

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

**MINUTES**

**Monday, September 14, 2015  
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, Mrs. Spector-Tougas
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins – Superintendent, Mark Stratton, Laurie Parker, Wendy Morris, Trent Clay, Christopher Reed, Jennifer Hayes, Barbara Sealy, Carrie Mauro
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Skye Heritage, Paul Streicher, Becky Vanderklisch, Joanne Truchon, Jason Brechko, Brandon Lis
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Teator, Jason Cherrier, James Derby, Madison MacDonald

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 Mr. Conrick, **to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

**2. INFORMATION:**

**2.1 Calendar of Events**

Monday, October 5	Curriculum Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**2.2 Superintendent’s Report:**

- We had two Superintendent’s Conference Days and one Professional Development Day for faculty prior to school starting. A big thank you to Mr. Clay for all his hard work putting the three days together.
- We had a great start to the school year. Our enrollment is up by 40 students as of September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- We had a high percentage of students attend one of the many Chromebook camps hosted over the summer and at the start of the school year. Approximately 900 students have their Chromebooks. With our new wireless network active, we have a guest network open in all of our buildings. Guests and students can join this network on their personal devices. It is restricted to less bandwidth and higher filtering.
- Final work is being completed on our capital project.
- September 24<sup>th</sup> is the first Adirondack Area School Boards Association Meeting at the Queensbury Hotel. Dr. Rick Timbs and Ms. Teri Crowley will both be on hand to review the status of state aid, the current legislative landscape, and their thoughts on how we can best advocate for the complete elimination of the GEA and for meaningful changes to the foundation aid formula.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

#### 4. **REPORTS:**

- **High School Student Council** – Madison MacDonald reported opening day was a great success this year. The theme was find your talent...live your dream. The 9<sup>th</sup> graders and new students arrived first and were greeted by our 25 volunteer orientation leaders. New students then spent some time in homeroom “learning the ropes” with their homeroom teachers and orientation leaders. Then, students went on a tour of the building and were able to meet many of their new teachers who were in the hall welcoming them during the tours. A passport activity followed where new students had a passport with pictures from different areas of the high school. They had to find each picture and received a stamp in their passport from teachers as they arrived at each stop. The new student portion concluded with students receiving t-shirts and submitting their tickets to win a prize basket. Each department at the high school generously donated a prize basket. At this point an outside barbecue began with entertainment by Zane Agnew, a senior. The upper classmen arrived and joined the new students. The entire school then followed an abbreviated schedule and attended each of their classes. The day concluded with an all school assembly with welcome back information by Dr. Stratton. Also, Nora Borgos spoke representing the Student Council. Students watched videos from Glens Falls Alumni who spoke about the importance of this year’s theme, some of the challenges they faced, and how they are “living their dream”. The assembly concluded with a video with pictures Mr. Amberger had taken from the day and new student comments about what they are looking forward to this year.

#### 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. (9-0) (A copy of the recommendations is included with these minutes).
- 5.2 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve Warrant 2A, 2B 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 Mrs. Kunst, **to approve discarding the Today’s Teen Textbooks**. The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.4 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the Art Field Trip to New York City on Friday, October 23, 2015**. The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.5 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the Superintendent to authorize the following (per policy 1330):**
- a) Approval of attendance at conferences, conventions, workshops, and the like;
  - b) Approve budget transfers within limits prescribed by Commissioner’s Regulation Section 170.2 and Board guidelines
  - c) Apply for Grants in Aid (State and Federal) as appropriate;
  - d) Establish mileage reimbursement rate;
  - e) Other(s) as deemed appropriate/necessary

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).

#### 6. **PERSONNEL:**

- 6.1 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the following Professional Resignations:**  
*Carroll, Brandon*, Music Teacher, Effective August 12, 2015  
*Brennan, Kristy*, Special Education Teacher, Effective August 12, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

**6.2** It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Professional Appointments:**

**Scales, Fiona**, Music Teacher, Salary; Step 1 MA, \$47,021.00, Effective September 1, 2015, Probationary Period: 9/1/15 – 9/1/19

**Reed, Suzanne**, Art Teacher, Step 4 MA, \$47,712.00, Effective September 1, 2015, Probationary Period: 9/1/15 – 9/1/19

**Vandernoot, Jennifer**, Special Education Teacher, Step 1 MA, \$47,021.00, Effective September 1, 2015, Probationary Period: 9/1/15 – 9/1/19

**King, Elizabeth**, Elementary Teacher, Step 1 MA, \$47,021.00, Effective September 1, 2015, Probationary Period: 9/1/15 – 9/1/19

**Winter-Walton, Christal**, Special Education Teacher, Step 1 MA, \$47,021.00, Effective September 1, 2015, Probationary Period: 9/1/15 – 9/1/19

**Hogan, Michele**, Teacher on Special Assignment – Educational Technologist, Step 16 MA + 33 = \$61,834, Effective September 1, 2015

