

# DRAFT

## GLENS FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

### MINUTES

Monday, November 13, 2017  
District Office - 15 Quade Street - 7:00 p.m.

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Deason – Vice President, Mrs. Culliton, Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. Levin, Mr. Rivers, Mrs. Spector-Tougas, Mrs. Stockdale
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Maurer – President, Mr. Graham
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins, Trent Clay, Bobby Yusko, Tammy Silvernell, Christopher Reed
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Skye Heritage, Paul Streicher, Brandon Lis, Betty Brown, Bob Cote, Jaclyn DeZalia, Jason Brechko
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sara Quartiers, Allison Comstock

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

1. **MINUTES:**

It was moved by Mrs. Stockdale, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2017 Regular Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

2. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Mr. Jenkins reported that he had sad news. Shirley Berger passed away. Shirley spent eighteen years as a Board Member for the Glens Falls City School District. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Shirley's friends and family.
- Congratulations to Chris Hughes, and Katie Culliton. Chris was the Class C boys State Champion in Cross County running, and Katie finished 25<sup>th</sup> overall.
- National Honor Society will be inducting 25 new members on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all the students! Mr. Jenkins has to present at the Adirondack Area School Boards Meeting that night, so he won't be able to attend, but Board of Education Members will be present.
- The agenda will be different tonight. We changed the agenda to a consent agenda, so we can get through the business portion of the meeting faster to give board members more time to discuss important matters.

**Mr. Deason** – The Board was sad to learn of Shirley Berger's passing. A few of the Board Members served on the Board with Shirley. Congratulations to Chris Hughes and Katie Culliton as well and good luck to the Football Team!

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

4. **REPORTS:**

- High School Student Council – Allison Comstock reported at the beginning of the year, Student Council organized several activities to promote school spirit, and encourage involvement of the student body in activities. Student Council organized spirit week activities which included daily

themes, the homecoming games, and the homecoming dance. The lobby was also decorated for spirit week and for Halloween. Trivia night will take place on November 29<sup>th</sup>. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>, 25 members of the Key Club, Student Council, and International Club attended the fall work weekend at Camp Chingachgook. Students participated in several service projects and were able to participate in team building activities and two hikes. Pink ribbons were made and sold for Pennies for Pink. Student Council raised \$235, and the SoroptMISS club raised over \$220 by collecting change from students and staff. Student Council donated \$150 worth of personal hygiene products to the HOPE committee for the November Boutique. Students recognized four Veterans at the High School, Mr. Cote, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Hoyne, and Mr. Strader. They were honored with a special breakfast for Veterans' Day. In addition, the Student Council made and sold yellow ribbons, and the proceeds of \$130 will be donated to the Adirondack Veterans' House.

