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## GLENS FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

### MINUTES

Monday, March 13, 2017

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

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Graham – President, Mr. Deason – Vice President, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Culliton, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Kunst, Mrs. Maurer, Mrs. Spector-Tougas, Mrs. Stockdale
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins – Superintendent, Bobby Yusko, Trent Clay, Christopher Reed, Debbie Hall, Jennifer Hayes, Carrie Mauro, Barbara Sealy, Tammy Silvernell
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Skye Heritage, Paul Streicher, Geri Lynn Teta, Ken Chester, Colleen Murphy, Brandon Lis
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anna Murphy, Edward Ryan, Joshua Greenwood, Cassie Deason, Heather Brechko

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 February 13, 2017 Regular Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

2. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- The Odyssey of the Mind regional tournament was held at Glens Falls High School on Saturday. Thank you to Trent Clay, the Custodians, and Food Service for a very successful event. We have hosted the Odyssey of the Mind regional tournament for the last three years in a row, and it went off without a hitch.
- Congratulations to our student athletes...Matt Parent, Chris Hughes, Lucas Sanders, our Girls Basketball Team, and our Boys Basketball Team. Congratulations to Lucy Tougas for winning a Post Star Teen Excellence award and scholarship, being named Top Scholar Athlete for Foothills Council and Section 2 overall. Congratulations to Lucy and her mom.
- Our Glens Falls Music Teachers put on quite a performance on March 7<sup>th</sup> at Jackson Heights. The concert was well received and well attended. Admission to the performance was free, but contributions could be made to the Music Department's Scholarship program.
- The High School Theater Ensemble will be performing the musical comedy, "The Wedding Singer!" on April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Information about the play is posted on our district website.
- We will have two Board of Education seats open for next year commencing on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Petitions are available in the District Office.

**Larry Paltrowitz**, School District Attorney, explained the SEQRA Resolution that is listed on our agenda for approval at tonight's meeting.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

4. **REPORTS:**

- Big Cross PTA -Geri Lynn Teta reported that February was a slow month, but March is picking right up. They just kicked off PARP last week, and the theme is “Be a Super Reader”. If students read 3,000 or more books, Ms. Hall will surprise them with some of her super hero powers. The spring fair is being held on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. This year at the fair, they will be doing something special for their Founder’s Day Recipient, and for 4<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteers. The spring fundraiser will be starting soon. The 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the after-school enrichment program started, over 100 kids are enrolled in the program, which includes everything from “Readers’ Theater” to yoga to coding.
- Jackson Heights PTA – Heather Brechko reported they started a program called “Be on Time to Shine”. If students come to school on time, they will receive free tickets to the Adirondack Thunder hockey game. They just kicked off PARP, which will consist of theme days. They also started “D.E.A.R.”, which is drop everything and read. The Jackson Heights Movie Night is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>. An all school musical is being held in March, it will focus on character education. All staff and students are performing in it. GF Nation glassware is still available to purchase.
- Public Relations Committee –Mrs. Culliton reported the committee met on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The committee talked about live-streaming at basketball games, kindergarten round-up, and a possible website redesign.
- Technology Committee – Mrs. Burton reported the committee met on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Michele Hogan and Paul Streicher came over with the High School students that are on the S.W.A.T. team. The students did a nice job explaining to the Board on how they help with Chromebook trouble tickets in the High School and Middle School. Right now, ten students volunteer their time. The students are trained by Paul and Michele. After they complete the training, the students practice and demonstrate their knowledge to Michele. Michele then certifies the students, and they can begin to do the repairs. The students are very positive and responsive. All three students talked about making good connections with the younger students. The S.W.A.T. team saves the district money by repairing Chromebooks that would have been sent out to be fixed. It’s a win...win situation.
- Audit and Finance Committee – Mrs. Maurer reported the committee met on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Bernie Donegan spoke to the Board regarding the timeline, costs, etc. for the Capital Project. Much of the information is what the Board will put together and present to the public. The presentations will be held on April 5, April 25, and May 8. It will give the Board three different times to engage with the public on these projects.
- Curriculum Committee – Mr. Graham reported the committee met prior to tonight’s Board of Education meeting. Paul Streicher and Michele Hogan gave a presentation on many of the new technology initiatives, including VR Goggles and a programmable robot.

## 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

- 5.1 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the SEQRA Resolution. (Roll Call):** Mrs. Greenwood (Yes), Mrs. Culliton (Yes), Mrs. Burton (Yes), Mrs. Spector-Tougas (Yes), Mr. Graham (Yes), Mr. Deason (Yes), Mrs. Kunst (Yes), Mrs. Maurer (Yes), Mrs. Stockdale (Yes). The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)
- 5.2. It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **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)
- 5.2a It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve additions to the CSE/CPSE Recommendations.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)

