

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

MINUTES

**Monday, February 12, 2018
District Office - 15 Quade Street - 7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Maurer – President, Mr. Deason – Vice President, Mrs. Culliton, Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. Levin, Mr. Rivers, Mrs. Spector-Tougas, Mrs. Stockdale
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Graham
- 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, Michele Hogan, Diane Ogden
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sara Quartiers, Nathan Dunn

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 Mrs. Culliton, **to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2018 Regular Board of Education Meeting, and the January 23, 2018 Special Board of Education Meeting.** The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- We have a number of retirements on our agenda this month. Congratulations and thank you to all the teaching and non-teaching staff. We have a big group retiring this year. Thank you to all the individuals for their hard work with our students and families of Glens Falls!
- Congratulations to Maureen Sara for achieving National Board Certification. It is a huge accomplishment for Maureen. Throughout New York State and the nation, National Board Certified Teachers truly represent accomplished teaching. Congratulations!
- Bobby Yusko, our Assistant Superintendent for Business, will be giving a budget presentation this evening during the report section on our agenda.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

4. REPORTS:

- Big Cross PTA – Sara Quartiers reported at the end of January, Big Cross held its annual Pasta Night dinner. Families were able to dine together in the cafeteria and were serenaded by Glens Falls' own Strolling Strings. 1st graders are in the midst of a 10 week Yoga program, and the 3rd and 4th graders just completed a "Too Good for Drugs" program. Eighteen 3rd and 4th graders are currently participating in the 4H club that is meeting once a month and is supported by the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Big Cross received a Math/Science grant in the amount of \$500 from the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program. Award winning author, Kathryn Otoshi will be visiting Big Cross on May 8th and will host a parent night on May 7th. Mrs. Otoshi will help Big Cross continue with their ongoing focus on character education. The PTA continues to look ahead to plan

and prepare for some of our bigger events happening later this year like the Spring Fair and PARP in March, and the Scholastic Book Fair in April.

Debbie Hall – and Sara Quartiers is the Big Cross Founders' Day recipient! Congratulations!

- Middle School PTSA – Sara Quartiers reported on February 2nd, the 5th and 6th grade classes hosted their bi-annual activity night. The theme was a Hawaiian luau. Approximately 60 students participated in the activity night. The kids had a great time. On Friday, February 9th, students who sold 25 or more items in our fall fundraiser were treated to a limo ride and buffet lunch at Pizza Hut. All told, six 5th graders, ten 6th graders, one 7th grader and two 8th graders earned this prize. The PTSA continues to look ahead to plan and prepare for some of our bigger events happening later this year like the Science Fair set for Wednesday, March 21st.
- Jackson Heights PTA – Jason Brechko reported the Founders' Day recipients were Marcia Fitzgerald and Chris Bocko-Wettsten. Congratulations! The Winter Olympics are being held on Friday, February 16th. Each class will represent a different country. The PTA will be providing hot chocolate and cookies. The Olympics will have an official bear mascot, and lots of fun games. Jackson Heights received a \$1,000 grant from the GF Nation Fund for a sensory room. Jackson Heights has also applied for a \$25,000 grant for a Project Fit America physical fitness program through Danimals yogurt. Please vote once a day until Thursday, February 15th. Kindergarten round-up is being held on Wednesday, March 21st.
- Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Maurer reported the committee met prior to the Board Meeting. The meeting consisted of updates on district initiatives. Michele Hogan provided information regarding the evolving nature of her Instructional Technology position. Logan Fisher shared information regarding how she is supporting our K-4 teachers with Readers and Writers Workshops. Amanda Simmes shared her experience with the Meteor PD being provided in relation to our district Focus designation and how the Meteor PD supports our implementation of the New York State Social Studies Standards and toolkit resources. Thank you Trent, Michele, Amanda, and Logan for very informative and thorough presentations. It feeds right into our District Goals!
- Budget Presentation: Mr. Yusko, Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented the 2018-2019 preliminary budget forecast and proposed budget assumptions. The presentation can be found at <http://www.gfsd.org/District/Budget/2018-19/files/021218InitialBudgetPresentation.pdf>

