

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 of Education Room at the Main Street School on Monday, November 7, 2011 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Loretta Richner where the board entered into Executive Session with the intent to return for the purpose of employment history of a particular person.

Students from Kristen Calohan's Middle and High School Strings members and Bill Greene's 5th grade band members performed for the board in honor of Board Recognition Week at 7:20 p.m. as the board members entered the board room. The following students were presented with Certificates for their performances: Grade 5 band members: Maegan Allspach, Samuel Meyer and Michael Aglione. Strings members: James Shih, Christy Shih, Jessica Spencer, Emily Swanson, Marielle Frederick, Alexis Bello, Amanda Fini, Sophia Schuster, Olivia Cosgrove, Brittany Aronsen, Shannon Roper, Shanelle Rattray, Katherine Petrizzo, Sarah Burns, April Fitzgerald and Heather Koennecke.

Mr. Connor and Mr. Kimiecik thanked all the students for their performance this evening.

Present	Mr. James Kimiecik, President
	Mr. Adam Boese, Vice President
	Mrs. Martha Bogart
	Mr. Tom Frederick
	Mrs. Judy Green
	Mrs. Loretta Richner
Absent	Mr. Robert Kish
Superintendent of Schools	Mr. Daniel T. Connor
Assistant Superintendent for Business	Absent
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:	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 reconvened on a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Loretta Richner at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Kimiecik led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation remembering Nancy Nowak, retired teacher, who recently passed away.

Mr. Kimiecik welcomed everyone back to the Board Room and thanked Mr. Riley and Buildings and Grounds staff for a wonderful job in restoring the board room after the flood in September.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Loretta Richner upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the minutes of October 3, 2011 and October 17, 2011. AYES 6 NAYS 0
Motion carried.

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

The board received the following correspondence: National Honor Society Induction Ceremony program; Understanding New York's Property Tax Levy Cap as it relates to public schools; Quarterly Website and Facebook Report; Goshen Gladiators' Gazette; and various newspaper articles;

Mr. Kimiecik opened Privilege of the Floor.

There was no Legislative Update Report.

Mr. Kimiecik had the privilege of announcing to the community the second search for a high school principal has concluded. The Board of Education will approve the appointment of Mr. Kurtis Kotes this evening.

Mr. Connor provided a brief background on Mr. Kotes. Mr. Kotes is currently the Assistant Principal at Cornwall High School holding that position for the past 6 years.

Mr. Connor received the highest compliment from former Goshen graduate and Cornwall High School Principal, Frank Sheboy, when Mr. Sheboy stated Mr. Kotes will bring Goshen High School back to the glory days when Mr. Reese was principal.

Mr. Kotes thanked everyone involved in the interview process and stated he looks forward to joining the Goshen team and working with administrators, staff, faculty, students and parents to bring the High School to the next level.

At this time Mr. Kimiecik moved the appointment of the High School Principal to this portion of the meeting.

On a motion by Loretta Richner and seconded by Judy Green upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Kurtis Kotes as Principal of the Goshen High School, in the General Administrative tenure area, effective December 12, 2011, at a salary of \$135,000.00 through June 30, 2012, prorated, with a three-year probationary appointment effective December 12, 2014. Mr. Kotes has SDA and SAS certifications. Mr. Kotes is replacing Robert Litz. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried. (Mr. Kotes introduced his wife and son to the community).

Mr. Kimiecik stated this is an exciting time for the District. In the past 2½ years he has been a part of hiring a new superintendent (Dan Connor), 4 building principals (Jason Carter, Bill Rolon, Amy Peluso and Kurtis Kotes), and the appointment of Deirdre Hallinan and Marlene Gaynor. The District has a young, energetic team and he looks forward to working together in the coming years.

