

A regular meeting of the Members of the Board of Education of the Goshen Central School District, Orange County, New York, was held in the **Library of the C.J. Hooker Middle School** (due to flooding of the Board Room at the Main Street School) on **Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**

Present	Mr. James Kimiecik, President Mr. Adam Boese, Vice President Mrs. Martha Bogart Mr. Tom Frederick Mrs. Judy Green Mr. Robert Kish Mrs. Loretta Richner
Superintendent of Schools	Mr. Daniel T. Connor
Assistant Superintendent for Business	Mr. Robert Miller
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum	Mrs. Jane Unhjem
Principals:	Mr. William Rolon, Mr. Jason Carter, and Ms. Amy Peluso
Interim Principal	Mr. James Polunci
Assistant Principals:	Mrs. Patricia Lercara and Mr. John Piscitella
Director of Buildings & Grounds	Mr. James Riley
Interim Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	Mr. Thomas Heinzelman
Director of PPS	Ms. Deirdre Hallinan
CSE Chairperson	Mrs. Marlene Gaynor
Director of Transportation	Mrs. Donna Post
Network Administrator	Mr. James Sterett
Student Senate Representative	Thomas Payne
Members of the Faculty, Press and Citizens of the District	

The regular meeting was called to order by President, Mr. James Kimiecik at 7:31 p.m. Mr. Kimiecik led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation remembering the family of middle school teacher Ann Marie Geoghegan on the loss of her father.

On a motion by Loretta Richner and seconded by Robert Kish upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the minutes of September 6, 2011 and September 19, 2011. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

The board received the following correspondence: Program from Awards for Excellence sponsored by Mid-Hudson School Study Council and SUNY New Paltz; and various newspaper articles;

Mr. Kimiecik opened Privilege of the Floor.

There was no President's Report.

Martha Bogart reported no additional news from Albany. Albany is still figuring out what the tax cap means. Mr. Miller reported the Comptroller's Office is holding state-wide seminars and webinars. Still confusion on interpretation of the tax cap formula.

Mr. Connor introduced Mr. James Polunci who reported two high school students, Brigid Larkin and Autumn Williams, received letters of commendation in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Competition. Mr. Kimiecik presented Brigid Larkin with a Certificate of Recognition by the Board of Education. Autumn Williams was not present due to illness. The board congratulated both students.

Mr. Polunci mentioned the recent Teen Depression and Suicide program held at the Middle School thanks to Mr. Michael Hanrahan, Social Worker at the High School. Mr. Hanrahan has been instrumental in providing in-house discussions with faculty and students regarding this topic. Dan Connor, Judy Green and Adam Boese attended the program. A very informative program.

Mr. Connor announced the District received notification for approval to extend school tax payments without penalty for 21 days. The District applied before the September 30 deadline and did not hear until October 7.

School Board Member Recognition Week is scheduled for October 31 through November 4, 2011. Students from Bill Greene and Kristen Calohan's music programs will perform for the board prior to the meeting on November 7.

Mr. Connor asked Mr. Rolon to report on the new Leo Club at the Middle School. A “kick off celebration” was held on October 13 where 45 students were in attendance. Mrs. Green commended Dan Connor, Bill Rolon and Jennifer Blake for introducing the importance of volunteering at an early age.

Mr. Connor provided an update on the Goshen Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee. The Chamber is launching major efforts to pull community back after destruction from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Some businesses suffered destruction and will not be coming back. Martha Bogart mentioned continue support of local businesses, especially with the loss of the County Building. Mr. Connor mentioned Goshen has suffered 3 setbacks; Arden Hill Hospital merging with Orange Regional Medical Center, the County Building being relocated and the two storms. Mr. Connor asked if anyone has any ideas to please contact him.

Marti Sassi from Nugent & Haeussler, presented the June 30, 2011 Financial Audit. The audit consists of three reports, all of which received an unqualified “clean” opinion. The audit was completed over the summer and a meeting with the Audit Committee was held in October. Mr. Sassi reported the District is in excellent financial condition as of June 30, 2011. Mr. Sassi mentioned the District has the potential for a huge liability with regard to tax certioraris, but has prepared for this by establishing a reserve fund. Mr. Kimiecik mention the District refunded approximately \$1,000,000 last year for tax certioraris and SCARS. Mr. Sassi mentioned the board needs to be aware of increase contributions for TRS and ERS.

Nugent & Haeussler provides audit service to 40 school districts. This year Fund Balance Report has changed due to new requirements with GASB reporting.

The board thanked Marti Sassi for his report. Mr. Kimiecik has been on the board for 5 years and this is the cleanest report he has seen and he thanked Dan Connor, Jane Unhjem, Bob Miller and the Business Office staff for a successful audit.

Mr. Miller reported the board will take action on the proposal from Cooper & Niemann. A draft of the 2012/2013 budget development calendar is on the agenda for discussion.

