

Board of Education Minutes November 21, 2011

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 Board Room at Main Street School on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Present	Mr. Adam Boese, Vice President Mrs. Martha Bogart Mrs. Judy Green Mr. Robert Kish Mrs. Loretta Richner
Absent	Mr. James Kimiecik, President Mr. Tom Frederick
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 Vice President, Mr. Adam Boese at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Boese led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation remembering the family of retired middle school teacher Barbara Hansen who passed away on Friday.

On a motion by Robert Kish and seconded by Loretta Richner the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. for the purpose of work history of a particular employee with the intent to return. AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened on a motion by Loretta Richner and seconded by Judy Green at 7:49 p.m. AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

The board received the following correspondence: The Harness Racing Museum – Jingle Bells 2011 – A Holiday Concert – Thursday, December 8, 2011 featuring Goshen High School Varsity Choir and Jazz students; 2011/2012 Staff Directory; 7th and 8th grade qualifying students for John Hopkins CTY Talent Search; Sullivan County School Boards Association: “*A Conversation with the Commissioner*”; New York State Education Department News Release: Districts Identified for Improvement; and various newspaper articles;

Mr. Boese opened Privilege of the Floor.

There was no President’s Report in the absence of James Kimiecik.

Martha Bogart reported possible discussions for mid-year state aid cuts could occur.

Mr. Connor reported he has attended the first sessions of MPPR and Lead Evaluator Training this past week and the second training sessions will occur in December to align with the new APPR teacher and principal evaluation process requirements.

Mr. Connor thanked Bill Rolon, Mary Jo Budd and Jennifer Blake for their help in organizing the high school and middle school LEO Club “Walk for Hunger” for the Goshen Food Pantry. Over 100 participants took part in the walk on Saturday, November 19. Mr. Connor mentioned the LEO Club will make this an annual event. One of the District’s Goals and Objectives was to increase class participation in clubs; this is a testimony to the efforts of Bill Rolon, Mary Jo Budd and Jennifer Blake to obtain this goal.

Mr. Connor had an opportunity to attend the Fall Sports Banquets. The banquets are a nice way to end the season.

Mr. GHS will be held at the Goshen High School on Saturday, December 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Connor wished the Board and members of the audience a happy and peaceful Thanksgiving.

Mr. Miller mentioned the June 15 through September 30, 2011 Claims Auditor's Report was included in the board's packet.

Mr. Miller reported the board will be taking action on the 2011/2012 Tax Collector's Report, where \$3.7M was returned to the County.

Mrs. Unhjem announced on Saturday, December 3rd, Science Olympiad will host a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser.

Mrs. Unhjem provided the board with a program from the 2011 NYSSMA Area-All State Music Festival held on Saturday, November 19, 2011. Six students from Goshen participated. Mrs. Unhjem congratulated the students and thanked the music teachers for their help.

The common theme of the November 8 Professional Development Day in each school was the new Common Core Learning Standards. Mrs. Unhjem asked Amy Peluso to speak to the board on work completed at Scotchtown. Ms. Peluso highlighted the day stating the faculty worked on aligning and creating resources to the new core standards. Ms. Peluso was happy to announce 80% of the work is complete. Ms. Peluso thanked Liz Kimiecik and Dana Richner for their help in facilitating and providing assistance.

Bill Rolon, Jason Carter and John Piscitella joined the board at the table to provide an update on grades 3-8 testing results as part of the District's Goals and Objectives. The presentation included New York State Assessment Data for the 2008/09; 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 school years for grades 3-8 (ELA and Math), comparing the growth of our students year to year and also comparing students' performances county-wide. It was noted that the State has made changes to the tests given each year. The State changed the raw score to scale score conversion of the assessment test offered in 2009/10. In 2010/2011 the State increased the rigor and the number of questions was increased to 60 with only 10 additional minutes given for students to take the test. The test has changed over the last 3 years and the belief is once the test has more consistency, data will be more consistent.

Bill Rolon stated John Piscitella is also comparing our students to data state-wide.

Mrs. Unhjem thanked Bill Rolon, Jason Carter and John Piscitella for their presentation. Mrs. Unhjem mentioned all schools in Orange County are struggling with the exams and state-wide over 1325 schools state-wide have been identified as Schools in need of Improvement. Mrs. Unhjem mentioned districts can apply for a waiver from NCLB requirements.

The board thanked Bill Rolon, Jason Carter and John Piscitella.

On a motion by Robert Kish and seconded by Loretta Richner upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda as presented, noting the additional Public Bid for 5 round tables with regard to the Public Sale of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment. AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Approve child care leave of Mary Keller school psychologist is requesting child care leave under the Family Medical Leave Act effective on or about March 22, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Accept resignation of Lori Baird bus monitor effective November 17, 2011.

Approve appointment of Frances Adamo teacher aide at a salary of \$11.74/hr. for 5¾ hours per day effective October 21, 2011. Ms. Adamo has been the long-term substitute for this position and is replacing Amanda Grunenberg.

