

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

**MINUTES**

**Monday, December 14, 2015  
District Office - 15 Quade Street - 7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Poulos – President, Mrs. Culliton, Mr. Deason, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Kunst, Mrs. Maurer
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Burton, Mr. Conrick, Mrs. Spector-Tougas
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paul Jenkins – Superintendent, Robert Yusko – Business Director, Trent Clay, Christopher Reed, Jennifer Hayes, Carrie Mauro, Debbie Hall, Mark Stratton, Laurie Parker
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gene Figler, Skye Heritage, Becky Vanderklish, Doug Hoyne, Janet Mahoney, Margaret Sawyer, Jason Brechko, Juliana Moscatello Ogden
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dusty Fisher, Sara Quartiers, Gordon Woodworth, Aidan Murphy, Sean Pettis, Benjamin DiFiore, Lindsay Maurer, Samantha DiFiore, Cathy Sweet, Jack Sweet

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. Kunst, **to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

**2. INFORMATION:**

**2.1 Calendar of Events**

Tuesday, December 15	Middle School Holiday Concert – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16	High School Holiday Concert – 7:00 p.m.
December 24 – January 1	Holiday Recess – School Closed
Wednesday, January 6	Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
	Policy Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Monday, January 11	Curriculum Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**2.2 Superintendent’s Report:**

- Mr. Jenkins reported we had special guests at the meeting. Samantha DiFiore, President of the Middle School Student Council, reported they held a can food drive. Advocacies have been collecting food for the last two weeks. The Tin Can Man delivered treats to the top advocacies each morning. You can check him out on the website. The can food was sorted in the cafeteria, and over 1200 non-perishable food items were donated to the local chapter of the Salvation Army. The door decorating contest is on! Teachers and students have begun to decorate their doors. The Student Council will be judging doors on Thursday afternoon, and glitter light bulb ornament awards will be awarded for the most holiday spirit, modern holiday, classic holiday and the Clark Griswold award. The Student Council purchased 50 stars for Make-A-Wish. They will be decorating the hall and cafeteria with the stars. Samantha said she would like to present to the Board a little holiday treat...Merry Christmas and Enjoy! Aidan Murphy, Sean Pettis,

Lindsay Maurer and Benjamin DiFiore played “We Wish you a Merry Christmas” on their instruments.

- The Board was given a handout updating them on where we are with our goals.
- On Friday, Mr. Jenkins went with Mr. Streicher, Mr. Clay and Mrs. Hogan to the Regional Technology Conference Day in Albany. Mr. Streicher, Mr. Clay and Mrs. Hogan presented at the conference. They did a great job.
- Mr. Jenkins attended an Advocacy Day in Albany. The main focus is to eliminate the GEA, and adjust the building aid formula.
- The Middle School Concert is Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, and the High School Concert is on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Jack Sweet, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Jackson Heights, thanked Mr. Jenkins and the “Best Principal Ever”, Mrs. Mauro for their support with his “Pennies for Pink” Project. The project raised over \$3,500.00 for the C.R. Wood Cancer Center. The money purchased 140 gas cards for cancer patients undergoing treatment. Thank you Mrs. Mauro and Mr. Jenkins for all your support. Jack said he could not have done it without them.

4. **REPORTS:**

- **Big Cross PTA** – Sara Quartiers reported last month was their annual Thanksgiving breakfast. Students were able to eat breakfast “family style” in the gym and in the cafeteria to celebrate as a school community and to give thanks. The annual holiday shopping program began December 7<sup>th</sup> and extended through the 9<sup>th</sup>. The store gave kids an opportunity to experience the true meaning of Christmas by being able to select presents to give to loved ones at home. Items were marked very inexpensively with most items ranging from 50 cents to just a few dollars. All students were given gift certificates that were good for a dollar or two so that every child was able to purchase and wrap something for a loved one. On Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, the PTA hosted a family movie night. Families enjoyed watching How the Grinch Stole Christmas on the big screen, snacking on popcorn, and even Santa himself came for a visit! For the past few months, Big Cross students have had an opportunity to have Tobey Gifford, a yoga instructor, come to the school on Fridays and offer the kids a unique way to deal with stress and anxiety. The kids have really enjoyed this introduction to yoga. The program has been well received by kids, parents, faculty and staff. Next month, the PTA is looking forward to Pasta Night, which is always a great way for our school community to come together and continue to foster connections between families, faculty and staff. For the past few weeks, the PTA has been working on writing a grant that, if awarded, would provide Big Cross with \$8,000.00 to construct a sun shade structure for the playground. The application was submitted well before the deadline, and the grant package was accepted the first time through. The committee will notify Big Cross in April....so we should know by then.
- **Personnel Committee** - Mrs. Culliton reported the Personnel Committee met on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The committee discussed a handful of personnel changes from resignations, a leave of absence, and a retirement.
- **Athletic Committee** –Mr. Jenkins reported the Athletic Committee met on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Corlew updated the Board with numbers from the fall and winter sports, and team achievements.
- **Curriculum Committee** – Dr. Poulos reported the Curriculum Committee met prior to the Board Meeting. Mr. Clay gave a nice overview of the new Social Studies Standards. The information will be posted on our website with a link to Engage NY. Mr. Clay also gave an update on professional development opportunities which may include a regional conference in the fall. Also discussed was the National Core Arts Standards. Jackson Heights will be piloting the NCAS assessment if it fits with the current general music curriculum.

