

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

MINUTES

Monday, March 14, 2016

District Office - 15 Quade Street - 7:00 p.m.

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Poulos – President, Mr. Conrick – Vice-President, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Culliton, Mr. Deason, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Kunst, Mrs. Maurer
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Spector-Tougas
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins – Superintendent, Bobby Yusko – Business Director, Trent Clay, Mark Stratton, Debbie Hall, Carrie Mauro, Barbara Sealy, Jennifer Hayes, Chris Reed, Laurie Parker
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Skye Heritage, Gene Figler, Becky Vanderklish, Paul Streicher, Susan Botch, Debbie Hill, Heather Harrington, Doug Hoyne, Jason Brechko
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sara Quartiers, Jessica Infield, Karissa Rivers, Bailey Squires, Emily Hammond, Claudia Braymer

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 February 8, 2016 Regular Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

2. INFORMATION:

2.1 Calendar of Events

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| Friday, March 25 | Good Friday – School Closed |
| Wednesday, April 6 | Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, April 11 | Curriculum Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |

2.2 Superintendent's Report:

- March 8th was Lobby Day in Albany. It was very busy.....many school groups were in attendance. The good news is the push continues to end the GEA and for schools to receive more Foundation aid. It was a very positive day.
- We will be canceling the Finance Meeting on March 17th because we do not have any new information to present until the State Budget is passed.
- Area Superintendents will be meeting with the Post Star Editorial Board on March 16th to discuss school funding.
- A ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on Thursday, March 17th at SUNY Adirondack for Business Central. We are one of the partners in this effort to connect students to local internships and jobs. Business Central is a resource center at SUNY Adirondack for High School and college students to search and apply for internships and jobs. The Adirondack Regional Chamber is helping to populate a new database of jobs and internship listings specific to students.

- We will have two Board of Education seats open for next year commencing on July 1st. Petitions are available in the District Office.
- Argyle School District will be visiting next week to meet with our Technology Team regarding our one to one Chromebook initiative.
- We are partnering with Siena College Research to do a survey on how students use their electronic devices. We are the first school outside of New York City to participate.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

John Fair – Handed out articles to the Board of Education regarding the turf. Mr. Fair has brought research to the Board in the past regarding the elevated temperatures on the field, and now it has become state law that if the temperature is at a certain level the field cannot be used. Mr. Fair said his biggest concern he has brought to the Board's attention is the alleged carcinogens related to the field. He said he has been in the Post Star three times, and twice in the Chronicle. Mr. Fair said he has spent hundreds of dollars over the years passing out reports to the Board. Mr. Fair read portions of the information he gave to the Board from doctors and two Senators from Connecticut and Florida. Mr. Fair said he came to the Board in the past and asked for independent testing, and was told "No". Mr. Fair said he will be meeting with an Assemblyman next week because he is tired of dealing with the local officials and he will no longer come speak to the School Board. He said he has never stepped foot on the field and he never will.

Jason Brechko – Invited the School Board to the Middle School Science Fair on March 22nd. The Science Fair begins at 5:30 with presentations. Student projects will be in the High School Gymnasium and Cafeteria from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Heather Harrington – Thanked the Board for approving her leave of absence request. Her father recently passed away, but she was able to spend six weeks by his side and that's time she could not ever get back. She also thanked the Middle School for taking care of her daughter and supporting her during this time.

4. **REPORTS:**

- Big Cross PTA – Sara Quartiers reported that Big Cross was exceedingly proud to acknowledge their Principal, Debbie Hall, at the Founder's Day Celebration at the Middle School in February. Thank you to Debbie for all she does for our kids and school community. Kindergarten Round-Up took place on March 8th, and 68 incoming kindergartners were screened by kindergarten teachers, physical therapists and speech therapists. Parents were able to process information for their students, discuss health concerns with the nurse, and get their child into Glens Falls School News Notifier with the help of Skye Heritage. Big Cross again participated in a book collection collecting just over 250 brand new children's books for a local not for profit children's charity, Project: Cameron's Story. Project: Cameron's Story aims to give brand new books to families in local hospitals who have babies that are born too sick or too soon to be held or touched so that their families may bond with them. The entire Glens Falls School District participated in this, and the total raised was over 400 brand new books for Project: Cameron's Story. The Big Cross playground is in need of repairs costing a little more than \$4,000. The PTA has earmarked funds of \$2,000 for the necessary repairs. Our 5th Ward Councilman, Jim Clark, has donated \$569 towards these repairs. In addition, 5th Ward Supervisor, Matt McDonald, has donated \$425 towards the repairs. Our Big Cross school community has some generous supporters! The PTA is planning for one of our biggest Spring Events – the Spring Fair on Saturday, March 19th. Kids get to participate in a variety of crafts/activities with their teachers, parents and friends. The school also hosts a big basket raffle.
- High School Student Council - Nora Borgos reported the first week of March, student council held their annual cabin fever week. Each day was a specifically themed day, such as mismatch day, superhero day, and Freedom Friday. The Student Council also held a trivia night, which hopefully will end up being an annual event. The turnout seemed to be pretty good, and everyone seemed to

have a great time. The display case in the high school lobby was recently decorated with pictures of students volunteering at various events throughout the school year. Also, some signs were put up next to the display case recognizing students with ten or more hours of service. Students can now log their volunteer hours on a form that can be found on the Student Council website, and they are rewarded with a Glens Falls lanyard once they reach ten hours. The High School is hosting Odyssey of the Mind competition this weekend, and we have lots of student volunteers that will be assisting with the event. Any students interested can sign up on Mrs. McKeighan's teacher page.

