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GLENS FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Monday, May 9, 2016

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

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Conrick – Vice-President, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Culliton, Mr. Deason, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Kunst, Mrs. Maurer, Mrs. Spector-Tougas
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Poulos – President
- 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, Paul Streicher, Brandon Lis, Peter Taylor
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sara Quartiers, Schuyler Quartiers, Kristin Greenwood, Heather Brechko, Madison MacDonald

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Conrick, Vice-President, at 7:00 p.m.

1. MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2016 Regular Board of Education Meeting, and the April 19, 2016 Special Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

2. INFORMATION:

2.1 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 4	Public Relations Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Technology Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Budget Public Hearing – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 9	Curriculum Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 17	District Budget Vote – Sanford Street School
Wednesday, June 1	Personnel Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Athletic Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

2.2 Superintendent’s Report:

- The budget vote is on Tuesday, May 17th. We have four candidates running for the Board of Education.
- May is a busy month with concerts, the Art Expo, and Sports Awards.
- Wednesday, May 11th is National School Nurses Day. A big thank you to all our school nurses!

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Schuyler Quartiers, a 3rd Grader at Big Cross Street Elementary School, held a “Ball Caps for Babies” day to raise money for the March of Dimes. Students paid \$1.00 to wear a hat for the day in school. The total amount raised was over \$200.00. Schulyer walks in a March of Dimes event in memory of her brother who passed away at 8 months old. Schulyer wanted to thank everyone at Big

Cross, and especially Ms. Maroun and Miss Hall. She said she is “very happy to be a student at Big Cross”.

4. **REPORTS:**

- **Big Cross PTA** – Sara Quartiers reported that last week the PTA celebrated the teachers at Big Cross for Teacher Appreciation week. The PTA (led by parent volunteers) hosted a breakfast, a basket raffle, and other exciting events to show the teachers at our school how much they are appreciated. At the beginning of the month, the PTA in conjunction with faculty and staff at Big Cross hosted a McTeacher’s Night at the McDonald’s on Corinth Road in Queensbury. Lots of families came out to support our fundraising efforts. As always, the kids were excited to see their teachers really get into the event by serving, taking orders, and working the drive thru! In order to promote good heart health, “Walking Wednesdays” will resume this month at Big Cross. Teacher and parent volunteers will again encourage students to join in and walk to school, weather permitting, every Wednesday for the remainder of the school year. The PTA is also offering a grant to one current 3rd grader and one current 4th grader. This grant would allow the recipient to take one summer enrichment class through SUNY Adirondack Summer Enrichment Program. To be eligible for the grant, parents must fill out a very short application, and students must write a short paragraph explaining what class they would like to take and why. All students who are currently in 3rd and 4th grade at Big Cross are eligible for this grant. Next month, Big Cross is excited to prepare for our annual bike rodeo as well as host incoming kindergarteners and current students and their families for an end of the year celebration in the form of an ice cream social.
- **Middle School PTSA** – Kristin Greenwood reported that April was Autism Awareness Month. Christina Frederick spearheaded honoring Autism Awareness Month by students and staff wearing blue on April 1st. Christina also posted many facts on the Middle School Facebook page, and they were very well received. May 2nd – 6th was Staff Appreciation week. During the week the PTA had gift card drawings, a light breakfast, a staff luncheon, a small school supply store in the staff lounge, and a little candy shop. Many thanks to all who donated delicious dishes for the luncheon. Also a thank you to the staff for all they do for our students. This week is the Scholastic BOGO Free book fair. The book fair is open every day from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., and on Thursday night they are open from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Spirit Day will be held on Friday, June 3rd from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with games, food and other entertainment.
- **High School Student Council** – Madison MacDonald reported the Envirothon team came in second in Warren County. They were only 4 points (out of a total of 360) away from first place. The Art Expo is being held on Wednesday, May 25th:
 - Art students in K-12 will be displaying work through the first floor of the High School and Middle School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
 - Ice cream bowls will be for sale, and the Ice cream was provided by Stewart’s Shops
 - Senior Art Portfolio competition will take place in the Gym
 - Interactive art experiences will take place in the Cafeteria
 - Art Auction and bake sale all to benefit the High School Art Fund providing assistance to students for Art Camps, and framing of the permanent collection
 - The guest Artist is Trampoline Design Advertising and Design Company

SoroptiMISS finished its second annual Flower Power sale in partnership with Binley’s. They sold almost 100 plants this year, which makes it a successful fundraiser. On May 7th, SoroptiMISS held their second annual Homecoming 2.0 dance. After all expenses, they netted \$478.00. These fundraisers help to pay for Girls’ Day which will be next March. The Spanish 4 and 5 classes and our American Field Service Club, were able to attend a viewing of “The Other Side of Immigration” at Hudson Falls High School. After the viewing, the creator of the documentary was there to answer many questions that our students had about the topic. Both the High School Orchestra and Band held their spring concerts in April, but most importantly, Pam Granger’s last High School Chorus concert (before retiring) will be on May 24th. We had 18 Octet and HS Chorus vocalists sing

with the Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra this past Sunday under the baton of world renowned conductor, Simon Carrington. Our singers were responsible to learn the very difficult score with Mrs. Granger, and come together with other High School and adult singers from the area for a once in a lifetime experience.

