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## GLENS FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

### MINUTES

**Monday, January 9, 2017**

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

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Graham – President, Mr. Deason – Vice President, Mrs. Culliton, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Kunst, Mrs. Stockdale
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Maurer, Mrs. Spector-Tougas
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins – Superintendent, Bobby Yusko, Trent Clay, Christopher Reed, Debbie Hall, Jennifer Hayes, Tammy Silvernell
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Chester, Skye Heritage, Paul Streicher, Diane Ogden, Rebecca Vanderklisch, Margaret Sawyer, Cheryl Nolin, Brandon Lis, Jason Brechko
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Goot, Bridget Bruen, Joseph Maxwell, Sean Pettis, Hannah Pettis, William Nolin

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

1. **MINUTES:**  
It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2016 Regular Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)
2. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**
  - The 2017-2018 Budget Calendar will be approved at tonight's meeting.
  - We will begin our discussions on a Capital Project at our public meetings. Mr. Jenkins handed out some information on the project. We are looking at an estimated cost of \$16.8 Million. The project will consist of work that is needed at each of our buildings based on the Building Conditions Survey prepared by Mosaic Architects. Investment into our buildings is important now, as the majority of the work is repair or replacement of building components that are well past their prime. Bobby will talk about the costing out of the project as we move forward.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None
4. **REPORTS:**
  - Jackson Heights PTA - Jason Brechko reported on the last two months at Jackson Heights. In December, the school participated in Make-A-Wish and Salvation Army Food Drive. The second, third and fourth graders worked hard at caring and doing their best to earn bling bucks. The bling bucks were spent at the bling bucks store to purchase gifts for family members. The fourth grade had a lovely choral concert on December 8<sup>th</sup> in front of a full house. Mrs. Kassebaum did a great job with Nancy Armstrong on the piano preparing our students for the concert. Over 400 people attended the holiday sing along on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The event was full of holiday cheer. Mrs. Mauro organized an adopt-a-child program. We purchased and gave out over 100 gifts to Jackson Heights and Big Cross families. As part of this, an anonymous donation was made for five \$100 gift cards to

Toys-R-Us. This month the school's character education will focus on civility. The second grade is creating a school assembly on this theme. Planning is starting for the winter Olympics carnival, which is in February.

- High School Student Council – Hannah Pettis reported the Student Council began the month of November by selling yellow ribbons in honor of Veterans' Day. In total, they raised \$100 for the Adirondack Veterans House of Glens Falls. On Black Friday, several students braved the cold weather to ring the bell for the Salvation Army, an event they participate in every year. This year, the HOPE Committee has expanded its boutique for kids and families in need in the Glens Falls District, and reached out to Student Council for help with collecting winter clothes for the boutique. The first annual Spread the Warmth drive took place for one week at the end of November. With the help of the student body, they collected hats, mittens, boots, and other winter necessities to donate to the HOPE Committee. For the month of December, the Student Council sold Make-A-Wish Stars throughout the day at school. We ended the month of December with "Festive Friday", where students and staff are encouraged to wear their favorite Christmas or Holiday apparel. This month Monday Mentoring in Hudson Falls will return, and the Student Council will begin preparing for Cabin Fever week by organizing different themed days and other fun activities for a week in March.
- Athletic Committee – Jeremy Deason reported the Athletic Committee met on January 4<sup>th</sup>. The winter season is off to a great start. A representative from Musco Sports Lighting gave a presentation on lighting options for the Turf Field. Musco Sports Lighting is an expert in their field, and has their product on college and high school fields across the country. Musco Sports Lighting has advanced lights that block off the glare and spread of the light. It was a very informative presentation.
- Personnel Committee – Kristin Greenwood reported the Personnel Committee met on January 4<sup>th</sup>. The committee discussed the items that are listed on the agenda for approval at tonight's meeting.
- Curriculum Committee - Tim Graham reported the Curriculum Committee met prior to the tonight's Board Meeting. Trent Clay gave a presentation on our target goals for 2016-17, running records and the STAR assessment, and how our course failures are being tracked.

