

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

**MINUTES**

**Monday, March 12, 2018**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Maurer – President, Mr. Deason – Vice President, Mrs. Culliton, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. Levin, Mr. Rivers, Mrs. Spector-Tougas, Mrs. Stockdale

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Rivers

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins, Trent Clay, Bobby Yusko, Tammy Silvernell, Debbie Hall, Jennifer Hayes, Carrie Mauro, Rebecca Vanderklisch, Chris Reed

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Skye Heritage, Paul Streicher, Brandon Lis, Ken Chester, Katie Arney, Jason Brechko, Jaclyn DeZalia, Betty Brown

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kristy Moore, Larry Paltrowitz, Melissa Ives, Diana Palmer

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

**1. MINUTES:**

It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Graham, **to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2018 Regular Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

**2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- The District is aware of the National Student Walk-Out Movement that is taking place on Wednesday. Student leaders have put together and organized a remembrance program for the Parkland shooting victims on Wednesday morning. Students signed up to participate. The names of the 17 victims will be read, and the chorus/octet will perform. The program will end in seventeen minutes. The Glens Falls Police Department will be here. Students are also making ribbons with the Parkland School colors.
- Larry Paltrowitz, School District Attorney, discussed the property at 35 Glenwood Avenue. The voters approved the purchase at a special district meeting (public vote) on January 23, 2018. The Board of Education reviewed the project with regard to its classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) publicly. The Board adopted the following resolutions:
  - It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the SEQRA Resolution Dated March 12, 2018 Regarding the Purchase of 35 Glenwood Avenue, Town of Queensbury, New York.** (Roll Call): Mr. Levin (Yes), Mrs. Greenwood (Yes), Mrs. Culliton (Yes), Mrs. Spector-Tougas (Yes), Mrs. Maurer (Yes), Mr. Deason (Yes), Mr. Graham (Yes), Mrs. Stockdale (Yes). The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).
  - It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Graham, **to approve the following Resolution Dated March 12, 2018:**  
**RESOVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the purchase of the Property, subject to the Town of Queensbury determining that the Project is not subject to site plan review, or approves the District's intended use of the Property, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign any and all documents and take any and all actions**

**necessary to effectuate the purchase of the Property after reviewing the response and/or approval from the Town of Queensbury.** (Roll Call): Mr. Levin (Yes), Mrs. Greenwood (Yes), Mrs. Culliton (Yes), Mrs. Spector-Tougas (Yes), Mrs. Maurer (Yes), Mr. Deason (Yes), Mr. Graham (Yes), Mrs. Stockdale (Yes). The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached).

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:   None**

**4. REPORTS:**

- Big Cross PTA – Melissa Ives reported the Big Cross PTA has a healthy bank balance, and is currently working on a plan to install new water fountains with refillable water bottle filling stations. The Spring Fair is Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Each class is working hard putting together themed baskets for the fundraising raffle at the event. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Craft Fair is being held on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. The Craft Fair was a successful fundraiser last year, and all vendor spots sold out within three weeks of announcing this year’s date. The event will be held from 9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and admission is free. We invite any members of the Glens Falls Community to attend. The first grade classes are currently participating in a ten week yoga class with Sara LaNoir. The second grade classes will begin a yoga program with Toby Gifford from the Lemon Tree Yoga Studio next week. We are also working on planning a family Zumba night. Parents as Reading Partners is underway and going well. This year’s theme is the Olympics. The students are eagerly anticipating what Ms. Hall has planned for our end of the month assembly. The next PTA meeting is Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Big Cross Library.
- Kensington Road PTA – Diana Palmer reported that Kensington held their first Winter Olympics! Mrs. Fearman came up with the idea, and the Olympics will take place every four years. The PTA is getting ready for their annual dinner and movie night. PARP is underway. The Adirondack Thunder will be coming on the 14<sup>th</sup> to read to the students. Currently there are two fundraisers taking place. You can order GF Nation t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats etc. online at Hallwear. The fundraiser will take place through March 29<sup>th</sup>. We also are selling perennials through Binley’s Florist Shop. The spring fair is being held on April 28<sup>th</sup>, which is always a huge success!
- Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Maurer reported the committee met prior to the Board Meeting. It was an exciting update from Mrs. Arney! Thank you! It’s so energizing when students come in and speak to the Board. Students from Mrs. Arney’s 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period English classes presented their research findings regarding 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Environments. The student presentations highlighted how color, lighting, technology, music, class schedules, class size, relationship, and furniture can help create a learning environment that is more conducive to learning. The student presentations also served as an example of the professional development High School Department Chairs have been receiving throughout the year in relation to the BOE goals and District Focus Designation. This professional development has emphasized a common understanding of Rigor, student engagement, and project based learning. For Mrs. Arney’s students, this presentation gave them an opportunity to advocate for the types of learning environments they would like to see reflected in the High School to an authentic audience. The student presentations will help guide the selection of furniture for future high school classrooms. It was really exciting to talk about, and see it implemented down the road.
- Budget Presentation: Mr. Yusko, Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented an updated presentation on the 2018-2019 Budget. Mr. Yusko indicated that not much has changed since the last presentation. Nothing has come out of Albany yet with regard to school funding, and its possible allocation to districts. Most of the conversation in Albany right now is about school safety. Information regarding the 2018-2019 Budget can be found at <http://www.gfsd.org/District/Budget/2018-19/files/031218BudgetPresentation.pdf>

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached)

