

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

MINUTES

**Monday, October 17, 2016
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. Maurer, Mrs. Stockdale
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Spector-Tougas
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins – Superintendent, Bobby Yusko, Trent Clay, Mark Doody, Christopher Reed, Jennifer Hayes, Debbie Hall, Carrie Mauro, Laurie Parker, Barbara Sealy
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Chester, Paul Streicher, Margaret Sawyer, Betty Brown, Brandon Lis
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Larry Paltrowitz, Sara Quartiers, Tammy Silvernell, Doug Silvernell, Heather Brechko, Sean Pettis, Hannah Pettis, Pamela Pettis, Frederick Pettis, Andrew Nizolek, Wilson Herrmann, Matthew Parent

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

1. MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood, **to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2016 Regular Board of Education Meeting, and the September 21, 2016 Special Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Mr. Jenkins welcomed Tammy Silvernell. Tammy will be appointed as the new High School Principal at tonight's meeting.
- The Jug Football Game was a huge success! We had close to 2,500 in attendance.
- On tonight's agenda, we are appointing a nurse which is a new position. The nurse will be housed between the Middle School and High School. She will primarily work in those two buildings, but if an elementary school nurse is absent, she will cover the building. We had the position in prior years, but with cut-backs we eliminated it. We need to bring the position back because we have over 1200 students between the High School and Middle School with multiple needs.
- We will be hiring an additional Special Education Teacher at Kensington Road Elementary School. We had a combined 15:1:3 class which was grades 1 and 2. We need to split the class so we will now have a 15:1:2 1st grade class, and a 15:1:2 2nd grade class.
- Mr. Jenkins and Tim Graham attended a Legislative Breakfast at BOCES. A number of advocacy items were outlined and are being looked at.

- 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Hanna Pettis, High School Senior - On November 24, 2016, a proud musical tradition will continue. The Macy's Great American Marching Band will step off the 90th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Hannah proudly announced that her brother Sean Pettis will be representing New York State, Warren County, and the City of Glens Falls. Over the summer, Sean auditioned and was selected to play his Tenor Saxophone in the band. This band honors America's finest high school musicians under the direction of Auburn University's Dr. Richard Good and assisted by many talented music educators from across the country. Along the parade route, there will be 3 million spectators. The Band will perform in Herald Square in front of celebrity hosts, a grandstand audience, and more than 50 million

TV viewers watching live on NBC. Sean will be participating in this week long tradition beginning on Saturday, November 19th. During his week-long stay, he will attend rehearsals, participation in music workshops and leadership seminars sightsee in Manhattan and attend a Broadway Show. Sean has had many musical accomplishments since he began playing the sax in 4th grade. Sean has participated in NYSSMA solo festivals and selected to All County Band every year since 6th grade. Sean was selected as first Alto in the New York State Band Directors Association All State band held in Liverpool, NY in March 2016. He has been invited and will play in the pit for the high school's musical "The Wedding Singer" under the direction of Ron Lyke. He has performed the National Anthem at numerous Adirondack Phantom and Adirondack Thunder Hockey games. He has attended Crane Youth Music camp for the past two summers held at Crane School of Music in Potsdam. This is a two week camp offered to 7th – 12th grade students. This has allowed him the opportunity to audition and be chosen for the top ensembles offered at the camp. Sean has been a member of the SUNY Adirondack Jazz Ensemble, and is currently playing with the Saratoga Youth Symphony. Sean receives private lessons outside of school. He spends his summers as a street performer in Lake George. Sean also performs at charitable events, private parties, and can be seen playing in local establishments in Lake George, Queensbury, and the Glens Falls region.