- Big Cross PTA – Sara Quartiers reported on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, a work day took place to install the new playground equipment that was ordered over the summer. Some of the new equipment includes: balance beams, tire obstacle course, a stepper, 2 sit-up benches, walking planks, and over/under bars. Thank you to all the volunteers that gave up their Saturday morning/afternoon to come over and help with this! In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Big Cross again participated in the “Pennies for Pink” event to raise funds to donate to the Charles R. Wood Cancer Center at Glens Falls Hospital. Faculty, staff and students also wore pink to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness. The total amount raised was \$425.00. The annual Harvest Dance was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Students wore their costumes, and participated in a Costume parade. There was a DJ, small craft activities, and lots of goodies to eat. There was also a huge raffle basket drawing. All proceeds from this event goes to the 4<sup>th</sup> graders Camp Chingachgook field trip. The PTA put on a bake sale in the gymnasium on November 7<sup>th</sup> for Election Day. A total of \$245 was raised. Big Cross is again participating in the Rising Runners Program this year through the Road Runners Association. The program is designed to help kids build their confidence, their motivation, and their desire to be physically fit for life. Through this program, students who needed sneakers were able to get brand new “New Balance” Sneakers. Big Cross recently received a \$13,000 grant. This grant will go towards continuing the Yoga Program with the students, and implementing a maker space within the building. In the coming weeks, the PTA is looking forward to preparing for Thanksgiving breakfast and the holiday shopping experience.
- Middle School PTSA – Sara Quartiers reported as of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pennies for Pink raised a total of \$3,559.50. The District raised over \$1,000 more than last year. One more group still needs to turn in their money, so the final total will be announced at the Quarterly Awards Ceremony on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. A check will be presented to Glens Falls Hospital at that time.
- Jackson Heights PTA -Jason Brechko reported the Believe Fundraiser made \$4,000 by selling magazines, home goods, candy, jewelry, and holiday items. The Scholastic Book Fair was held on October 24<sup>th</sup> – October 26<sup>th</sup>. The PTA earned \$1,000 in Scholastic Dollars to use for the school. Reading Teachers and volunteers used coupons at the Crandall Library Book Sale on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The coupons were donated by the First Presbyterian Church. Teachers and volunteers were able to collect books at the sale to be used for the Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading programs. The Fall Fun Fair was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The event was free and well attended. Activities were held in different classrooms, and the gym. Some activities included flashlight reading, a photo booth, music and dancing, sensory activities, crafts, face painting, a costume parade, and games. The silent auction and basket raffles brought in about \$1,000. Donations included pizza from Angelina’s Pizzeria, items from local businesses, and basket raffles made by staff and families. The Annual Election Day Bake Sale was held November 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the families who made goodies for the Bake Sale and a big thank you to Donnah Digan Lewis for volunteering and running the sale. Jackson Heights is partnering with the Salvation Army for its toy drive to provide 20 gifts to families in need. Teachers and families are welcome to sign up to give a gift. You can view the PTA minutes on Facebook after asking to join the Jackson Heights PTA

group.

- Athletic Committee – Mr. Rivers reported the athletic committee met on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Corlew reviewed this fall’s participation numbers. We had a total of 379 student-athletes. The Varsity Athletes as reading partners is starting on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The Varsity Athletes go to the Elementary Schools and read to the students. Due to a high number of students interest in playing, we will be adding boys and girls modified lacrosse this spring. Mr. Corlew and Mr. Spory gave a presentation to the fall and winter athletes on properly using social media on electronic devices.
- Personnel Committee – Mrs. Culliton reported the personnel committee met on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The committee discussed possible retirements this year, and adding more teachers on special assignments.
- Curriculum Committee – Mr. Deason reported the committee met prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Clay presented on our district target goals: increase students reading at grade level K-4, increase proficiency/mastery on all state assessments, decrease the number of students absent 15 days or more, decrease course failures in the Middle School/High School in each department, increase graduation rate, and increase the number of students involved in school activities.

## 5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

- A. **Student Placements – CSE/CPSE Recommendations**
- B. **Financial Reports**
  - 1. Warrant 4A, 4B, and the Internal Claims Auditor’s Report
- C. **Field Trips**
  - 1. 12<sup>th</sup> Grade English Class Field Trip to New York City on December 6, 2017
  - 2. Varsity Boys Swimming and Diving Educational and Team Bonding Trip to SUNY Cortland Outdoor Education Center on January 26, 2018 – January 28, 2018
  - 3. Varsity Ice Hockey trip to Potsdam, NY from December 1, 2018 – December 2, 2018
  - 4. Varsity Ice Hockey trip to Newburgh, NY on January 13, 2018
  - 5. Varsity Boys Lacrosse trip to Canton, NY on April 6, 2018 – April 7, 2018
  - 6. Varsity Boys Lacrosse trip to Rondout Valley, NY on May 12, 2018
  - 7. High School Social Studies Field Trip to New York City on May 4, 2018
  - 8. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Boston on June 15, 2018
- D. **Donation of \$250.00 from Cobble Pond Farms Convenient Store for the School Lunch Program**
- E. **Discarding of Books**
  - 1. Allez, Viens French 1 Textbooks - 1996
  - 2. Allez, Viens French 1 Textbooks – 2000
  - 3. Buen Viaje Spanish 1 – 2005
  - 4. Buen Viaje Spanish 2 - 2005
- F. **Change AFS (American Field Service) Club name to Interact Club with the Glens Falls Rotary**
- G. **Personnel**
  - 1. **Non-Teaching Appointments:**
    - Carota, Stephanie*, 6.50 Hour Aide, Effective October 16, 2017, Salary; \$12,987.00 prorated, Probationary Period: October 16, 2017 – October 16, 2018
    - Simons, Carol*, Part-Time Bus Monitor, Salary; \$12.88 per hour, Effective October 18, 2017, Probationary Period: October 18, 2017 – April 18, 2018
    - Waite, Alicen*, 6.50 Hour Aide, Effective October 30, 2017, Salary; \$12,987.00 prorated, Probationary Period: October 30, 2017 – October 30, 2018

