parent night will be held on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Each of our elementary schools is holding coordinated assemblies, and all elementary parents are encouraged to attend the parent presentation.
- Our virtual AP program at the High School has fifteen students enrolled taking courses such as AP psych, AP Comparative Government and Politics, and AP STATS, AP Art History. We are still checking with students to see if more would be interested. Originally, we were limited to eleven students, but other schools in the grant had not maximized their numbers, so we are taking advantage of open spots. Mark Stratton, and John Woodell-Freire, have been coordinating the program. The students take the classes online, and they also get a laptop. The students on Free & Reduced Lunch will get free wireless access outside of school for homework purposes.

Mrs. Kunst – Is it open to any student?

Dr. Stratton – Yes...but the free wireless is only for Free & Reduced Lunch students.

Mr. Deason – Do the students take an AP test at the end?

Mr. Jenkins – Yes.

Mrs. Kunst – Do the students complete the program on their own time?

Dr. Stratton – Yes....but most students have a study hall where they can take advantage of getting the work done. We are not replacing any courses.

Mr. Jenkins – We will have an update at a future meeting as to how the program is going.

- We will introduce one item under new business tonight. It is a transportation contract with Abe Wing.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

4. **REPORTS:** None

5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

5.1 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **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 Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve additions to the CSE/CPSE Recommendations.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached).

5.2 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve Warrant 2A, 2B, and the Internal Claims Auditor’s Report.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached).

5.3 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the Wildwood Contract from September 3, 2014 through June 24, 2015.**

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached).

5.4 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to accept the Donation of Seventeen Girls Volleyball Jerseys from Ethan Hall.** The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0) (Attached).

5.5 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve the Resolution to Amend the Glens Falls City Schools 403 (b) Retirement Plan.**

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0) (attached).

5.6 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the 2013 – 2014 and 2014 – 2015 Budget Transfers.** The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0) (Attached).

5.7 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve Discarding the Buen Viaje Spanish 2 Textbooks, Puntos de Partida 7th Edition Textbooks, Punto y Aparte 3rd Edition Textbooks, and Ven Conmigo Level 3 Textbooks.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0) (Attached).

6. **PERSONNEL:**

6.1 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Professional Appointment:**
Camelo, Gregory, Library Media Specialist, Kensington, .5 FTE, Non-Probationary, Salary; Step 1 MA, \$46,724.00 x .50 = \$23,362.00, Effective 9/1/14 – 6/30/15

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.2 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to accept the following Non-Teaching Resignation:**
Landon, Deanna, Teacher Aide, Effective August 12, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.3 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Appointments:**
Frandsen, Stacy, 6.0 Hour Teacher Aide, Jackson Heights, Salary; \$11,943.60, Effective September 1, 2014

Caffry, Anna, 5.50 Hour Title 1 Teacher Assistant, Big Cross, Salary; \$11,619.85, Effective September 1, 2014, Probationary Period: September 1, 2014 – March 1, 2015

Piro, Abigail, 5.50 Hour Title 1 Teacher Assistant, Jackson Heights, Salary; \$11,619.85, Effective September 1, 2014, Probationary Period: September 1, 2014 – March 1, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.4 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to rescind the following Coaching Appointments (2014-2015):**
Halliday, Jared, Modified Boys Soccer, Effective August 20, 2014
Barrows, Tom, JV Boys Soccer, Effective August 20, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

Mrs. Maurer – Did we not have enough students to field the teams?

Mr. Jenkins – That's right, we did not have enough students to field these teams. We also did not have enough students for Cheerleading or Girls JV Soccer.