Mrs. Unhjem mentioned the upcoming November 8 Professional Development Day for faculty members. The major topic of discussion will be the new State Common Core Standards. Some faculty members will be attending county-wide meetings out of District. Mrs. Unhjem will provide a schedule at our November 7 meeting.

Mrs. Unhjem had the privilege of attending the Awards for Excellence hosted by the Mid Hudson School Study Council, SUNY New Paltz and HSBC Bank. This year French teacher, Fabien Riviere, was honored.

Mr. Rolon addressed the board highlighting events of the evening. Mr. Rolon sponsored a full table of 12 for middle school faculty and staff, along with Mr. Piscitella and Mrs. Unhjem to participate in supporting Fabien.

On a motion by Adam Boese and seconded by Loretta Richner upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Millicent Ferrara, clerk typist, effective January 31, 2012. Mrs. Ferrara has been with the District for over 20 years. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Robert Kish and seconded by Adam Boese upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the remainder of the Consent Agenda as presented. AYES 6 NAYS 0 ABSTAIN 1 (Judy Green) Motion carried.

Accept retirement of Millicent Ferrara clerk typist effective January 31, 2012. Mrs. Ferrara has been with the District for over 20 years.

Accept resignation of Rosanne Cassar teacher aide effective October 19, 2011.

Accept resignation of Linda Barbaro food service helper effective October 11, 2011 to accept custodial worker position.

Approve appointment of Linda Barbaro custodial worker at a salary of \$30,195 (pro-rated) effective October 18, 2011. Ms. Barbaro has been a substitute custodial worker for the District. Ms. Barbaro is replacing Richard Heater.

Approve leave of absence of Lori Baird bus monitor is requesting a leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act effective October 5, 2011 through November 20, 2011.

Approve leave of absence of Linda Popowick bus driver is requesting a leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act effective October 10, 2011 through January 2, 2012.

Approve leave of absence of Angela Toscano food service helper is requesting a leave of absence effective September 6, 2011 through approximately November 4, 2011.

Approve appointment of Maria Lombardi food service helper at a salary of \$11.74/hr. for 3 hours per day effective September 22, 2011. Ms. Lombardi is replacing Rosel Howell.

Approve appointment of Christal Berkeley food service helper at a salary of \$11.74/hr. for 3 hours per day effective October 11, 2011. Ms. Berkeley is replacing Linda Barbaro.

Approve appointment of James Barry bus monitor at a salary of \$11.74/hr. for 5.25 hours per day effective October 18, 2011. Mr. Barry is replacing Harriet Waites.

Approve appointment of Susan Dayson substitute food service helper at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective October 18, 2011.

Approve appointment of Susan Dayson long-term food service helper at a salary of \$11.74/hr. for 3 hours per day effective October 18, 2011. Ms. Dayson is filling the leave of Angela Toscano.

Approve appointment of James Murray substitute custodial worker at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective October 18, 2011.

Approve appointment of Derrick Diaz substitute custodial worker at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective October 18, 2011.

Approve appointment of Paul Flynn substitute custodial worker at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective October 18, 2011.

Approve appointment of Craig Slesinski substitute custodial worker at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective October 18, 2011.

Approve appointment of Anna Berto substitute food service worker at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective October 18, 2011.

Approve appointment of Kristin Green as Evening High School English 12 teacher at a salary of \$36.06/hr. for 3.5 hours per evening, 1 evening per week, effective the 2011/2012 school year. Ms. Green is returning to Evening High School.

Approve extra compensation for Lauren Faggio special education teacher extra compensation of \$71.43 per period, for teaching one additional special education class per GTA Contract Section VI. 6.3, effective September 1, 2011 due to increase in number of special education students for the 2011/2012 school year.

Approve appointment of Annmarie Mollenhauer temporary substitute SEIT Services at a salary of \$45.72/hr., up to 4 hours per week, effective October 18, 2011 through June 30, 2012 for the IEP of Student #115166.

Approval of Obsolete Equipment (see official minutes)

CSE/CPSE

Committee on Preschool Special Ed	04/26/11;116245/Preschool w/disability 04/28/11;117684/Preschool w/disability
Committee on Special Education	09/02/11;113407/CJH/MD 09/02/11;117874/SAS/SLI 09/09/11;117903/SAS/SLI 09/13/11;115478/GIS/Ineligible 09/14/11;117964/OCJ/LD 09/15/11;117939/SAS/SLI 09/21/11;110877/GHS/OHI
Subcommittee on Special Education	09/21/11;15631/SAS/SLI 09/21/11;110470/Center for Discovery/MD
Committee on Special Education	09/22/11;117989/Home/ED
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	09/28/11;117902/Preschool w/disability
Committee on Special Education	09/28/11;117494/OCJ/LD 09/28/11;118025/OCJ/ED
Subcommittee on Special Education	09/29/11;113699/GIS/OHI 09/29/11;115079/CJH/OHI