- Public Relations Committee – Mr. Deason reported the Public Relations Committee met on May 4th. They reviewed the district’s Facebook post analytics and other media saturation for district news. School community members can now download the district’s Google Calendars directly onto their phones or computers. The IT Department helped configure the calendar settings so parents can download individual building and/or athletic team calendars. The majority of the meeting was regarding budget publications and getting the word out to vote. The committee discussed the wording of budget exit survey questions for efficacy.
- Technology Committee – Mr. Jenkins reported the Technology Committee met on May 4th. Mr. Streicher went through the Smart Schools Investment Plan, which is on tonight’s agenda for approval. The majority of the plan will be for Smartboard and Chromebook replacements. Mr. Streicher also outlined the timeline. The plan and related documents will be posted on the district web site for community comments after the board approves the plan tonight.
- Curriculum Committee - Mr. Conrick reported the Curriculum Committee met prior to the Board of Education Meeting. Mrs. Muller-McCoola gave a nice presentation on Art Enrichment which included questions and answers by some of the students who recently competed in the Olympics of the Visual Arts. Mr. Clay gave an update on the FOCUS School Designation work, and the Social Studies Toolkit.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

- 5.1 It was moved by Mr. Graham, 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 Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Burton, 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 10A, 10B, and the Internal Claims Auditor’s Report.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached)
- 5.3 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Burton, to **accept the Donation of Two Violins with Accessories to Big Cross Street Elementary School from Jacqueline A. Benish.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached)
- 5.4 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **accept the Donation of a 32” LED Television from Primelink to the Athletic Department.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached)
- 5.5 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve the Smart Schools Investment Plan.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
- 5.6 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, to **approve Excessing Computer Equipment.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).

- 5.7 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the Proposed Robert J. Homkey Memorial Scholarship**. The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).

6. **PERSONNEL:**

- 6.1 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Professional Appointments:**

Lewis, Kimberly, Elementary Teacher, Step 10 MA, \$52,181.00, Effective September 1, 2016, Probationary Period: 9/1/16 – 9/1/19

Moynihan, Melissa, Elementary Teacher, Step 5 MA, \$48,164.00, Effective September 1, 2016, Probationary Period: 9/1/16 – 9/1/19

Crosby, Kelsey, Elementary Teacher, Step 2 MA, \$47,154.00, Effective September 1, 2016, Probationary Period: 9/1/16 – 9/1/20

Burt, Amanda, Elementary Teacher, Step 1 MA, \$47,021.00, Effective September 1, 2016, Probationary Period: 9/1/16 – 9/1/20

Hagy, Elyse, Elementary Teacher, Step 1 MA, \$47,021.00, Effective September 1, 2016, Probationary Period: 9/1/16 – 9/1/20

Petrie, Brandie, Elementary Teacher, Step 1 MA, \$47,021.00, Effective September 1, 2016, Probationary Period: 9/1/16 – 9/1/20

Young, Deborah, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Step 3 BA, \$42,645.00, Effective September 1, 2016, Probationary Period: 9/1/16 – 9/1/20

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

- 6.2 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the following Non-Teaching Resignations:**

Searer, Patrick, Teacher Assistant, Effective April 22, 2016

Casey, Jillian, Teacher Assistant, Effective April 22, 2016

Miner, Donald, Cleaner, Effective May 5, 2016

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

- 6.3 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Change in Appointment:**

McCarty, Marianne, from 6.50 Hour Teacher Assistant to 5.50 Hour Teacher Assistant, Salary; \$11,925.10, Effective May 16, 2016

The motion was carried. (8-0)

- 6.4 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Change of Assignment:**

Miller, Julie, from 5.50 Hour Teacher Aide, to 6.50 Hour Teacher Aide, Salary; \$14,526.20 + \$150.00 longevity stipend, Effective April 18, 2016

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

- 6.5 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the following Intramural Appointment (2015-2016):**
Moynihan, Dave, Ultimate Frisbee, \$53.80 per day, not to exceed \$1,883

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

- 6.6 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Tenure Appointment:**
Smith, Jacqueline, Special Education Teacher, Effective September 1, 2016

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

- 6.7 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Collaborative Summer Program Teacher Appointment (7/5/16 – 8/12/16):**
Clough, Amanda, Elementary Teacher, Salary; \$3,684

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

8. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

9. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:15 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Graham, to adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel. The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0).

Executive Session ended at 8:08 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Spector-Tougas, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, to come out of executive session. The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0).

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:09 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. (8-0)

Amy Towers
Clerk, Board of Education