4. **REPORTS:**

- **Big Cross PTA** – Sara Quartiers reported that Big Cross kicked off its Healthy Heart Program for this year with National Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 5th. Students are encouraged to walk to school every Wednesday during the month of October to participate in the Healthy Heart Program. On Friday evening, October 28th, Big Cross will hold their annual Harvest Dance. Students are invited to bring their families and wear costumes. Students can participate in a Costume parade. There will be a DJ to play music for dancing, some small craft activities and lots of goodies to eat. There is also a huge raffle basket drawing. All proceeds from this event will go to the 4th graders Camp Chingachgook field trip. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Big Cross is participating in a "Pennies for Pink" event to raise funds to donate to the Charles R. Wood Cancer Center at Glens Falls Hospital. Last year, Big Cross raised over \$400.00, and we are hoping to beat that total. Faculty, staff and students will be wearing pink to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness. The Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser was very successful. \$11,107 was raised, and \$4,442 will come back to the Big Cross PTA. The PTA will also be putting on a bake sale in the Big Cross gymnasium for Election Day on November 8th. Yoga Instructor, Sarah LaNoir, is coming to Big Cross every Friday for ten weeks to teach yoga to our second graders. The focus is on teaching mindfulness to the students. Also, Cornell Cooperative is back again this year with their Food Smart program. They are working with the 3rd and 4th graders to help foster healthy food choices. We have also received news from Cornell Cooperative that Big Cross will be honored with a Community Partner Award at a ceremony later this week. In the coming weeks, we are looking forward to preparing for the bi-annual Scholastic book fair, the students' Thanksgiving breakfast, as well as the annual holiday shopping program.
- **Jackson Heights PTA** – Heather Brechko reported the Family Fun Fair is being held on October 28th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. There will be games, food and basket raffles. On October 31st, the Halloween Parade will take place at 2:15 p.m. The "Pennies for Pink" initiative runs through Friday. On November 8th the PTA will hold an Election Day bake sale. Thanks to the GF Nation Fund and Stewarts, 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders will have yoga and mindfulness lessons.
- **High School Student Council** – Hannah Pettis reported that the Student Council is made up of students in grades 9-12, and is under the supervision of Foreign Language Teacher, Mrs. McKeighan. Already, the members of student council have worked extremely hard in three important events that take place in Glens Falls. The first event was Freshman Orientation, which took place on the first day of school. Upperclassmen had the opportunity to give tours and advice to the incoming freshman, in an attempt to make the transition as smooth and stress free as possible. The other two events happened just this past week...Spirit Week and the Fall Food Drive. Spirit Week consisted of 5 themed days, picked by the student body themselves, and other

fun activities. Members of Student Council worked together to decorate the Main Lobby of the school with red, black and white streamers and balloons. Members also helped to create a list of songs played at the Homecoming Dance, held on Saturday night. They also worked very hard to make this year's Homecoming games another big success, by encouraging increased student participation during the games. With the help of the student body, we were able to donate twice as many food items to the Salvation Army as we did last year. This year, members of student council had the idea to extend the food drive outside of the school and into the community. We decided to call it "Fill the Jug". Members of Student Council decorated boxes to resemble the "Jug", and placed them at the entrances to the football game on Friday night. With the help of the Glens Falls and Hudson Falls communities, we were able to donate an additional 160 items to the Salvation Army. All of the food collected will be used to create Holiday baskets for local families in need.

- Personnel – Kristin Greenwood reported the committee met on Wednesday, October 5th and interviewed the three finalists for the High School Principal position. They will be making the formal appointment at tonight's meeting.
- Curriculum – Timothy Graham reported the committee met prior to tonight's Board of Education meeting. Mr. Clay gave a presentation on our 2015-2016 school performance, gave a focus school update, and discussed the agenda for the November 14th Superintendent's Conference Day. Mr. Clay also talked about the proposed new coding math class for High School students.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

- 5.1 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, 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. (7-0) (A copy of the recommendations is included with these minutes)
- 5.1a. It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood, to **approve additions to the CSE/CPSE Recommendations.** The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0) (Attached)
- 5.2 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, to **approve Warrant 3A, 3B, 3C and the Internal Claims Auditor's Report.** The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0) (Attached)
- 5.3 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, to **approve the Ice Hockey Team Trip to Newburgh, NY on February 18, 2017.** The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0) (Attached)
- 5.4 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve the Advanced Art Field Trip to Boston, MA on Thursday, November 10, 2016.** The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0) (Attached)
- 5.5 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mrs. Stockdale, to **approve the 8th Grade Field Trip to Boston, MA on Friday, June 16, 2017.** The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0) (Attached)
- 5.6 It was moved by Mrs. Greenwood, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **accept the following Donations from the GF Nation Fund:**
 - \$500 to Jackson Heights for yoga
 - \$500 to Jackson Heights for sensory tools
 - \$300 to Kensington for stability balls
The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0) (Attached)

6. PERSONNEL:

- 6.1 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood, to **approve the following**

Professional Appointment:

Silvernell, Tammy, High School Principal, Effective January 3, 2017, Salary; \$114,000.00, Probationary Period: January 3, 2017 – January 3, 2021

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Professional Appointment:**

Walkup, Sarah, School Nurse, Effective October 18, 2016, Salary; \$21,266.00 + \$500 Nurse Stipend, Probationary Period: October 18, 2016 – April 18, 2017

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.2 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Appointments:**

Ovsak, Hillary, 6.50 Hour Teacher Aide, Effective September 12, 2016, Salary; \$12,578.15 prorated, Probationary Period: September 12, 2016 – September 12, 2017