**Yusko, Robert**, Director of Business, Salary; \$106,509.00, Effective October 1, 2015, Probationary Period: 10/1/15 – 10/1/19

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

**6.3** It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to accept the following Non-Teaching Resignations:**

**Clohessy, Elizabeth**, Teacher Assistant, Effective August 20, 2015

**Vandernoot, Jennifer**, Teacher Assistant, Effective August 27, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

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

**Fischer, Darlene**, 5.50 Hour Teacher Assistant, Effective September 1, 2015; Salary; \$11,619.85, Probationary Period: September 1, 2015 – March 1, 2016

**Benyada, Audra**, 6.50 Hour Teacher Aide, Effective September 1, 2015; Salary; \$13,311.68, Probationary Period: September 1, 2015 – March 1, 2016

**Jarvis, Heather**, 5.50 Hour Teacher Assistant, Effective September 1, 2015; Salary; \$11,619.85, Probationary Period: September 1, 2015 – March 1, 2016

**McCane, Amy**, 2.0 Hour Lunch Monitor, Jackson Heights, Effective September 1, 2015; Salary; \$10.46 per hour, Probationary Period: September 1, 2015 – March 1, 2016

**Searer, Patrick**, 6.50 Hour Teacher Assistant, Effective September 1, 2015; Salary; \$13,732.55, Probationary Period: September 1, 2015 – March 1, 2016

**Marsh, Nicole**, 6.50 Hour Teacher Aide, Effective September 1, 2015; Salary; \$12,578.15, Probationary Period: September 1, 2015 – March 1, 2016

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

**6.5** It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Change in Assignment:**

**Caselnova, Robin**, from 5.50 Hour Teacher Assistant to 6.50 Hour Teacher Assistant, Salary; \$14,948.00, Effective September 1, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

**6.6** It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Sixth Class Appointments (2015-2016):**

**Amberger, Robert**, Business Teacher, \$7,764.72

**Bouteiller, Jeremy**, Music Teacher, \$1,170.94

**Sesselman, Dan**, Technology Teacher, \$7,205.58

**Butto, Rick**, Art Teacher, \$3,601.14

**Winter-Walton, Christal**, Special Education Teacher, \$5,642.52

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

**6.7** It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Mentor Appointments (2015-2016):**

**Bocko-Wettersten, Chris**, Special Education Teacher, Salary; \$1,580.00, Mentoring Rosalynn Casimano, Special Education Teacher at Kensington Road Elementary School, Effective September 1, 2015 - February 12, 2016

**Dempsey, Dennis**, Science Teacher, Salary \$1,580.00, Mentoring Richard Heames, new Science Teacher at the High School, Effective September 1, 2015

**McLeod, Lisa**, Special Education Teacher, Salary; \$1,580.00, Mentoring Christal Winter-Walton, new Special Education Teacher at the High School, Effective September 1, 2015

**Leyden, Suzanne**, Music Teacher, Salary; \$1,580.00, Mentoring Fiona Scales, new Music Teacher at the Elementary Schools, Effective September 1, 2015

**Sylvia, Debbie**, Art Teacher, Salary; \$1,580.00, Mentoring Suzanne Reed, new Art Teacher at Kensington and Jackson Heights, Effective September 1, 2015

**Ketring, Melanie**, Special Education Teacher, Salary; \$1,580.00, Mentoring Jennifer Vandernoot, new Special Education Teacher at Kensington Road Elementary School, Effective September 1, 2015

**Raymond, Mary Lea**, Elementary Teacher, Salary; \$1,580.00, Mentoring Elizabeth King, new 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher at the Middle School, Effective September 1, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

**6.8** It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve rescinding the following Coaching Appointments:**

**Girard, Robert**, Boys Modified Basketball, Effective August 11, 2015

**Ring, Rebecca**, Girls Cheerleading (fall), Effective August 17, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.9 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the following Coaching Appointment (2015-2016):**  
*Hall, Dan* Boys Modified Basketball D-4 \$3,538

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.10 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the following High School Club Advisor (2015-2016):**  
*Matino, Nicole* Dramatics Club

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.11 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Middle School Team Advisors (2015-2016):**  
*Nastke, Nichole* Mohican  
*Moynihan, Dave* Abenaki

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.12 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Middle School Club Advisor (2015-2016):**  
*Rajeski, Melissa* 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Homework Club

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.13 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Per Diem Coaching Appointment (2015-2016):**  
*Hoagland, Connor*, Football, \$53.80 per day, not to exceed \$1,883

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.14 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve rescinding the following Per Diem Coaching Appointment:**  
*Higley, Missy*, Girls Varsity Diving Coach, Effective August 21, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.15 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the following Volunteer Coaching Appointment (2015-2016):**  
*Geruso, Carole*, Alpine Skiing

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

8. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve thirteen additional summer work days for Trent Clay.**

The motion was carried unanimously (9-0) (Attached)

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:15 p.m., there being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to adjourn the meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

Amy Towers  
Clerk, Board of Education