6.5 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve the following Coaching Appointments (2014-2015):**

Cross, Nate	JV Wrestling	B-2	\$4,045
Barrows, Tom	Modified Boys Soccer	D-4	\$3,538
Palmer, Dave	Varsity Baseball	A-6	\$5,570

<i>Girard, Rob</i>	JV Baseball	C-5	\$4,300
<i>Klaiber, Phil</i>	Modified Baseball	D-2	\$3,033
<i>Halliday, Jared</i>	Modified Baseball	D-4	\$3,538
<i>Archambault, Craig</i>	Varsity Softball	B-5	\$4,810 + \$362 = \$5,172
<i>O'Connor, Matt</i>	JV Softball	C-5	\$4,300 + \$245 = \$4,545
<i>Sprague, Brittany</i>	Modified Softball	D-4	\$3,538
<i>Barrows, Tom</i>	Modified Softball	D-4	\$3,538
<i>Venditto, Michele</i>	Varsity Girls Lacrosse	B-5	\$4,810 + \$362 = \$5,172
<i>Seybolt, Brian</i>	Girls JV Lacrosse	C-2	\$3,538
<i>Girard, Dan</i>	Boys JV Lacrosse	C-2	\$3,538
<i>Woods, Larry</i>	Girls Varsity Track	B-3	\$4,300
<i>Hubert, Kristina</i>	Girls JV Track	C-5	\$4,300
<i>Kules, Laura</i>	Modified Girls Track	D-4	\$3,538
<i>Perry, Dan</i>	Boys Varsity Track	B-5	\$4,810 + \$724 = \$5,534
<i>Hall, Kevin</i>	Boys JV Track	C-5	\$4,300
<i>Bombard, Brian</i>	Boys Modified Track	D-4	\$3,538
<i>Zurlo, Steve</i>	Boys Tennis	B-5	\$4,810 + \$1,086 = \$5,896

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.6 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Mentor Appointments:**

Spellburg, Jessica, Special Education Teacher, Middle School, Salary; \$1,580, Mentoring Ashley Dutcher, new Special Education Teacher at Jackson Heights, Effective September 1, 2014

Bouteiller, Jeremy, Music Teacher, Salary; \$1,580, Mentoring David Turken, new Music Teacher, Effective September 1, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.7 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Volunteer Coaches (2014-2015):**

Guity, Selvin, Varsity Boys Soccer

Mahoney, Maureen, Modified Volleyball

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.8 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve the following Middle School Team Advisor (2014-2015):**

Truax, Michelle Abenaki

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.9 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following High School Club/Activity Advisors (2014-2015):**

Shaver, Michael Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Taylor, Peter Key Club

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

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

Mr. Jenkins gave a copy of the transportation agreement to the Board. We would be contracted out by Abraham Wing to cover their transportation. Right now, Abraham Wing only has one bus and one driver. We would be charging Abraham Wing a set fee per mile. In addition, if we provide an aide or monitor for an Abraham Wing student, Abraham Wing will have to reimburse us for the cost of the aide or monitor's salary and the fringe benefits. Gene Figler coordinated the runs so that we are already dropping our own students off at the same locations. It would be a good situation for the district.

Mrs. Burton – So we are getting paid for runs we already do anyways?

Mr. Jenkins – Yes....and it saves Abraham Wing money as well.

Mr. Deason – Will we be transporting students to go on field trips?

Mr. Jenkins – Yes.....anything we do will be billed per mile.

Dr. Poulos – What if they get a new student that is not on our route....will that affect us?

Mr. Jenkins – Possibly, but for the most part, they go to the same places we do.

- It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the 2014-2015 Transportation Services Agreement with the Glens Falls Common School District (Abraham Wing)**. The motion was carried (6-1) (Mrs. Spector-Tougas voted no). (Attached)

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:25 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to adjourn to executive session to discuss Personnel and Legal Matters**. The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

Executive Session ended at 7:44 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to come out of executive session**. The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

At 7:45 p.m., the public portion of the meeting was reopened and the following actions were taken:

It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve the following resolutions that were discussed in executive session:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Glens Falls City School District, Warren County, New York hereby finds probable cause for charges of misconduct and insubordination against an employee pursuant to Section 75 of the Civil Service Law as discussed in executive session.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Education of the Glens Falls City School District, hereby approves the appointment of Mark Doody as hearing officer to preside over an employee disciplinary proceeding pursuant to Section 75 of the Civil Service Law.

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:46 p.m., there being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to adjourn the meeting**. The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

Amy Towers
Clerk, Board of Education