Mr. Kimiecik called for a 5 minute recess at 7:55 p.m. for the board and audience to meet and congratulate Mr. Kotes. The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Kimiecik referenced the draft response Bob Miller provided prior to his vacation with regard to the financial audit. If everyone is in agreement, Bob will mail the response upon his return. The board was in agreement.

Mr. Kimiecik thanked Nancy Wiegand for the tax cap article she wrote for the District in the Indy.

In recognition of Board Recognition Week, Mr. Connor thanked the board on behalf of the administrative team for their hard work, commitment and dedication to the District.

Mr. Connor invited Mr. Polunci to highlight the National Foreign Language Honor Society and National Honor Society Induction Ceremonies. Both ceremonies were well attended and nicely done by the students. Mr. Poluncic mentioned that prior to the National Foreign Language Honor Society ceremony, there was a power outage. Due to 2 high school administrators attending Section IX playoffs, Jane Unhjem helped with the National Foreign Language Honor Society ceremony and Mr. Polunci thanked her for her assistance.

Mr. Connor announced the upcoming Leo Club "Walk for Hunger" being held on Saturday, November 19, 2011, beginning at 12:00 at the high school.

Mr. Connor asked Bill Rolon to report on the Middle School Leo Club. Mr. Rolon stated currently there are 20 committed 7th and 8th grade students. The club's foundation is to stress the importance of community volunteerism.

Mr. Connor reported he met with Senator Larkin to discuss the tax cap and Goshen's unique situation with tax certioraris. Mr. Connor stated that David Shaw and Marc Sharff will assist the District in writing a letter to address this issue.

Mrs. Bogart mentioned besides being unique with the amount of tax certioraris Goshen has, we also have to budget for Incarcerated Youth and St. Dominic's. Mr. Kimiecik mentioned he spoke with Dorothy Slattery, Area 9 representative, at the NYSSBA Convention, and asked for any help they could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Heinzelman provided a Fall Sports update. The Boys Soccer team placed first in Section IX and will compete on Wednesday against Lakeland School in Middletown. The Girls Soccer team placed 2nd; the Cross Country team is competing at the State Meet this weekend; the Girls Volleyball team lost in the semi-finals and our football team struggled a bit. Overall a very good Fall Sports Season.

There was no Assistant Superintendent Report since Bob Miller was not in attendance.

Mrs. Unhjem thanked the board for their service and appreciates the hard work done to benefit the students of the District.

Art work at Main Street has been provided by Mr. Hoover's art classes. Mrs. Unhjem thanked Mr. Hoover and his students.

Mrs. Unhjem provided an overview of activities faculty members will be engaged in during the November 8 Professional Development Day. Each school will work on the new Common Core Standards. Special area teachers will attend out of district county-wide conferences. Mrs. Unhjem will provide a full report at the next meeting.

Mrs. Unhjem had an opportunity to attend the Drama Club production of *Ax of Murder*. Congratulations to Hugh Mackay and Mollie Lloyd who did a great job with the students. Students involved with Stage Crew also did a wonderful job.

Bill Rolon addressed the board on the 8th grade students who attended Ellis Island today as a Social Studies assignment on Concept of Immigration. Adam Boese mentioned his son Sam enjoyed the experience and was excited about the trip.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Judy Green, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda as presented. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Accept resignation of Roger Voss Jazz Band Assistant Advisor effective October 18, 2011.

Accept resignation of Amanda Grunenberg teacher aide effective October 20, 2011.

Approve extended leave of absence of Angela Toscano is requesting to extend her leave of absence effective November 5, 2011 through December 22, 2011.

Approve medical leave of Michael Morrison custodial worker is requesting a leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act effective October 27, 2011 through approximately January 16, 2012.

Approve extended medical leave of absence for Charlotte Ladka grade 6 social studies teacher is requesting to extend her medical leave of absence partially under the Family Medical Leave Act effective through on or about January 31, 2012.