- Personnel Committee – Mrs. Culliton reported the Personnel Committee met on March 3rd. The committee discussed retirements, and possible positions the District will need to fill next year.
- Athletic Committee – Mrs. Burton reported the Athletic Committee met on March 3rd. We had a number of teams with achievements. The Girls Basketball team and the Boys Swim team were Section 2 Champs. The Boys Basketball team and the Boys Swim team were Foothills Champs. The Girls Basketball team was North Division Champs, and the Ice Hockey team, and Boys Basketball team were Section 2 Finalists. We had four scholar athlete teams - Girls Basketball, Nordic Skiing, Alpine Skiing, and Ice Hockey. We also had Section 2 and State Individual Achievements in Swimming, Diving, Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing, and Indoor Track. Mr. Corlew discussed adding Freshman Girls and Boys Basketball teams for next year.
- Curriculum Committee – Dr. Poulos reported the Curriculum Committee met prior to the Board Meeting. Mr. Clay updated the Board on the Focus School designation. The good news is the State accepted the appeal from the Middle School. The Board discussed what our plan will be moving forward with the designation at the High School. Mr. Amberger gave a report on the SUNY Adirondack/ARCC Internship partnership. Mrs. Botch presented a computer design course students can take for college credit.

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. (8-0) (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. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.2 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve Warrant 8A, 8B, 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. Deason, to **approve Discarding Library Books at the High School.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.4 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Burton, to **approve Discarding Library Books at Jackson Heights Elementary School.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.5 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve the Boys Lacrosse Trip to Kingston, NY on Saturday, April 2, 2016.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.6 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve the Notice of Registration and Notice of Public Hearing and Annual Meeting Resolution. Roll Call:** Mrs. Culliton (Yes), Mr. Deason (Yes), Mrs. Burton (Yes), Dr. Poulos (Yes), Mr. Conrick (Yes), Mrs. Kunst (Yes), Mrs. Maurer (Yes), Mr. Graham (Yes). The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).

- 5.7 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.8 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve Changing the Rate of Pay for Substitute Nurses at the Middle School to \$150.00 per day effective March 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0).
- 5.9 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the Bid from Frank Crescente for the Excessed 1999 Ford Van.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.10 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the Bid from Brian Bombard for the Excessed 1996 Chevy 24-Passenger School Bus.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.11 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the Health and Welfare Services Contract with Corinth Central School from September 8, 2015 – June 24, 2016.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.12 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the College Information Field Trip to the University of Vermont and Saint Michael's College on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.13 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the Donation of Pavement from the Jackson Heights PTA to be placed on the Jackson Heights Elementary School Playground for Basketball and Recess Activities.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0).

Dr. Poulos – with thanks!

- 5.14 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to accept the Donation of Two Basketball Hoops from the Fredette Family Foundation for the Jackson Heights Playground.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0).

Dr. Poulos – with thanks!

6. PERSONNEL:

- 6.1 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Graham, **to accept the following Professional Retirements:**
Corliss, Linda, Home and Careers Teacher, Effective June 30, 2016
Schefold, Colleen, Elementary Teacher, Effective June 30, 2016

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)
Dr. Poulos: Best wishes!
- 6.2 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Professional Leave of Absence:**
Rajeski, Melissa, Special Education Teacher, Effective approximately May 13, 2016 – June 23, 2016.

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)
- 6.3 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to accept the following Non-Teaching Retirement:**
Figler, Gene, Director of Facilities and Transportation, Effective June 30, 2016

The motion was carried. (7-1)(No Vote – Mrs. Burton)
Dr. Poulos: Best wishes!

6.4 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Appointments:**

Cooke-Langworthy, Christine, 5.50 Hour Teacher Aide, Effective February 22, 2016, Salary; \$10,643.05, Probationary Period: February 22, 2016 – August 22, 2016

Grey, Pauline, 5.50 Hour Teacher Aide, Effective February 29, 2016, Salary; \$10,643.05, Probationary Period: February 29, 2016 – August 29, 2016

MacDuff, Wayne, Building Maintenance Supervisor, Effective March 14, 2016, Salary; Current 2015-2016 Salary + \$11,642.00, Probationary Period: March 14, 2016 – September 14, 2016

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

6.5 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Coaching Appointment (2015-2016):**

Girard, Cam Modified B Baseball D-1 \$2,775

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

6.6 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Volunteer Coaching Appointments:**

Nordquist, Won-Suh Track and Field

Sullivan, Kasey JV Softball

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

7. CORRESPONDENCE: The District received a letter from Andrea Winter-Barclay with questions regarding the Auditor's Report. Mr. Yusko will be responding.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9. NEW BUSINESS: None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:45 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, to adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel. The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0).

Executive Session ended at 9:35 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Deason, to come out of executive session. The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0).

11. ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:36 p.m., there being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to adjourn the meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

Amy Towers
 Clerk, Board of Education