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- A. Student Placements – CSE/CPSE Recommendations
- B. Financial Reports
 1. Warrant 7A, 7B, and the Internal Claims Auditor's Report
 2. Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2017, and December 31, 2017
- C. Annual Key Club Leadership Training Conference from March 23, 2018 – March 25, 2018
- D. Discard Books and Materials from Jackson Heights Library, and Big Cross Street Elementary School Library
- E. Excess Computer Equipment
- F. Excess Cafeteria Equipment
- G. 2018-2019 School Calendar
- H. Reserve Fund Plan
- I. Dispose of Non-Public Textbooks that are Obsolete/Damaged
- J. Excess Furniture from the High School
- K. **Personnel**
 1. **Professional Retirements:**

Adams, Patricia, Science Teacher, Effective July 1, 2018
Bocko-Wettersten, Chris, Special Education Teacher, Effective June 30, 2018
Cabana, Ellen, Elementary Teacher, Effective October 4, 2018
Hohman, Michele, Science Teacher, Effective June 30, 2018
Hunter, Mary, Elementary Teacher, Effective June 30, 2018
Maroun, Nadia, Elementary Teacher, Effective June 30, 2018
Naylor, Maria, Elementary Teacher, Effective June 30, 2018
VanVleet, Martha, Special Education Teacher, Effective July 1, 2018
Woodell Freire, John, School Counselor, Effective June 29, 2018

2. **Non-Teaching Retirement:**

Fitzgerald, Marcia, Teacher Aide, Effective June 30, 2018
Hurlburt, Joanne, Clerk, Effective June 30, 2018

3. **Non-Teaching Appointments:**

Caiazza, Ashley, Lunch Monitor, Effective January 22, 2018, Salary; \$10.80 per hour,
 Probationary Period: January 22, 2018 – January 22, 2019

Ross, Elizabeth, 5.50 Hour Teacher Aide, Effective January 26, 2018, Salary; \$10,989.00
 (Prorated), Probationary Period: January 26, 2018 – January 26, 2019

Fitzgerald, Linda, Part-Time Bus Monitor, Effective January 29, 2018, Salary; \$12.88 per
 hour, Probationary Period: January 29, 2018 – January 29, 2019

Hadsell, Christopher, Head Custodian at Big Cross Street Elementary School, Effective
 February 12, 2018, Salary; \$30,000 + \$1,250 Senior Custodian Stipend, Probationary
 Period: February 12, 2018 – August 12, 2018

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

<i>Pruess, Erin</i>	Modified Softball	D-1	\$2,887.11
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END OF CONSENT AGENDA

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Jenkins: At the last meeting, board members received a spreadsheet on policies 7122-7513 to review. We can discuss the policies, and then approve the policies at tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Stockdale: Are you suggesting we approve them tonight?

Mr. Jenkins: We talked about them at the last meeting. We deleted some, changed some. Policy 7130 we removed the option. No necessary changes until we get to 7420. Policy 7440, we can add the nebulizer option but not the albuterol option.

Mrs. Culliton: In recent years, the use of sunscreen has changed. Is there any talk about bug spray?

Mr. Jenkins: I have not heard of any changes, but we can check with our policy services.

Mrs. Culliton: Entitlement to attend?

Mr. Jenkins: We are going to remove that option.

Mr. Jenkins: If the Board is comfortable, we will go ahead and approve policies 7122 – 7230, and 7242-7513. We will hold off on policy 7240.

- It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Greenwood, **to approve the first reading of policies 7122-7230, and 7241-7513**. The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0) (Attached)
- It was moved by Mrs. Greenwood, seconded by Mr. Rivers, **to approve Waiving the Second Reading of Policies 7122-7230, and 7241-7513**. The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)
- It was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to adopt policies 7122-7230, and 7241-7513**. The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

8. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:55 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Deason, seconded by Mrs. Culliton, **to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel issue**.

The motion was carried unanimously. (8-0)

Executive Session ended at 8:20 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)

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:21 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