Approve appointment of Jennifer Hopkins long-term substitute special education teacher at a salary of \$262.82/diem (MA-1) effective approximately October 24, 2011 through approximately February 29, 2012. Ms. Hopkins has Initial 1-6 and SWD 1-6 certifications. Ms. Hopkins is filling the leave of Dana Piaquadio.

Approve appointment of Christina Muller substitute teacher at a salary of \$75/diem effective November 8, 2011.

Approve appointment of Christina Muller long-term substitute special education teacher at a salary of \$262.82/diem (MA-1) effective approximately November 14, 2011 through approximately March 2, 2012. Ms. Muller has Permanent Special Education and Permanent Art certifications. Ms. Muller is filling the leave of Justine Diaz.

Approve appointment of Judy Gotthardt-Paradise substitute food service helper at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 8, 2011.

Approve appointment of Judy Gotthardt-Paradise substitute custodial worker at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective November 8, 2011.

Approve appointment of Aileen Gazzillo substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 8, 2011.

Approve appointment of Aileen Gazzillo long-term substitute teacher aide for 5.75/hrs. per day at a salary of \$11.74/hr. effective approximately November 8, 2011 through approximately February 29, 2012. Ms. Gazzillo is filling the leave of Michelle Cooper.

Approve appointment of Kari Connors Buono .6 special education teacher at a salary of \$54,299 (MA-2) prorated to \$25,249.04 effective November 8, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Ms. Buono has Permanent N-6/Professional SWD 1-6/Generalist Professional SWD 5-9 certifications. Ms. Buono is replacing the position previously held by Lauren Faggio which has been moved to the High School.

Approve appointment of Diane Hynes substitute food service helper and substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$7.75/hr., as needed, effective November 8, 2011.

Approve appointment of Heather Carman substitute teacher at a salary of \$75/diem effective November 8, 2011. Ms. Carman has Permanent Physical Education and Provisional Health certifications.

Appointment: Barton Schindler Jazz Band Assistant Advisor at a stipend of \$1,101 for the 2011/2012 school year. Mr. Schindler is replacing Roger Voss.

Approve reclassification of title of 12-Month Typist to 12-Month Clerk at the High School effective January 31, 2012. This position is being modified to better reflect the clerk responsibilities.

Approve increase in hours of Denise Raffone bus driver increase in hours from 5.25 hours per day to 5.50 hours per day effective September 6, 2011. This increase will accommodate her current bus run.

Approve increase in hours of Norman Tenorio bus driver increase in hours from 5.00 hours per day to 5.50 hours per day effective September 6, 2011. This increase will accommodate his current bus run.

Approve Obsolete Equipment (see official minutes)

CSE/CPSE

- Subcommittee on Special Education 08/17/11;111394/GHS/ED
- Committee on Special Education 09/09/11;117901/SAS/SLI
- 09/14/11;117739/OCJ/Ineligible
- Section 504 09/15/11;113270/CJH/Ineligible
- Subcommittee on Special Education 09/22/11;111223/GHS/OHI
- Committee on Special Education 09/22/11;117989/BOCES/ED
- Subcommittee on Special Education 09/22/11;113909/GHS/MD
- 09/26/11;113922/GHS/OHI
- 09/28/11;112487/GHS/ED
- 09/28/11;117410/OCJ/LD
- 09/28/11;116527/OCJ/ID
- 10/05/11;117521/Student parentally placed/ineligible
- Subcommittee on Special Education 10/07/11;117140/GIS/LD
- 10/07/11;117338/GIS/SLI
- 10/12/11;112489/GHS/ED
- 10/13/11;116037/GIS/OHI
- Committee on Special Education 10/13/11;117223/BOCES/ID
- Subcommittee on Special Education 10/13/11;113574/GIS/A
- Subcommittee on Special Education 10/17/11;114657/GHS/ED
- Committee on Special Education 10/21/11;115484/SAS/MD
- Committee on Preschool Special Ed 10/24/11;117770/Inspire/Preschool w/disability
- 10/26/11;117116/Inspire/Preschool w/disability
- Committee on Special Education 10/26/11;117485/OCJ/ED
- 10/26/11;118063/OCJ/LD
- 10/26/11;116398/OCJ/LD
- Committee on Preschool Special Ed 10/28/11;117250/Inspire/Preschool w/disability
- 11/02/11;115534/Preschool Itinerant Services

