

Members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Education of the Goshen Central School District met in the Goshen High School Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2011, prior to the regular meeting of the Members of the Board of Education of the Goshen Central School District, Orange County, New York, in the Auditorium of Goshen High School (due to flooding of the Board Room at the Main Street School) on Monday, October 3, 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	
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 7:40 p.m. Mr. Kimiecik led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation remembering Harriet Waites, bus monitor who recently passed away.

The approval of the September Minutes was tabled until the October 17, 2011 meeting due to formatting problems when e-mailed.

The Treasurer's Report for July 2011 was acknowledged under Financial Update.

The board received the following correspondence: Various newspaper articles;

Mr. Kimiecik opened Privilege of the Floor.

Mr. Kimiecik reported he will discuss topics under Board Member Issues.

There was no Legislative Update Report.

Mr. Connor stated Exchange Students and host families were in attendance. Mr. Connor introduced Mr. Jim Polunci, Interim Principal, who provided a brief background on each of the four Exchange Students. The following are the Exchange Students and host families: Jana Driendl from Meckenheim, Germany host family Mrs. Corina Roberts Brendle; Barbara Jordens from Jodoigne, Belgium host family Mrs. Debra Wetmore; Victoria Viapiana from Porto Alegre, Brazil host family Mrs. Corina Roberts Brendle and Mengyu Liang from Kunming, China host family Mrs. Elaine Kimmel. The board welcomed each of the students and wished them success at Goshen High School.

Mr. Connor reported enrollment is down approximately 64 students K-12 from this time last year.

Mr. Connor attended Eagle Scout Ceremony for Bryan James Ildefonso. Also in attendance were Adam Boese and Bob Kish. Bryan is a sophomore this year. Mr. Kish mentioned on a sad note, that Bryan's dad (who had been ill) passed away after the ceremony and asked that we keep the family in our thoughts.

Mr. Connor thanked Bill Rolon for his role in implementing a Middle School Leo Club with the help of Jennifer Blake.

Mr. Connor attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Jelly Bean Field Day; a very successful and enjoyable event. This year marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jelly Bean Field Day in the District.

Mr. Connor thanked the board for affording him the opportunity to attend the Fall NYSCOSS Conference. Major topics included APPR, Tax Cap and Common Core Standards.

Mr. Connor called on building principals to provide summary of their Open Houses. All principals stated their Open Houses were well attended and received positive feedback from very enthusiastic parents.

Mr. Polunci also mentioned upcoming events occurring at the High School: Academic Award Ceremony for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students followed by Ice Cream Social and on October 12 Suicide Prevention at CJH Middle School by District Social Workers. Mr. Polunci also thanked Thomas Payne and Student Senate for their help during Open House directing parents to classrooms.

Mr. Riley reported good progress is being made on Main Street Board Room.

Mrs. Hallinan reported a brief Open House for ELL students will be held.

Mrs. Post thanked all administrators for their help during the first few weeks of school when phone lines were down, power outage and roads closed. Everyone pitched in and pulled together.

Mr. Miller reported the Audit Committee met with Marti Sassi from Nugent & Haeussler. The final audit can be presented at the October 17 board meeting. All board members were in agreement.

Jane Unhjem reported the District has received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the Walmart Grant Foundation, which the board will take action on this evening. iPads will be purchased for District administrators to help streamline classroom observation of teachers. Mrs. Unhjem thanked Christina Intranuovo and Capital Region BOCES for their assistance in the grant process.

The District is currently working on another grant with assistance of Christina Intranuovo and Capital Region BOCES.

On a motion by Adam Boese and seconded by Robert Kish, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Richard Heater, custodial worker, effective October 14, 2011. Mr. Heater has been with the District for 10½ years. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Martha Bogart, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the remainder of the Consent Agenda as presented. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Accept retirement of Richard Heater custodial worker effective October 14, 2011. Mr. Heater has been with the District for 10½ years.

Accept resignation of Michella Serna long-term substitute teacher aide effective October 4, 2011.

Approve appointment of Michella Serna special education teacher aide at a salary of \$11.74/hr. for 5¾ hours, effective October 4, 2011. Ms. Serna is replacing Jane Hastings.

Approve child care leave of Dana Piaquadio grade 4 special education teacher is requesting child care leave under the Family Medical Leave Act effective approximately October 24, 2011 through February 29, 2012.

Approve child care leave of Meghan Castellane grade 3 elementary teacher is requesting child care leave under the Family Medical Leave Act effective approximately November 28, 2011 through April 1, 2012.

Approve medical leave of absence of Charlotte Ladka grade 6 social studies teacher is requesting a medical leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act effective September 9, 2011 through on or about November 7, 2011.

Approve appointment of Brenda Weuste 1:1 special education teacher aide at a salary of \$11.74/hr. for 5¾ hours effective October 4, 2011. Ms. Weuste is filling the new position created at the September 6, 2011 board meeting for IEP of student #112413 and will be funded with the 611 federal grant.

Approve appointment of Beth Jones substitute nurse at a salary of \$75/diem effective October 4, 2011. Ms. Jones has Registered Nurse NYS License.

Approve appointment of Michael Hanrahan Evening High School substitute teacher at a salary of \$32.35/hr., as needed, effective the 2011/2012 school year. This is a yearly appointment.

Approve appointment of 2011/2012 Co-Curricular Stipends

Approval of Obsolete Equipment – see official minutes.

CSE/CPSE

Committee on Special Education	08/24/11;117820/GIS/OHI 08/24/11;117749/GIS/LD
Subcommittee on Special Education	08/24/11;117792/BOCES/ED 08/25/11;115912/SAS/MD
Committee on Special Education	08/25/11;117815/CJH/SLI 08/25/11;117823/Student parentally placed
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	09/06/11;117407/Ineligible 09/06/11;117824/Preschool w/disability
Committee on Special Education	09/13/11;115821/Ineligible
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	09/13./11;116397/Ineligible
Committee on Special Education	09/14/11;115673/CJH/Ineligible 09/14/11;114099/GIS/LMLA 09/14/11;114047/GIS/Ineligible 09/14/11;114855/GIS/LD 09/19/11;114460/GIS/Ineligible
Subcommittee on Special Education	09/26/11;113922/GHS/OHI

On a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Loretta Richner, the Board of Education approves increasing the 2011/12 budget by \$2,500 based on receipt of a grant from the Walmart Foundation to the District for new iPads. Said funds are to be placed in budgetary appropriation account code A1430.2091 and revenue account code A2770.2  
AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Adam Boese and seconded by Tom Frederick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the budgetary transfer dated September 26, 2011 in the amount of \$485,000.00 as per attached.  
AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Kimiecik opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

Mr. Kimiecik discussed briefly the upcoming NYSSBA Convention. Further discussion on the Bylaws, Amendments and Resolutions will be discussed after the recommendations from the OCSBA Meeting. Martha Bogart suggested Mr. Kimiecik be allowed the flexibility to vote according to outcome of discussion on the floor during the Annual Meeting portion.

The board discussed the importance of communication with the public regarding the Tax Cap. The board would like to have Christina Intranuovo prepare information to be placed on the web. The Orange County School Boards Association will have a discussion on the Tax Cap at their next meeting.

Martha Bogart mentioned reassessments of the Village and Town are being recommended for January. With the possibility of larger taxes next year, she asked if information could be provided on giving taxpayers the opportunity to pay school taxes in installments. She asked if the bob Miller could contact the districts that offer this and the reason why it is offered. She asked that the Board address this issue at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. on a motion by Adam Boese and seconded by Tom Frederick. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown  
District Clerk