Stevens, Kelly, 5.50 Hour Teacher Aide, Effective September 14, 2016, Salary; \$10,643.05 prorated, Probationary Period: September 14, 2016 – September 14, 2017

Blake, Justina, 5.50 Hour Teacher Aide, Effective September 27, 2016, Salary; \$10,643.05 prorated, Probationary Period: September 27, 2016 – September 27, 2017

Bren, Robert, Cleaner, Effective September 27, 2016, Salary; \$25,245.00 + \$504 Second Shift Stipend + \$104 Weekend Stipend, Probationary Period: September 27, 2016 – March 27, 2017

McTiernan, Shonna, Teacher Assistant, Effective September 28, 2016, Salary; \$13,732.55 prorated, Probationary Period: September 28, 2016 – September 28, 2020

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.3 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the following Change in Appointment:**

Higgins, Betty, from 5.50 Hour Teacher Aide to 6.0 Hour Teacher Aide, Effective September 20, 2016, Salary; \$14,085.90 prorated + \$200.00 Longevity Stipend

The motion was carried. (7-0)

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

Bren, Robert, Cleaner, Effective September 30, 2016

Haux, Lisa, Teacher Assistant, Effective October 14, 2016

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.5 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Coaching Appointments (2016-2017):**

Cross, Nate	JV Wrestling	B-4	\$4,554
Palmer, Dave	Varsity Baseball	A-6	\$5,570
Girard, Rob	JV Baseball	C-5	\$4,300
Klaiber, Phil	Modified Baseball	D-4	\$3,538
Girard, Camden	Modified Baseball	D-2	\$3,033
Northrop, Tim	Varsity Boys Lacrosse	B-5	\$4,810

<i>Girard, Dan</i>	JV Boys Lacrosse	C-4	\$4,045
<i>Venditto, Michele</i>	Varsity Girls Lacrosse	B-5	\$4,810 + \$362 = \$5,172
<i>Seybolt, Bryan</i>	JV Girls Lacrosse	C-4	\$4,045
<i>Archambault, Craig</i>	Varsity Softball	B-5	\$4,810 + \$362 = \$5,172
<i>O'Connor, Matt</i>	JV Softball	C-5	\$4,300 + \$245 = \$4,545
<i>Iullucci, Ashleigh</i>	Modified Softball	D-3	\$3,284
<i>Hall, Ethan</i>	Modified Softball	D-4	\$3,538
<i>Zurlo, Stephen</i>	Varsity Tennis	B-5	\$4,810 + \$1,086 = \$5,896
<i>Perry, Dan</i>	Boys Varsity Track	B-5	\$4,810 + \$724 = \$5,534
<i>Johnson, Herman</i>	Boys JV Track	C-5	\$4,300
<i>Bombard, Brian</i>	Modified Boys Track	D-4	\$3,538
<i>Hall, Kevin</i>	Varsity Girls Track	B-5	\$4,810
<i>Hubert, Kristina</i>	Girls JV Track	C-5	\$4,300
<i>Kules, Laura</i>	Modified Girls Track	D-4	\$3,538

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.6 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood, **to approve the following Middle School Advisor Appointment:**

Reed, Meredith, PBIS, Salary; \$34.90 per hour, not to exceed \$2,094.00 (based on 60 hours), Effective September 7, 2016

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.7 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, **to approve the following Elementary Intramural Appointments:**

Big Cross - \$53.80 per day, not to exceed \$1,883 (35 days total)

Maroun, Nadia
Anselment, Suzanne
Fronhofer, Mara
Linehan, Meredith

Kensington - \$53.80 per day, not to exceed \$1,883 (35 days total)

Basilio, Kevin
Cabana, Ellen

Jackson Heights - \$53.80 per day, not to exceed \$1,883 (35 days total)

Donohue, Brian

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.8 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve Rescinding the following Intramural Appointment:**

Carpenter, Suzanne, Middle School Soccer/Dance, Effective September 19, 2016

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

6.9 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Volunteer Coaching Appointment (2016-2017):**

Green, Brian, Modified Boys Soccer

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

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

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:20 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to adjourn to executive session to discuss legal matters, negotiations and personnel.** The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

Executive Session ended at 7:59 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to come out of executive session.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

11. At 7:59 p.m., the public portion of the meeting was reopened and the following action was taken:

It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood, **to approve the tuition agreement between the Glens Falls City School District and the Glens Falls Common School District.**

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0). (Attached)

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:00 p.m., there being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to adjourn the meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

Amy Towers
Clerk, Board of Education