- 5.3 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve Warrant 8A, 8B, and the Internal Claims Auditor's Report.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)
- 5.4 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the Disposal of Non-Public Schools Damaged/Obsolete Textbooks.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)
- 5.5 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the proposed McClure ("Mac") Edward Deason Memorial Scholarship.**  
The motion was carried. (8-0) (Mr. Deason abstained) (Attached)
- 5.6 It was moved by Mrs. Stockdale, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the proposed Gary Marcantonio Scholarship.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)
- 5.7 It was moved by Mrs. Greenwood, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the Health and Welfare Services Contract with Corinth Central School from September 8, 2016 – June 23, 2017.**  
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)
- 5.8 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the Senior Class Team Building Trip to Camp Chingachook from May 14, 2017 – May 15, 2017.**  
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)
- 5.9 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the Health and Welfare Services Contract with North Greenbush Common School District.**  
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)
- 5.10 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the Health and Welfare Services Contract with Saratoga Springs City Schools.**  
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)
- 5.11 It was moved by Mrs. Maurer, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve Proposition 1 – Lease of School Buses:**  
**RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Glens Falls City School District is hereby authorized to enter into five year leases for two (2) 66 passenger school buses, two (2) 28 passenger vans and one (1) 21 passenger wheelchair van at a total amount of lease payments not to exceed \$70,000 per year and that the total lease payments for the five year leases would be at an amount not to exceed \$350,000, and such annual lease payments shall be paid out of the operating budget of the District in each of the five years.**  
**(Roll Call):** Mrs. Greenwood (Yes), Mrs. Culliton (Yes), Mrs. Burton (Yes), Mrs. Spector-Tougas (Yes), Mr. Graham (Yes), Mr. Deason (Yes), Mrs. Kunst (Yes), Mrs. Maurer (Yes), Mrs. Stockdale (Yes). The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)
- 5.12 It was moved by Mrs. Greenwood, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve Proposition 2 – Capital Project:**  
**RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Glens Falls City School District, Warren County, New York, is hereby authorized to engage in reconstruction and alterations to the School District's High School Building, Middle School Building, Kensington Road Elementary School Building, Jackson Heights Elementary School Building, Sanford Street Elementary School Building, Big Cross Elementary School Building, Bus Garage, and the Administration Building, and to acquire original furnishings, equipment or apparatus required for the purpose for which the School District buildings are intended to be used in said School District at a total cost not to exceed \$17,550,000 and that the sum of \$17,550,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the**

**Education Law, and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued. (Roll Call):** Mrs. Greenwood (Yes), Mrs. Culliton (Yes), Mrs. Burton (Yes), Mrs. Spector-Tougas (Yes), Mr. Graham (Yes), Mr. Deason (Yes), Mrs. Kunst (Yes), Mrs. Maurer (Yes), Mrs. Stockdale (Yes). The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)

- 5.13 It was moved by Mr. Deason, Seconded by Mrs. Maurer, **to approve Proposition 3 – Lighting for the Athletic Field:**  
**RESOLVED, that if Proposition #2 above is approved by the qualified voters of the School District, the Board of Education of the Glens Falls City School District, Warren County, New York is hereby authorized to construct lighting additions to the athletic field adjacent to the High School, and related site work, and to acquire original equipment or apparatus required for the purpose for which the site is intended to be used in said School District at a total cost not to exceed \$691,200 and that the sum of \$691,200 or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued. (Roll Call):** Mrs. Greenwood (Yes), Mrs. Culliton (Yes), Mrs. Burton (Yes), Mrs. Spector-Tougas (Yes), Mr. Graham (Yes), Mr. Deason (Yes), Mrs. Kunst (Yes), Mrs. Maurer (Yes), Mrs. Stockdale (Yes). The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)
- 5.14 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the Notice of Registration and Notice of Public Hearing and Annual Meeting Resolution. (Roll Call):** Mrs. Greenwood (Yes), Mrs. Culliton (Yes), Mrs. Burton (Yes), Mrs. Spector-Tougas (Yes), Mr. Graham (Yes), Mr. Deason (Yes), Mrs. Kunst (Yes), Mrs. Maurer (Yes), Mrs. Stockdale (Yes).  
 The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached)

## 6. PERSONNEL:

- 6.1 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason **to approve the following Professional Retirement:**  
**Sealy, Barbara**, Director of Special Education, Effective August 16, 2017  
 The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)  
Mr. Jenkins – Congratulations and best wishes!
- 6.2 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Resignation:**  
**Schmidt, Anna**, Teacher Assistant, Effective March 10, 2017  
 The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)
- 6.3 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Retirement:**  
**Aiken, Elaine**, Teacher Assistant, Effective June 30, 2017  
 The motion was carried. (9-0)
- 6.4 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Appointment:**  
**Logan, John**, Cleaner, Effective February 27, 2017, Salary; \$25,245.00 + \$504 Second Shift Stipend, Probationary Period: February 27, 2017 – August 27, 2017

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.5 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Change in Appointment:**  
**Scoville, Wayne**, from Cleaner to Custodian, Effective March 13, 2017

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.6 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Change in Coaching Appointment (2016-2017):**  
**Northrop, Tim**, Boys Varsity Lacrosse, from B-5 \$4,810 to B-5 \$4,810 + \$362 = \$5,172  
(change due to longevity stipend)

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.7 It was moved by Mrs. Maurer, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the High School Homework Club Appointments (Effective November 15, 2016 – June 12, 2017):**  
**Rick Heames** – 1 day per week - \$34.90 per hour  
**Rachelle Gormley** – 1 day per week - \$34.90 per hour  
**Sue Botch** - 1 day per week - \$34.90 per hour  
**Carol Miller** – 1 day per week - \$34.90 per hour  
**Lisa McLeod** – 1 day per week - \$34.90 per hour

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.8 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the following Volunteer Coaching Appointment (2016-2017):**  
**Harrington, Bryce**, JV Baseball

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

8. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

9. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:30 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel issue and negotiations.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

**Executive Session ended at 8:53 p.m.**

It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to come out of executive session.**

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:54 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. (9-0)

Amy Towers  
Clerk, Board of Education