5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

- 5.1 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Graham, 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. (6-0) (A copy of the recommendations is included with these minutes).
- 5.1a. It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Graham, to **approve additions to the CSE/CPSE Recommendations.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached).
- 5.2 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve Warrant 5A, 5B, 5C, and the Internal Claims Auditor's Report.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached).
- 5.3 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve the Advocacy Priorities Resolution for the 2015-2016 School Year.**  
The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached).
- 5.4 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve Discarding Library Books at Kensington Road Elementary School.** The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0) (Attached).

6. **PERSONNEL:**

- 6.1 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve the following Professional Retirement:**  
*Mitchell, Kathleen*, School Counselor, Effective January 4, 2016  
  
Dr. Poulos : Best wishes!  
  
The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)
- 6.2 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, to **approve the following Professional Appointment:**  
*Clark, Beth*, School Nurse, Salary; \$33,900.00 + \$500 Nurse Stipend, Effective January 4, 2016, Probationary Period: January 4, 2016 – July 4, 2016  
  
The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)
- 6.3 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Graham, to **approve the following Non-Teaching Resignations:**  
*Hudson, Joel*, Cleaner, Effective November 19, 2015  
*Chiarella, Carol*, Teacher Aide, Effective December 4, 2015  
  
The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)
- 6.4 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, to **approve the following Non-Teaching Appointments:**  
*DeZalia, Jaclyn*, 5.50 Hour Aide, Effective November 23, 2015, Salary; \$10,643.05, Probationary Period: November 23, 2015 – May 23, 2016  
  
*Legare, Julie*, 5.50 Hour Aide, Effective December 11, 2015, Salary; \$10,643.05, Probationary Period: December 11, 2015 – June 11, 2016  
  
*Rhodes, Melissa*, Cleaner, Effective November 30, 2015, Salary; \$25,245.00 + \$504 Second Shift Stipend, Probationary Period: November 30, 2015 – May 30, 2016

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.5 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mrs. Kunst, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Permanent Appointments:**  
**Brown, Carol**, from Provisional Clerk to Permanent Clerk, Effective November 13, 2015 (Due to the Successful Completion of the Civil Service Test)

**Guay, Geraldine**, from Provisional Clerk to Permanent Clerk, Effective November 13, 2015 (Due to the Successful Completion of the Civil Service Test)

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.6 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Change in Assignments:**  
**Smith, Pierre**, from Custodian to Custodian/Driver, Effective December 9, 2015, Salary; \$31,731.00, Probationary Period: December 9, 2015 – June 9, 2016

**Warrington, Alex**, from Lead Custodian to Custodian, Effective January 4, 2016, Salary; \$28,944.00 + \$504.00 Second Shift Stipend

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.7 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the following Non-Teaching Provisional Appointment:**  
**Wheeler, Kevin**, Lead Custodian, Effective January 4, 2016, Salary; \$28,950.00 + \$504.00 Second Shift Stipend + \$600.00 Lead Custodian Stipend (provisional appointment pending the successful completion of the Civil Service exam)

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.8 It was moved by Mrs. Kunst, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Substitute Appointment:**  
**Joly, Sheila**, Nurse, Jackson Heights, \$120.00 per day, effective November 23, 2015 – January 1, 2016

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.9 It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to approve Rescinding the following Mentor Appointment:**  
**Williams, Mary**, Special Education Teacher, Effective December 7, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.10 It was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Mentor Appointment:**  
**Elia-Madelone, Kathy**, Special Education Teacher, Salary; \$1,580 (prorated), Mentoring Kelsey Crobby, Effective December 7, 2015

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

- 6.11 It was moved by Mrs. Culliton, seconded by Mr. Deason, **to approve the following Volunteer Coaching Appointments (2015-2016):**  
**Bradley, Kyle**, Varsity Wrestling  
**Gooden, Ernest**, Boys Varsity Basketball

*Hall, Kevin*, Indoor Track  
*Hayes, Wayne*, Modified Wrestling  
*Johnson, Herman*, Indoor Track  
*Brady, Kathleen*, Varsity & JV Girls Basketball

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0)

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr. Jenkins and the Board received emails from Jason Brechko and Claudia Braymer regarding class size. Mr. Jenkins responded to both their emails, and Jason Brechko met with Mrs. Mauro to address his concerns.
8. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
9. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
 At 7:15 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mr. Graham, to adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations. The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0).

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

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

The motion was carried unanimously. (6-0).

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**  
 At 8:11 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. (6-0)

Amy Towers  
 Clerk, Board of Education