

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

MINUTES

**Monday, November 9, 2015
District Office - 15 Quade Street - 7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Poulos – President, Mr. Conrick – Vice-President, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Culliton, Mr. Deason, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Kunst, Mrs. Maurer, Mrs. Spector-Tougas
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins – Superintendent, Robert Yusko – Business Director, Trent Clay, Christopher Reed, Barbara Sealy, Jennifer Hayes, Carrie Mauro, Debbie Hall, Mark Stratton
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gene Figler, Skye Heritage, Becky Vanderklish, Paul Streicher, Brandon Lis, Peter Taylor, Jason Brechko, Betty Brown, Noelle Frasier, Diane Ogden
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Raymond G. Preusser, Kristin Greenwood, Sara Quartiers, Madison MacDonald, Debra Stockdale

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 Mrs. Burton, **to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

2. INFORMATION:

2.1 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, November 11	School Closed – Veterans’ Day
November 25-27	School Closed – Thanksgiving Recess
Wednesday, December 2	Personnel Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Athletic Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Monday, December 14	Curriculum Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

2.2 Superintendent’s Report:

- Mr. Jenkins thanked the Board of Education for their countless hours of service to the district. He also gave them each a New York State School Boards Association umbrella. It was a small token of appreciation for all they do for the students of our district.
- Mr. Jenkins, Dr. Stratton, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Heritage will be conducting a webinar on the High School start time for the New York State School Boards Association.
- Mr. Streicher and Mr. Clay will be presenting on GFSD’s 1:1 computing initiative at the Regional Technology Awareness Day hosted by NERIC.
- Mr. Jenkins, Mrs. Maurer, Mrs. Kunst, and Mrs. Culliton all attended the New York State School Boards Association Conference in New York City. They attended the eight hour School Law Seminar, and various workshops.
- The boys’ Cross-Country team is headed to states, as well as Mia Cote for Swimming. Good Luck!

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

4. **REPORTS:**

- **Independent Auditor's Report** – Raymond G. Preusser gave a report on the 2014-2015 Audited Financial Statements. The report will be available on our district website.
- **Middle School PTSA** – Kristin Greenwood reported the Scholastic Book Fair was a success, and they earned \$676 in Scholastic Dollars. They were able to use approximately \$400 in previously earned Scholastic Dollars for the Youth at Risk students to get books at the fair. The PTSA sponsored a 5/6 Activity Night on October 16th, which was well attended. The theme was “Game Night”, and many students said they could not wait for the next one.
- **Big Cross PTA** – Sara Quartiers reported they kicked off National Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 7th. Students walked to school every Wednesday during the month of October to help promote our Healthy Heart Program. The Walking Wednesday program will begin again in the spring. The annual Harvest Dance was held on October 23rd. Students were invited to bring their families and wear costumes. Students participated in a costume parade, danced to the music of a DJ, and filled up on popcorn and other goodies. Adults were able to participate in a huge raffle basket drawing. All proceeds from this event will go to the 4th grade Camp Chingachook field trip. This past month, in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Big Cross participated in “Pennies for Pink”, and was able to donate \$422.53 to the Charles R. Wood Cancer Center at Glens Falls Hospital. The district total was approximately \$2,100.00! In the coming months, the PTA is looking forward to the Thanksgiving Breakfast, the 4th grade holiday concert on December 1st, as well as the annual holiday shopping program, which will begin on December 7th and extend through December 9th. The PTA is in the final stages of writing a Sunshade Grant as a part of a program by the American Academy of Dermatology. If Big Cross were a recipient of the grant, they would be awarded as much as \$8,000 to purchase and install a sun shade structure over the playground. There were several steps in the process from getting the endorsement of a local dermatologist to taking pictures of the playground to compiling various statistics and information to write the actual grant. The grant must be submitted by November 30th. They will be notified soon after if they are a recipient.
- **High School Student Council** – Madison MacDonald reported that next week is the “Salute our Soldiers” project that is being spearheaded by the GF Symphony Orchestra. It's become a big community event. Over 85 local students submitted essays or poetry for the contest. The winners will be announced at the GF Symphony concert on Sunday, November 8th. Also on Sunday, Sue Botch will have a small gallery of student work displayed in the lobby. And, there will be a slide show before the concert and during intermission which will display student art work, poetry, and excerpts of their essays. All week next week, the Student Council will be selling yellow ribbons and creating a Wall of Honor. Ribbons that you wear and those for the wall are 50 cents each. Proceeds from the ribbon sale will be donated to the Travis Manion Foundation, which provides several services for Veterans. Tara Sano of Hudson Falls, Mary Tully of Queensbury, and Rachelle Gormley have organized students to meet with author Richard Brookhiser at the library on Monday. Tuesday, Jeremy Bouteiller and the HS Jazz Band are hosting their Jazz Dessert Night at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend - \$1.00 for dessert and a drink. Many of our service clubs have come together to create the Red and Black Gives Back volunteer resource center. Our hope is to have students come together and give back to our school and community. In October, we had a large group of students attend to Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics to give their support. Many of the Key Club members have been volunteering at the Morse Field Concession Stand and at the International Cuisine Dinner to benefit the World Children's Awareness Museum, and the Goblin Gallop. In November, some of the events are bell-ringing for the Salvation Army, a food drive at Price Chopper called Stuff the Bus, and our school wide food drive coordinated by National Honor Society, Student Council and Key Club. Many students will also be volunteering at the Festival of Trees including the Strolling Stings and the SoroptiMISS Club who will be creating a tree to donate. We also will be recognizing our students who have been volunteering and encouraging more students to join in. Students who have reached 10 hours of service will receive Red and Black