## 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

- 5.1 It was moved by Mrs. Greenwood, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, 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)
- 5.2 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Stockdale, to **approve Warrant 6A, 6B, and the Internal Claims Auditor's Report.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached)
- 5.3 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve Discarding Library Books at Jackson Heights Elementary School.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached)
- 5.4 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, to **approve the National Honor Society Field Trip to New York City/Long Island on May 26, 2017 – May 27, 2017.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached)
- 5.5 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **appoint Tammy Silvernell as the High School 504 Coordinator.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 5.6 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Stockdale, **to approve the 2017-2018 Budget Calendar.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached)
- 5.7 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the 2016-2017 Health Services Rate.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached)
- 5.8 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the Certification of unpaid Queensbury Taxes. (Roll Call):** Mrs. Greenwood (Yes), Mrs. Culliton (Yes), Mr. Graham (Yes), Mr. Deason (Yes), Mrs. Kunst (Yes), Mrs. Stockdale (Yes).  
The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached)

## 6. **PERSONNEL:**

- 6.1 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the following Professional Resignation:**  
**Carpenter, Suzanne,** Special Education Teacher, Effective February 3, 2017  
  
The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)
- 6.2 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Resignation:**  
**Duval, Christopher,** Cleaner, Effective December 9, 2016  
  
The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)
- 6.3 It was moved by Mrs. Greenwood, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Retirement:**  
**Ackley, Robert,** Custodian, Effective December 29, 2016  
  
The motion was carried. (6-0)
- 6.4 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Appointment:**  
**Hall, William,** Cleaner, Effective December 27, 2016, Salary; \$25,245.00 + \$604 Third Shift Stipend, Probationary Period: December 27, 2016 – June 27, 2017  
  
The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)
- 6.5 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve rescinding the following Middle School Club Advisor Appointment:**  
**VanVleet, Martha,** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Homework Club, Effective December 12, 2016  
  
The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)
- 6.6 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Middle School Club Advisor Appointment:**  
**Riley, Stacy,** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Homework Club, Effective December 12, 2016  
  
The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)
- 6.7 It was moved by Mrs. Greenwood, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Permanent Appointment:**  
**Brown, Betty,** from Provisional Job Coach to Permanent Job Coach, Effective December 5, 2016 (Due to the Successful Completion of the Civil Service Test)

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.8** It was moved by Mrs. Greenwood, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Change in Appointment:**  
*Benyeda, Audra*, from 6.0 Hour Teacher Aide to 6.50 Hour Teacher Aide, Effective January 9, 2017, Salary; \$13,311.68 prorated

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.9** It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Tenure Appointment:**  
*Nolin, Cheryl*, Library Media Specialist, Effective January 6, 2017

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

The Board and Mr. Jenkins congratulated Cheryl.

Cheryl Nolin – Thanked the Board of Education and Mr. Jenkins. She said it was a dream come true to work for the Glens Falls City School District, and how much she enjoyed working with our staff and students.

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

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:35 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

**Executive Session ended at 8:07 p.m.**

It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to come out of executive session.**  
The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

➤ At 8:08 p.m., the public portion of the meeting was reopened, and the following actions were taken:

1. It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the following Professional Appointment:**  
*Tyner, Randal*, Elementary Teacher, Effective January 3, 2017

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

2. It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Change in Tenure Appointment:**  
*Tyner, Randal*, from Gifted and Talented to Elementary Education, Effective September 1, 2007

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

3. It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following resolution:**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approve the terms of settlement in connection with the matter of the Appeal of Randal Tyner versus the Board of Education of the Glens Falls City School District, Appeal No. 19826, as discussed in executive session.

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

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:09 p.m., there being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to adjourn the meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

Amy Towers  
Clerk, Board of Education