

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

MINUTES

**Monday, November 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. Deason, Mrs. Kunst, Mrs. Maurer, Mr. McTiernan, Mrs. Spector-Tougas

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Paul Jenkins – Superintendent, Trent Clay, Debbie Hall, Jennifer Hayes, Christopher Reed, Barbara Sealy, Mark Stratton, Paul Streicher, Christopher Hearley

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Moynihan, Gene Figler, Brandon Lis, Jason Brechko, Betty Brown, Sharon Varney

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheri Francato, Kari Paro, Michael Goot, Allison Casertino, Margaret Sawyer

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 Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

2. INFORMATION:

2.1 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, November 11	Veterans' Day – School Closed
November 26 – 28	Thanksgiving Recess – School Closed
Wednesday, December 3	Policy Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Monday, December 8	Curriculum Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

2.2 Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Jenkins gave an update on the New York State School Boards Association Conference, as well as the Poverty Conference.
- The Poverty Conference was well received. We sent administrators and two teachers from each building. One of the sessions was a poverty simulation that was outstanding. It was role playing, and two of our teachers were matched up as husband and wife. They ended up living in a car, and it was truly an eye opening experience. The entire group that attended the conference will be meeting next week to put together information to present to their staff in each of their respective buildings.
- The New York State School Boards Association Conference was held in New York City. Dr. Poulos and Mrs. Kunst attended the conference as well. One of the workshops that Mr. Jenkins attended was on School District Finances. Rick Timbs spoke at the workshop. Most of the discussion focused on the tax cap and fund balance. Another workshop Mr. Jenkins attended was on a flipped classroom. Mrs. Kunst and Mr. Jenkins also attended the Law Conference. The Affordable Care Act was a large part of the discussion.
- Dr. Poulos and Mrs. Kunst both reported on the different workshops they attended at the New York State School Boards Association.

- Mr. Jenkins reported on the goal setting process. He emailed faculty and staff with a survey as well as the PTA and PTSA's. In December when we have alumni here, we will ask them to take the survey. Trent Clay and Skye Heritage will be meeting with Business Partners in January.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- Jason Brechko spoke to the Board regarding his daughter at Jackson Heights having 25 students in her kindergarten class. He asked the Board to consider the effect of these large class sizes on learning. He asked the School Board to commit to smaller classes sizes, and consider hiring an extra kindergarten teacher at each elementary building.

4. **REPORTS:**

- Big Cross PTA – Kari Paro reported the fall fundraiser was a huge success along with the book fair, the election bake sale and the harvest dance. Students are currently working on their Original Works, which will transform their artwork into items and gifts. Frances Parent came to the last meeting and talked about the GF Nation Fund. A big thank you to the Fredette Family Foundation for the kids' sweatshirts. Students and staff are looking forward to the upcoming Thanksgiving Breakfast.
- Middle School PTSA – Kelly Culliton reported the last PTSA meeting was held on Thursday, October 9th. The first 7th and 8th grade activity night was held on Friday, October 24th. The proceeds benefited the 8th grade end of the year trip to Boston. The Scholastic Book fair was very successful. It was held during the first week of October. The fall fundraiser will start just in time for the holidays. The PTSA purchased metal name plates for all the classroom doors, and gym equipment from last year's fundraising proceeds. They also made a donation to the Junior Chorus trip to see the Secret Garden and gave \$500.00 to each grade level to be spent as needed.
- High School PTSA – Kelly Culliton reported the last PTSA meeting was held on November 5th. Mike Borgos came to the meeting and talked about the GF Nation Fund. Open House went well. The Homecoming Dance was a success. The PTSA profited \$300.00 from food sales. They are currently starting to take suggestions for Founders' Day nominees.
- High School Student Council – Allison Casertino reported the Student Council conducted a food drive the week of the 18th. The items will be donated to the Salvation Army on the 21st. Big Brothers/Big Sisters completed their orientation program. Students will begin at Big Cross and provide services to students throughout the year.
- Athletic Committee – Mr. Jenkins reported the Athletic Committee met on November 5th. Chip Corlew talked about the numbers from the fall sports, and what the numbers look like for the winter. We had a handful of sports that we were not able to field teams for due to the lack of participation.
- Public Relations Committee – Mr. Deason reported the Public Relations Committee met on November 5th. Skye Heritage gave an in-depth presentation on the consolidated summer mailing. The District saved over \$10,000 by the new process. A significant amount of money was saved by cutting back on the number of school calendars. Skye also gave statistics surrounding the website and social media.
- Curriculum Committee – Dr. Poulos reported the Curriculum Committee met prior to the Board Meeting. Mr. Moynihan and Mr. Manning reported on Colonial Days. This year the 7th graders were bussed to various historic sites. Mr. Clay gave an update on the Early College High School, AP information and pathways to graduation. Also discussed was the Superintendent's Conference Day.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

- 5.1** It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, 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. Deason, **to approve additions to the CSE/CPSE Recommendations.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.2** It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve Warrant 4A, 4B, and the Internal Claims Auditor's Report.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.3** It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the Agreements with Vanderheyden from October 21, 2014 – June 26, 2015.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.4** It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve Budget Transfers.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.5** It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the Contracts with Crossroads Center for Children from September 3, 2014 – June 24, 2015.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (attached).
- 5.6** It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the Ice Hockey Trip to Rome, NY from Friday, December 26th – Saturday, December 27th.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.7** It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the 2014-2015 Health Services Rate.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.8** It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve Excessing Van #19.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.9** It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Electricity.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.10** It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Natural Gas.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.11** It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the Natural Gas Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service Billing Schedule and Agreement.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.12** It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the Electricity Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service Billing Schedule and Agreement.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).

5.13 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Berger, **to accept the Bid from Durrin, Inc. for Transportation Services.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).

5.14 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the Donation of 810 Sweatshirts from the Fredette Family Foundation.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).

Dr. Poulos – With our many thanks and appreciation!

5.15 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the 2015-2016 Budget Calendar.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).

5.16 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the Bids as listed for Phase 2 of the Capital Project.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).

6. **PERSONNEL:**

6.1 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Leave of Absence:**
Jenkins, Hannah, Effective (approximately) January 6, 2015 – March 2, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

6.2 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Appointments:**
Guido, Rochelle, 5.50 Hour 1:1 Aide, Kensington, Salary; \$10,948.30 prorated, Effective October 21, 2014 (from the call-back list)

Clohessey, Elizabeth, 6.50 Teacher Assistant, St. Mary'/St. Alphonsus Catholic School, Salary; \$13,732.55 prorated, Effective October 23, 2014, Probationary Period: October 23, 2014 – April 23, 2015

Hutchinson, Alan, Part-Time Bus Monitor, Salary; \$12.88 per hour, Effective November 3, 2014, Probationary Period: November 3, 2014 – May 3, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

6.3 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the following Per Diem Coaching Appointment:**
Klaiber, Phil, Cross-Country Skiing, \$53.80 per day, not to exceed \$1,883

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

6.4 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Volunteer Coach (2014-2015):**
Weaver, Caitlan, Varsity Cheerleading

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

6.5 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Berger, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Retirement:**
Voorhis, Everett, Mechanic, Effective November 6, 2014

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

8. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

9. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:25 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