Gives Back Lanyards. We will also be recognizing students when they reach 15, 25, and 50 hours of service in school year. We are hoping to have other recognition gifts but are still seeking ways to fund those. The HOPE Committee and Angelina's will be sponsoring a FREE Spaghetti Dinner on November 18th from 5-7 in the high school cafeteria. The senior government students will be donating their time to work at the dinner. Donations of drinks or dessert would be greatly appreciated. RSVP forms can be found on the High School website. This past weekend, several members of the senior class participated in a Give Back event at Camp Chingachgook. Students and chaperones performed projects such as raking and painting. They were also able to enjoy some of the activities that Chingachgook has to offer such as archery, the climbing wall, Ga Ga Ball, and a hike to Stewart's Lodge to see some great views of Lake George.

- Public Relations Committee – Mr. Deason reported the Public Relations Committee met on November 4th. Mrs. Heritage updated us on the consolidated summer mailing. The District saved over \$10,000. We have had great media coverage since the start of the school year, and social media continues to climb. Relatively few people are unsubscribing to SNN. Most of the people that have unsubscribed are parents of students that have graduated or moved out of the District. We have good numbers with people utilizing our website. Moving forward we are looking at the budget development communications and increased use of “new” outreach tools as needed.
- Technology Committee – Mrs. Kunst reported the Technology Committee met on November 4th. Mr. Streicher gave a presentation on the status of the capital project. Most of the technology components are completed. An exciting piece to the upgrades is the new security cameras. It gives the Building Principals the ability to be able to see multiple view points of the building. We also have a new phone system in place. The committee also learned how expensive the Smartboards are to upkeep, particularly the sophisticated light bulbs they require. Some positive press we have received was the Google/CDW Webinar, the BOCES Model School Visit, NERIC Tech Awareness Day and lots of interest from other districts regarding our Chromebook initiative. Mr. Streicher also discussed the challenges with the Chromebook rollout. Some issues were screens breaking, students not using cases at all times, students leaving the district, teachers wanting access to more devices and filtering at night. It was also a challenge navigating the insurance process with the broken devices. Mr. Streicher discussed the Smart School Bond Money and some ideas such as Chromebook expansion for 5th and 6th grade, Makerspaces, a 3D Projector Cart, a Recording Studio, Digital create lending library, interactive display board/Smartboard replacement, out of school Wi-Fi access, and robots.
- Curriculum Committee – Dr. Poulos reported the Curriculum Committee met prior to the Board Meeting. Mr. Clay gave an overview of the APPR Plan that was approved by the State.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

- 5.1 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mrs. Burton, 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 Mr. Graham, seconded by Mrs. Burton, 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 Mrs. Culliton, to **approve Warrant 4A, 4B and the Internal Claims Auditor's Report.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.3 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, to **approve the Transportation Contract with North Country for the 2014-2015 School Year.**

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

- 5.4 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve Two Emergency Transportation Contracts with North Country from September 8, 2015 – October 8, 2015 and October 9, 2015 – November 8, 2015.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).

Mrs. Culliton – Will we be doing contracts every month?

Mr. Jenkins – No.

- 5.5 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve Extending the 2014-2015 Transportation Contract and the Summer 2015 Transportation Contract with Durrin.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.6 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to accept the Bid from North Country Transport for transportation to and from Vanderheyden Hall, Wynantskill, NY effective November 10, 2015.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.7 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to accept the Bid from North Country Transport for transportation to and from Wood Road Elementary School, Ballston Spa, NY effective November 9, 2015.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.8 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to accept the Bid from North Country Transport for transportation to and from Dorothy Nolan Elementary School, Saratoga Springs, NY effective November 9, 2015.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.9 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Graham, **to approve closing the Lapham Family Legacy Fund Account. The account will be closed at Glens Falls National Bank and returned to the Lapham Family in the form of a cashier's check in the amount of \$6,765.42 plus any interest accrued through November 9, 2015.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

Mr. Deason – Are they done at this point with the School District?