Approve appointment of Sarah Scoville long-term substitute teacher at a salary of \$262.82/per diem (MA-1) effective November 17, 2011 through approximately March 30, 2012. Ms. Scoville has Initial 1-6 certification. Ms. Scoville is filling the child care leave of Meaghan Castellane.

Approve appointment of Melissa Beck substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 22, 2011.

Approve appointment of Karen Hasbrouck substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 22, 2011.

Approve appointment of Ana Serrano-Ayau substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 22, 2011.

Approve appointment of Traci Suarez substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 22, 2011.

Approve appointment of Nikki Emanuele substitute teacher aide and substitute food service helper at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 22, 2011.

Approve appointment of Nancy Bowen substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 22, 2011.

Approve appointment of Marion Teehan substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 22, 2011.

Approve appointment of Jeanette McDowell substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 22, 2011.

Approve appointment of Genevieve Babyak substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 22, 2011.

Approve appointment of Jeannie Cresce substitute teacher aide and substitute food service helper at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 22, 2011.

Approve appointment of Stacey Ryan substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 22, 2011.

Approve appointment of Jennifer Quackenbush substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 22, 2011.

Approve appointment of Fabien Riviere Evening High School tutor at a salary of \$32.35/hr. for the 2011/2012 school year.

Approve amended stipend for Fabien Riviere French Club Advisor amend stipend from \$1,270 to \$2,541 for the 2011/2012 school year.

Approve appointment of Patricia Capocciamo Grade 6 Homework Club Advisor at a stipend of \$1,541 for the 2011/2012 school year.

Approve appointment of Janine Robinson Grade 7 Homework Club Advisor at a stipend of \$1,541 for the 2011/2012 school year.

Approve appointment of Rebecca Haskel Grade 8 Homework Club Advisor at a stipend of \$1,541 for the 2011/2012 school year.

Approve appointment of Patricia Boles School Store Advisor at a stipend of \$1,100 for the 2011/2012 school year.

Approve appointment of Fabien Riviere School Store Advisor at a stipend of \$1,100 for the 2011/2012 school year.

Approve appointment of Laura MacGinitie Science Olympiad Advisor at a stipend of \$1,905 for the 2011/2012 school year.

Approve reclassification of title of Teacher Aide to 12-Month Part-time Clerk in the PPS Department for four hours per day effective November 22, 2011. This position is being reclassified to better align to the clerical duties of the position. This position is paid from the 611 grant.

Approve appointment of 2011/2012 Winter Coach Stipends

Award Bid for Public Sale of Surplus/Obsolete Items (see official minutes)

Approval of Obsolete Equipment (see official minutes)

CSE/CPSE

Subcommittee on Special Education	10/11/11;111097/BOCES/LD
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	10/14/11;115849/Preschool w/disability
Subcommittee on Special Education	10/18/11;113596/GIS/OHI
	10/19/11;113404/GHS/LD
Committee on Special Education	10/21/11;118009/Home/LD
	10/26/11;117948/OCJ/ED

Subcommittee on Special Education	10/27/11;116470/BOCES/OHI 10/27/11;110253/GHS/LD 10/28/11;113309/Home/ED
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	11/03/11;116679/Preschool w/disability 11/03/11;117127/Preschool w/disability 11/09/11;117704/Preschool w/disability

On a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Martha Bogart, that the Board of Education accept the 2011/2012 report of the tax collector as presented (see attached) and having determined that the collector has accounted for the full amount of the tax warrant, directs that the lists of the delinquent tax items, with the addition of penalty, be certified to the Office of the County Treasurer and/or other tax enforcement officer.
AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Robert Kish 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 tax certiorari proceeding captioned Eastgate Corporate Park, LLC v. Town of Goshen and Goshen Central School District, and it is FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Judgment. AYES 5 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 approves the payment of tax certiorari judgment awarded to RAD Realty Co. Town of Goshen (SBL 10-1-55) as per court order entered in the Office of the Clerk of Orange County Supreme Court October 19, 2011 in the amount of \$16,355.34 for the 2009/10 school year; \$14,353.69 for the 2010/11 school year for a total of \$30,709.03.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to fund said tax certiorari judgment that budgetary appropriations for the 2011-2012 school year be increased by \$30,709.03 (A1964.405) and that the \$30,709.03 be transferred to the General Fund Budget from the Tax Certiorari Reserve as the offsetting source of revenue.
AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Boese opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

Mr. Piscitella stated Janine Robinson is completing her administrative internship and over the summer provided help in processing data information used for tonight's presentation. Mr. Piscitella wanted to publicly thank Janine for her assistance in obtaining the data.

Mr. Boese mentioned a recent newspaper article where the Governor continues to mention a "2% Tax Cap" instead of a tax levy limit. Town of Cornwall followed the 2% Tax Cap formula, resulting in tax bills going up by 8%. Mr. Boese stressed the importance of communicating the formula to the public and thanked Christina Intranuovo who is constantly posting updated information on the website.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Boese wished everyone a peaceful and Happy Thanksgiving.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. on a motion by Robert Kish and seconded by Loretta Richner to enter into Executive Session with no intent to return for work history of particular employees. AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown
District Clerk