

# DRAFT

## GLENS FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

### MINUTES

**Monday, May 11, 2015**  
**District Office - 15 Quade Street - 7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Poulos – President, Mr. Conrick – Vice-President, Mrs. Berger, Mrs. Burton, Mr. Deason, Mrs. Kunst, Mrs. Maurer, Mr. McTiernan, Mrs. Spector-Tougas
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins – Superintendent, Christopher Hearley, Trent Clay, Barbara Sealy, Carrie Mauro, Jennifer Hayes, Debbie Hall, Christopher Reed
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Skye Heritage, Gene Figler, Joanne Truchon, Dee Winter-Barclay, Paul Streicher, Doug Hoyne, Peter Taylor
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kelly Culliton, Sara Quartiers, John Barclay, Heather Shoudy Brechko, Jaime Wright

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

1. **MINUTES:**  
It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting, and the April 21, 2015 Special Board of Education Meeting.**  
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)
2. **INFORMATION:**
  - 2.1 **Calendar of Events**

Wednesday, May 6	Board Goals – 6:00 p.m. Budget Public Hearing – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 11	Curriculum Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19	District Budget Vote – Sanford Street School
Wednesday, June 3	Board Goals – 6:00 p.m.
  - 2.2 **Superintendent's Report:**
    - Mr. Jenkins reported the Board of Education approved the 2015 – 2016 budget proposal on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The district vote will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Sanford Street School. All information regarding the budget is on the district website. The budget newsletter was mailed to residents on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
  - Andrea Winter-Barclay discussed the issues she addressed in letters to the Board of Education regarding the capital project and the RAN's and BAN's the district approved. She described her interpretation of a \$10 million BAN authorization approved by the Board in May, and then a \$7.4 million BAN approval noted in SED paperwork from December. She asked if this was really a \$17 million borrowing, and if the money was being used to buy Chromebooks. She said the December

approval was not included on the December Board of Education meeting minutes.

Paul Jenkins: As we've explained, the \$10 million authorization in May was for the entirety of the capital project. The local share of the voter-approved project was \$2.5 million, and the district had that \$2.5 million in a voter-approved reserve fund. Once that money was expended, the BAN was finalized for \$7.4 million, as the remaining amount necessary for the capital project. The unrelated Chromebook expenditure of up to \$250,000 is part of the 2015-16 budget proposal (in the general fund) that is up for public vote next week.

Andrea Winter-Barclay: We had deep staffing cuts last year, and I am very suspicious. Every time I write a letter, I ask more questions. The newest is on a school construction report that is for \$100,000. I have copies for each Board member of a document from SED that shows a reorganization with Abraham Wing. I have interpreted this as a school merger. I thought after the March vote, it was over.

Paul Jenkins: It is over. Abe Wing is listed on the Application for the Apportionment of Building Aid because it's in the state's master plan for school consolidations. It has nothing to do with our district merging or reorganizing with Abe Wing. The State classifies our two districts as candidates for consolidation. It will continue to be listed on various forms that way until NYS updates its master plan for school consolidations. It has been on the plan for many years.

Shirley Berger: Since 1948. It's been on the master plan since 1948.

Andrea Winter-Barclay: I have two children in the district, a fifth-grader and seventh-grader, and the fiscal reality of the school district concerns me. I want the Board to know I am fully committed to the community and district, but seek even more information than all the district has provided. I will continue to watch.

#### 4. **REPORTS:**

- Middle School PTSA – Kelly Culliton reported the last PTSA meeting was held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Staff Appreciation Week was last week. It is one of the PTA's favorite events to work on! The week included:

  - Monday – a lottery ticket was placed in each mailbox and 9 names were drawn for \$25.00 gift cards
  - Tuesday – a breakfast was served
  - Wednesday – lunch was provided
  - Thursday – the school store was open
  - Friday – a fun candy shop

Thank you to all the families who contributed to the luncheon. The Book Fair is open all week. It is buy one get one free. Thank you to all the volunteers. This past Friday was the last 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade dance. It was a Cruise Ship theme. Thank you to Mrs. Ogden and the Student Senate for all their hard work. Proceeds will fund summer scholarships for our students. Thank you to East End Eatery and Price Chopper for providing the food at a reduced cost. The PTA is in the process of planning Spirit Day on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Current 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be invited to attend, as well as 6<sup>th</sup> graders from Abraham Wing. Our Schools to Watch ceremony is being held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, and everyone is welcome to attend.
- High School PTSA – Kelly Culliton reported the last meeting was held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Teacher Appreciation luncheon will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Parents will be contacted via email to ask for donations. The Boutique will be open this Saturday. The Boutique is stocked with clothes, food, supplies, etc., and will be open to families by invitation only. McTeacher Night went well, but we are still waiting on a total amount earned. Giffy's Barbecue Night is being held on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10 each with \$2 going to the PTSA. Tickets need to be purchased by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Terri Surprenant with details. Thank you to all who made the Prom and After-Prom a success! We have new board members in place for next school year. Thank you to Sue Williams and Carrie

McIntosh for their strong commitment to the PTSA over the years.