- A. Student Placements – CSE/CPSE Recommendations
- B. Financial Reports
  - 1. Warrant 8A, 8B, and the Internal Claims Auditor’s Report
- C. Hartwick College Tour/Information Session on April 25, 2018
- D. Contracts for Health and Welfare Services
  - 1. Saratoga Springs City Schools
  - 2. Corinth Central School
- E. Internal Audit Agreement with Michael Wolff, CIA, Advisory Services
- F. **Personnel**
  - 1. **Professional Appointment:**
    - Moore, Kristy*, Middle School Principal, Effective July 1, 2018, Salary; \$110,000.00, Probationary Period: July 1, 2018 – July 1, 2022
  - 2. **Substitute Appointment:**
    - DeGregory, Brianna*, Social Worker, Substitute for Steve Liquorman, Step 1 MA, \$47,849.00 (prorated), Effective March 5, 2018 – June 22, 2018
    - Warner, Lori*, Nurse, Substitute for Amy Mignot, Salary; \$29,000.00 (prorated), Effective March 8, 2018 – June 22, 2018
  - 3. **Non-Teaching Resignations:**
    - Havens, Deborah*, Part-Time Bus Driver, Effective February 16, 2018
    - Geczy, Christopher*, Cleaner, Effective February 26, 2018
    - Welch, Ashley*, Teacher Aide, Effective February 27, 2018
    - Anderson, Glenn*, Part-Time Bus Driver, Effective February 28, 2018
  - 4. **Non-Teaching Appointments:**
    - Thibodeau, Eric*, Cleaner, Effective February 20, 2018, Salary; \$25,245.00 + \$504.00 Second Shift Stipend, Probationary Period: February 20, 2018 – August 20, 2018
    - Colvin, Tara*, Part-Time Bus Driver, Effective March 18, 2018, Salary; \$16.44 per hour, Probationary Period: March 18, 2018 – September 18, 2018
    - Moore, Assunta*, 6.50 Hour Teacher Aide, Effective March 12, 2018, Salary; \$12,987.00, (Prorated), Probationary Period: March 12, 2018 – March 12, 2019
  - 5. **Non-Teaching Change in Title:**
    - Colvin, Gene*, from Building Maintenance Helper to Groundskeeper, Salary; \$33,764.00, Effective July 1, 2017 (retroactive)
  - 6. **Sixth Class Stipend (2017-2018):**
    - Girard, Jennifer*, Adaptive Art Teacher, \$6,499.80
  - 7. **Rescind Middle School Club Advisor Appointment:**
    - Nixon, Patricia*, Coding Club, Effective March 5, 2018
  - 8. **Middle School Club Advisor (2017-2018):**
    - Dougherty, Francis* Coding Club

9. **High School Advisor (2017-2018):**  
*Bombard, Trisha* Strategic Games
10. **Coaching Appointment (2017-2018):**
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| <i>Donlon, Kevin</i>   | Modified Boys Lacrosse  | D-1 | \$2,887.11 |
| <i>Mulholland, Rob</i> | Modified Girls Lacrosse | D-1 | \$2,887.11 |
11. **Volunteer Coaching Appointment (2017-2018):**  
*Richards, Scott* Varsity Softball
12. **Chaperone Appointment:**  
 Deltoro, Isreal

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

6. It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Graham, **to approve the following Resolution: Approve Proposition 1 – Lease of School Buses (Roll Call):**  
**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, at a total amount of lease payments not to exceed \$40,000 per year and that the total lease payments for the five year leases would be at an amount not to exceed \$200,000, and such annual lease payments shall be paid out of the operating budget of the District in each of the five years. (Roll Call): Mr. Levin (Yes), Mrs. Greenwood (Yes), Mrs. Culliton (Yes), Mrs. Spector-Tougas (Yes), Mrs. Maurer (Yes), Mr. Deason (Yes), Mr. Graham (Yes), Mrs. Stockdale (Yes). The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)
7. It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Stockdale, **to approve the Notice of Registration and Notice of Public Hearing and Annual Meeting Resolution.** (Roll Call): Mr. Levin (Yes), Mrs. Greenwood (Yes), Mrs. Culliton (Yes), Mrs. Spector-Tougas (Yes), Mrs. Maurer (Yes), Mr. Deason (Yes), Mr. Graham (Yes), Mrs. Stockdale (Yes). The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)
8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
9. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
10. **NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Jenkins discussed one item with the Board. The Middle School Computer Lab Assistant position is vacant currently. Mr. Yusko has been working with Civil Service on the position. The School District does not need that title anymore, it's antiquated. Mr. Jenkins is asking the Board to eliminate the Middle School Computer Lab position, and create a Teacher Aide position. Mr. Yusko spoke to civil service, and went over the job description, and it's more appropriate to classify it as an aide position. Mr. Jenkins let the Board know that we are not eliminating a position; we are just creating a new title that is more in line with the job duties. If the Board is agreeable, we can have a motion to eliminate the Middle School Computer Lab position, and create a new Teacher Aide position in the Middle School.
- It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve Eliminating the Position of Computer Lab Assistant at the Middle School.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)
- It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Stockdale, **to approve Creating a Teacher Aide Position at the Middle School.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
 At 8:10 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to adjourn to executive session to discuss a legal matter and negotiations.**  
 The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

**Executive Session ended at 8:46 p.m.**

It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood, **to come out of executive session.**

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:47 p.m., there being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood, **to adjourn the meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

Amy Towers  
Clerk, Board of Education