*Farrell, Jennifer*, Substitute Cleaner, Salary; \$12.13 per hour, Effective November 1, 2017

2. **Provisional Appointment:**

*Dwyre, Karen*, 8.0 Hour Senior Typist, Effective November 13, 2017, Probationary Period: November 13, 2017 – May 13, 2018 (Provisional Appointment pending the successful completion of the Civil Service Exam)

3. **Non-Teaching Resignations:**

*Brooks, Alex*, Cleaner, Effective October 25, 2017

*Simons, Carol*, Part-Time Bus Monitor, Effective October 30, 2017

*Marquart, Christine*, Teacher Aide, Effective November 10, 2017

4. **Coaching Appointments (2017-2018):**

*Nordquist, Won Suh* Modified Wrestling D-1 \$2,887.11

*Davis, Jeremy* JV Wrestling B-5 \$5,004.32 + \$753.04 = \$5,757.36

5. **Per Diem Coaching Appointment (2017-2018):**

*Parks, Bill*, Nordic Skiing, \$55.97 per day, not to exceed \$1,959.07

6. **Volunteer Coach (2017-2018):**

*Granger, Chip*, Bowling

*Johnson, Herman*, Indoor Track

*Woods, Larry*, Indoor Track

7. **High School Homework Club Appointments (2017-2018):**

*Ryan, Ann* – 1 day per week at \$36.31 per hour

*Botch, Sue* – 1 day per week at \$36.31 per hour

*Gormley, Rachelle* – 1 day per week at \$36.31 per hour

*McLeod, Lisa* – 1 day per week at \$36.31 per hour

*Field, Krista* – 1 day per week at \$36.31 per hour

*Miller, Carol* – 1 day per week at \$36.31 per hour

*Walkup, Kristy* – Substitute

8. **Middle School Club Advisors (2017-2018):**

*Lewis, Kayla* 7<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Help (3 or more failures)

*Packer, Beth* 7<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Help (3 or more failures)

*Anderson, Yvonne* 8<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Help (3 or more failures)

*Adams, Patricia* 8<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Help (3 or more failures)

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mr. Deason** thanked Cobble Pond Farms for their donation to the School Lunch Program.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

7. **OLD BUSINESS:** The Policy committee met in October and reviewed a number of policies. The Board discussed policies 5680 – 6561. The policies will be approved at the December meeting with the changes discussed at tonight's meeting.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Jenkins discussed buying the 35 Glenwood Avenue property. The owner accepted the offer by the District, and would like to move forward. We would have to adopt a resolution at tonight's meeting, and then have a special vote in January. We would need 45 days' notice before the vote.

We would like to have the vote on January 23, 2018. Skye will work on communicating it to the public on the website, a newsletter, in the paper, and every piece of communication we have.

- It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Rivers to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Glens Falls City School District, Warren County, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase the real property located at 35 Glenwood Avenue, Town of Queensbury, New York, within the boundaries of the Glens Falls City School District, from its owner, Susan E. MacDonald, at the appraised price of \$240,000, plus reasonable and customary closing costs and expenses. **(Roll Call)**: Mr. Levin (Yes), Mrs. Greenwood (Yes), Mrs. Culliton (Yes), Mrs. Spector-Tougas (Yes), Mr. Deason (Yes), Mrs. Stockdale (Yes), Mr. Rivers (Yes). The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:45 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Greenwood, seconded by Mrs. Stockdale, **to adjourn to executive session to discuss legal matters.**

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

**Executive Session ended at 8:10 p.m.**

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

The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:11 p.m., there being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Rivers, **to adjourn the meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (7-0)

Amy Towers  
Clerk, Board of Education