- Big Cross PTA - Jaime Wright reported they celebrated Teacher Appreciation week, and thanked the staff for all their hard work. PTA Officer Elections were held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Walking Wednesdays started on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Clark Family donated an original piece of artwork by Val Semeiks of the Incredible Hulk. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Raffle tickets will be available at Big Cross, and they will also be sold at the Art Expo.
- High School Student Council –Nora Borgos reported the student council next year will be structured like a school board or town council with 11 members consisting of 4 seniors, 3 juniors, 2 sophomores, and 2 freshmen. In order to be a member of Student Council next year, students must currently be in good academic standing, have a clean discipline record, and have a good attendance record. Council members will need to be available to meet before school every Tuesday at 8:00 in the morning. Council Members will need to be available to work after school as well as some weekends, especially in September while preparing for homecoming. Interested candidates will get a petition signed by 50 students in order to go on the ballot. Students will also need to fill out a form with information about leadership roles, extracurricular activities, and why they would like to be part of student council. These will be shared and compiled in a publication to be put on the student council website so that the student body can get more information about the candidates. A ballot will be compiled of all candidates who have filled out petitions and forms and fulfill all requirements. After the council is chosen, a President (senior) and Vice-President will be elected from the council. Interested candidates will give a speech to the council before voting. Council members will be selected as chair people for different committees. Committees could be open to the student body in order to get more students involved. Some of the committees are fundraising/finance, homecoming, school spirit, advertising/PR, Board of Education reps, and volunteer resource center. There are several upcoming events available for students to volunteer at including Relay for Life on May 29<sup>th</sup>, Urban Assault on June 6<sup>th</sup>, Spirit Day at the Middle School, Riverfest at Haviland’s Cove on June 6<sup>th</sup> and Cody’s Climb – Hike for Hope. The Art Expo will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The Soroptomiss Club hosted the Homecoming 2.0 Dance last Saturday, and AP Exams have been taking place last week and will finish this week.
- Board Goals Update – Dr. Poulos reported the Board reviewed the three main areas of the goals. The next meeting will take place on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to formulate the goals.
- Curriculum Committee – Dr. Poulos reported the committee met prior to the board meeting. Mr. Clay gave a presentation on AYP, and also went over our school report cards. We did make AYP for “all students” in secondary-level ELA, but one subgroup did not make AYP for the second year in a row.

## 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

- 5.1 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, 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. (9-0) (A copy of the recommendations is included with these minutes).
- 5.1a. It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve additions to the CSE/CPSE Recommendations.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.2 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve Warrant 10A, 10B, and the Internal Claims Auditor’s Report.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.3 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Berger, **to approve the CDB Connections Contract for Summer 2015 and the 2015-2016 School Year.**

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).

- 5.4 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the Athletic Placement Process for Interschool Athletic Programs and the Foothills Council Constitution.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.5 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to Accept the Donation of Photography Supplies from Vincent Palacino, Jr.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.6 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the Early Graduation of Jason Hobbs.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.7 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to accept a \$500 donation from Lehigh Hanson, Inc. to support the Glens Falls High School Football Program.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.8 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the Community Service and Senior Class Bonding Trip to Camp Chingachgook on June 6, 2015 – June 7, 2015.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.9 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the Community Service and Senior Class Bonding Trip to Camp Chingachgook on November 7, 2015 – November 8, 2015.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.10 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve Budget Transfers.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.11 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the 2013-2014 Non-Residential Tuition Rates.** The motion was carried unanimously (9-0) (Attached).

## 6. PERSONNEL:

- 6.1 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the following Professional Resignations:**  
*Powers, Deena*, Nurse, Effective Tuesday, May 19, 2015  
*Luce-Aurilio, Amity*, Elementary Teacher, Effective June 30, 2015
- The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)
- 6.2 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Professional Leave of Absence:**  
*McCabe, Megan*, Science Teacher, Middle School, Effective May 7, 2015 – May 22, 2015
- The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)
- 6.3 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve the following Professional Appointment:**  
*Sawyer, Margaret*, Nurse, Salary; \$29,434.77 + \$500 Nurse Stipend, Effective May 20, 2015
- The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)
- 6.4 It was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Resignation:**  
*Healy, Marlene*, Part-Time Bus Monitor, Effective May 4, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.5** It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Appointment:**  
***Blackmer, Rebecca***, Head Custodian, High School, Salary; \$30,000 + \$1,500 Building Head Stipend, Effective May 4, 2015, Probationary Period: May 4, 2015 – November 4, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.6** It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Per Diem Coaching Appointment (2014-2015):**  
***Hoagland, Connor***, Varsity Baseball, \$53.80 per day, not to exceed \$1,883

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

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

**10.** **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:20 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Berger, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to adjourn to executive session to discuss a legal issue and a personnel issue.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0).

**Executive Session ended at 7:52 p.m.**

It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, to come out of executive session.

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0).

**11.** **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:53 p.m., there being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to adjourn the meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

Amy Towers  
 Clerk, Board of Education