Mr. Jenkins – Yes...they are going to put the money towards other things that involve kids, but not through our District.

- 5.10 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve extending the Transportation Services Agreement with the Glens Falls Common School District (Abraham Wing) for the 2015-2016 School Year.**
The motion was carried. (8-1) (Attached). No vote by Mrs. Spector-Tougas
- 5.11 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the Ice Hockey Trip to Yonkers, New York on Saturday, November 28, 2015.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.12 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve Excessing Bus #17.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.13 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Graham, **to approve the Varsity Boys Swimming and Diving Team Trip to Raquette Lake, New York from January 29, 2016 – January 31, 2016.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).
- 5.14 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the Wrestling Trip to Sullivan County Community College, Loch Sheldrake, NY from January 15, 2016 – January 16, 2016.**
The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).

- 5.15 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve Discarding Library Books at Big Cross Street Elementary School.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0) (Attached).

6. **PERSONNEL:**

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

Schilling, Thomas, Driver/Cleaner, Effective October 2, 2015

Habshi, Christina, Part-Time Bus Monitor, Effective October 21, 2015

Wolfe, Michael, Cleaner, Effective October 27, 2015

Galatioto, Peter, Payroll Clerk, Effective November 10, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.2 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mrs. Burton, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Appointments:**

LeClaire, Hayley, 6.50 Hour Teacher Aide, Effective October 13, 2015; Salary; \$12,578.15, Probationary Period: October 13, 2015 – April 13, 2016

Giles, Elechia, Part-Time Bus Monitor, Effective October 22, 2015; Salary; \$12.88 per Hour, Probationary Period: October 22, 2015 – April 22, 2016

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.3 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Change in Assignment:**

Benyada, Audra, from 6.50 Hour Teacher Aide to 6.0 Hour Teacher Aide, Salary; \$12,287.70, Effective September 1, 2015

Frandsen, Stacy, from 6.0 Hour Teacher Aide to 6.50 Hour Teacher Aide, Salary; \$13,312.60, Effective September 1, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.4 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the following Winter Intramural Appointments (2015-2016):**

Halliday, Jared, Girls Basketball, \$53.80 per day, not to exceed \$1,883

Hall, Dan, Boys Basketball, \$53.80 per day, not to exceed \$1,883

Young, Larry, Strength & Flexibility Training, \$53.80 per day, not to exceed \$1,883

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.5 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the following Per Diem Coaching Appointment (2015-2016):**

Patnode, Chris, Modified Swimming, \$53.80 per day, not to exceed \$1,883

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.6 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve rescinding the following Coaching Appointment:**

Aleva, Michelle, JV Alpine Skiing, Effective October 6, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.7 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Coaching Appointments (2015-2016):**

<i>Geruso, Carole</i>	JV Alpine Skiing	D-4	\$3,538
<i>Palmer, Dave</i>	Varsity Baseball	A-6	\$5,570
<i>Girard, Robert</i>	JV Baseball	C-5	\$4,300
<i>Klaiber, Phil</i>	Modified A Baseball	D-3	\$3,284
<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>Padasak, Ashleigh</i>	Modified A Softball	D-2	\$3,033
<i>Hall, Ethan</i>	Modified B Softball	D-3	\$3,284
<i>Northrop, Tim</i>	Varsity Boys Lacrosse	B-5	\$4,810
<i>Girard, Dan</i>	JV Boys Lacrosse	C-3	\$3,794
<i>Venditto, Michele</i>	Varsity Girls Lacrosse	B-5	\$4,810 + \$362 = \$5,172
<i>Seybolt, Bryan</i>	JV Girls Lacrosse	C-3	\$3,794
<i>Zurlo, Stephen</i>	Varsity Boys Tennis	B-5	\$4,810 + \$1,086 = \$5,896
<i>Perry, Dan</i>	Varsity Boys Track	B-5	\$4,810 + \$724 = \$5,534
<i>Bombard, Brian</i>	Modified Boys Track	D-4	\$3,538
<i>Kules, Laura</i>	Modified Girls Track	D-4	\$3,538

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.8 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Volunteer Coaching Appointment (2015-2016):**
Woods, Larry, Indoor Track

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.9 It was moved by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mr. Conrick, **to approve the following High School Class Advisor Resignation:**
Hoynes, Douglas, Senior Class, Effective November 5, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.10 It was moved by Mr. Conrick, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following High School Class Advisor Appointment:**
Shaver, Michael, Senior Class, Effective November 5, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

- 6.11 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the following Sixth Class Appointment:**
Lis, Brandon, Special Education Teacher, \$6,844.20 prorated, Effective November 9, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
8. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
9. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:35 p.m., there being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Graham, **to adjourn the meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (9-0)

Amy Towers
Clerk, Board of Education