	10/03/11;118043/BOCES/A
Committee on Special Education	10/03/11;113622/SAS/LD
	10/04/11;113134/GIS/LD
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	10/04/11;115534/Preschool w/disability

On a motion by Loretta Richner and seconded by Tom Frederick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the financial audit report for the year ended June 30, 2011 as presented by Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. on October 17, 2011. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Adam Boese, the Board of Education adopts the Board Goals and Objectives dated 2011-2012 through 2013-2014 school years as presented. (see official minutes) AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Tom Frederick, WHEREAS, the Board of Education, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited sealed bids for two new 2012 66-passenger school buses, which bids were opened publicly on October 12, 2011; and WHEREAS, the bid from Bird Bus Sales was not responsive to the bid specifications in that the color of the vinyl flooring was not as specified, it did not include the required separate price breakdown with the bid, it provided delivery in March, and it did not include a full 5% bid bond; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby awards the bid for the purchase of two new 2012 66-passenger Blue Bird school buses to New York Bus Sales, LLC, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, at a cost of \$103,592.38 each, for a total bid of \$207,184.76. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Martha Bogart and seconded by Loretta Richner, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute an Agreement with SUNY Center for Assistive & Rehab Technology to provide special education assistive technology services to a special education student at a rate of \$75.00 per hour for up to 26 hours during the 2011/2012 school year. A copy of this Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Robert Kish and seconded by Tom Frederick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education enters into an Agreement with Goshen Football Touchdown Club to provide football chain crew (3 adults) at the rate of \$65.05 per person, per game for a total not to exceed \$1,756.35 for the Fall 2011 Football Season. (see official contract in minutes) AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Loretta Richner, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the proposal from Cooper, Niemann & Co for the monitoring of the internal controls of the Buildings and Grounds Department as per their proposal dated October 7, 2011 for the estimated amount of \$3,000 for the 2011-2012 school year. This is in addition to the \$4,000 for annual update of the initial risk assessment. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Robert Kish and seconded by Tom Frederick, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute a Stipulation of Settlement and Order in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned First Presbyterian Church v. Town of Goshen and Goshen CSD, and it is FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Judgment. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Robert Kish and seconded by Loretta Richner, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education enters into an Agreement with O/U BOCES to provide Inventory and Earmarking of Obsolete Records and provide a Report and Management Plan for a total of \$2,100.00 per proposal dated September 13, 2011. A copy of this Agreement will be referenced within the minutes of this meeting. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Adam Boese, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education enters into an Agreement with Fran Weigler to provide Sign Language Interpreting Services for special education students for the 2011/2012 school year in the amount of \$50.00 per hour. (see official contract in minutes) AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

ADDENDUM

On a motion by Adam Boese and seconded by Loretta Richner, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute a Stipulation of Settlement and Order in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Matrock Equities v. Town of Goshen and Goshen CSD, and it is FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Judgment. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

The board reviewed the draft of the 2012/2013 Budget Development Calendar. Adoption of the calendar will take place at the November 7 meeting.

Mrs. Bogart suggested the board invite the staff to a board meeting or a special meeting to explain the challenges our District will be facing in the upcoming 2012/2013 budget development process.

Mr. Kimiecik opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

The Board discussed the 2011 Proposed Resolutions for the October NYSSBA Convention. Mr. Kimiecik mentioned this topic was discussed at the Orange County School Boards October meeting. Mr. Kimiecik mentioned the Audit Schedule Amendment submitted by Wallkill Central School District, not recommended for passage, has been rebutted and could be passed on the floor. Discussion during the OCSBA regarding Teacher Lay-Off Rules was not met with much support. Mr. Kimiecik will report the outcome of the Annual Meeting at the November 7th board meeting.

Mr. Miller had provided information regarding school tax payments being made in installments with regard to a question asked by Mrs. Bogart. Mrs. Bogart stated the Town and Village are scheduled to be reassessed this January and asked if the District would consider installment payments.

The majority of the board felt this option of installment payments set up with a required 50% - 25% - 25% payment schedule with a 3% penalty could possibly hurt taxpayers more and not be helpful. Currently penalty payments are charged in October and November. The board felt taxpayers would not save money on the installment option. The Library would still need to receive their portion in October. The way the law is defined the board felt this would harm the taxpayers.

The board discussed the draft of tax levy article prepared by Christina Intranuovo. The board made suggestions to clarify some of points of the article; define levy, explain the difference between "Tax Levy Limit" and Maximum Allowable Levy. Christina will work on this when she returns from her honeymoon.

The board asked if Mr. Miller could begin to prepare a rollover budget to see where the District is headed. Mr. Miller reported his office is currently working on the 2012/2013 budget, however, TRS and health benefit figures are not yet available.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. on a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Robert Kish to enter into Executive Session with no intent to return for work history of particular employees. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown
District Clerk