On a motion by Adam Boese and seconded by Loretta Richner, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the adoption of the 2012/2013 budget development calendar. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Loretta Richner, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the High School National Honor Society trip to Fairbanks, Denali and Anchorage, Alaska from April 6-11, 2012. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Adam Boese and seconded by Loretta Richner, whereas, the District and the Association have entered into negotiations and mutually selected a teacher practice rubric for the 2011-2012 school year in consideration of the implementation of New York State Education Law §3012-c regarding annual professional performance reviews of classroom teachers and building principals; NOW, THEREFORE, the parties mutually agree to use the NYSUT Teacher Practice Rubric as the rubric for common branch classroom teachers who teach ELA or Mathematics in grades 4-8 and other teachers in grades 4-8 who teach ELA or

Mathematics, to be used only for the 2011-2012 school year and its use shall sunset effective June 30, 2012, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by the parties.
SO AGREED, this 7th day of November, 2011. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Adam Boese and seconded by Loretta Richner, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the budgetary transfers dated October 17, 2011; October 18, 2011; and October 27, 2011 in the amounts of \$46,000.00; \$131,903.00 and \$1,000.00 respectively, as per attached.
AYES 6 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 accepts the correction of assessment errors as specified by the Orange County Director of Real Property Tax as summarized and to direct the Tax Collector to take the necessary actions in accordance with Real Property Tax Law for CDA Realty Corp. and Karen Realty of Orange County, Inc. in the amounts of \$7,888.14, and \$4,386.74 respectively, for the 2011/2012 tax year. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Loretta Richner and seconded by Martha Bogart, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute a Consent Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Ballard Road Holdings v. Town of Wallkill 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 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Kimiecik opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

Nancy Wiegand thanked all board members for the work they do.

Mr. Kimiecik provided an overview of the NYSSBA Convention and noted the 7 resolutions recommendation for passage did pass. Resolution #10 (Performance Pay for Teachers did not pass; Resolution #15 Employee and Retiree Health Care Contributions was amended and passed on the floor (only passed for current employees); Resolution #20 Audit Schedule submitted by Wallkill, had a rebuttal, was amended and passed on the floor and Resolution #21 Grade Weighing did not pass.

Mr. Kimiecik had the opportunity to also attend the Pre-Law Conference, where topics included Regents Reform, student assessment, new data system, change in State Aid, and Tax Levy Cap (challenges for school districts). Other topics of discussion included the new Common Core Standards and APPR. The Convention this year was "green" with no handouts of the presentations. Mr. Kimiecik reported there were many workshops offered and highlighted a few: "Negotiations 101 – Avoiding Bad Faith Bargaining; Tenure, Seniority & Abolition of Positions; and Tax Cap Impact". The conference was very informative and worthwhile.

Mr. Kimiecik referenced the revised Tax Cap Levy article provided by Christina Intranuovo. The board thanked Christina for a very well written article. The board asked if a link could also be provided for the Questar 3 article on the Property Tax Cap from our website.

It was noted no new news regarding mandate relief from the State.

Adam Boese commented on the agenda for the clerical staff for November 8, where they will be training on the School Tool System under Parent Portal. This will be a new feature for parents to log on School Tools to view their child's information. This will occur after the Thanksgiving break.

Mr. Boese mentioned a very successful Battle of the Bands at the High School. The event was very good and enjoyable featuring a lot of Goshen talent.

Mrs. Bogart asked if there was a link on the website to encourage voter registration.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Adam Boese. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown
District Clerk