

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, December 5, 2011 at 6:50 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Adam Boese and seconded by Judy Green where the board entered into Executive Session with the intent to return for the purpose of employment history of a particular person. (See Executive Session Minutes)

Present	Mr. James Kimiecik, President	
	Mr. Adam Boese, Vice President	
	Mrs. Bogart	
	Mr. Tom Frederick	
	Mrs. Judy Green	
	Mrs. Loretta Richner	
Absent	Mr. Robert Kish	
Superintendent of Schools		Mr. Daniel T. Connor
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum		Mrs. Jane Unhjem
Assistant Superintendent for Business		Mr. Robert Miller

#### Regular Meeting

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		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		Absent
Student Senate Representative		Thomas Payne
Members of the Faculty, Press and Citizens of the District		

The regular meeting reconvened on a motion by Loretta Richner and seconded by Tom Frederick at 7:39 p.m. Mr. Kimiecik led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation

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 minutes of November 7, 2011 and November 21, 2011. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

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

The board received the following correspondence: Various newspaper articles;

Mr. Kimiecik opened Privilege of the Floor.

There was no President's Report

Mrs. Bogart reported representatives will be returning to Albany this week. The Governor is looking at the revenue picture and that he may be trying to implement involving taxation on Gaming and remaking the tax code to address shortfalls.

Mr. Connor thanked Robert Karchawer for a very successful Mr. GHS. Mr. Connor asked Mr. Karchawer to provide an overview of the evening. Mr. Karchawer reported over 120 students were involved in the show raising over \$12,000 for charities. Mr. Karchawer thanked the many volunteers who made the show a huge success.

Mr. Connor asked Mr. Riley to join the board at the table. Mr. Riley reported the District is the recipient of \$1,500 from United Way Orange County as part of a grant for Orange County School and Disaster Recovery received by Orange County to help defray costs incurred during Hurricane Irene.

Mr. Connor reported Bill Rolon attended training in Albany regarding the new Dignity for All Students Act (anti-bullying legislation) that must be adopted and in place by school districts by July 1, 2012. Districts are waiting for regulations from SED which should be available in January and February. Mr. Connor mentioned part of the process will include in-service training to our staff with each building having a designated "go to" person. Mr. Connor will keep the board updated as information becomes available.

Mr. Miller mentioned the quarterly Classroom Activity Fund Reports (Middle School and High School) included in the board packet.

Mr. Miller reported this is the last year of the 3-year cycle for the Internal Auditor and the District will need to do an RFP for internal audit services. The board gave Mr. Miller approval to begin the process.

Mrs. Unhjem highlighted the 3-day training she, Bill Rolon, John Piscitella, Jason Carter, Deirdre Hallinan, and Marlene Gaynor attended with regard to the new teacher evaluation process. The training shows how Districts will observe teachers and grade performance. A detailed lesson plan template will be created to be used District-wide for the observation process. Mrs. Unhjem reported she will contact the Marlboro School District who has been piloting the NYSUT Teacher Rubric to meet with the APPR Committee. The Rubric consists of 7 teaching standards.

Mrs. Unhjem attended the Science Olympiad fundraiser spaghetti dinner on Saturday and thanked Nancy Wiegand and volunteers.

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 retirement of Gail Frey, Student Supervisor, effective December 26, 2011. Mrs. Frey has been with the District for over 22 years. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried. Mr. Kimiecik wished Mrs. Frye well in her retirement. She has done a great job at the high school and will be missed.

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 remainder of the Consent Agenda as presented. AYES 6 NAYS 0

Accept retirement of Gail Frey teacher aide/student supervisor effective December 26, 2011. Mrs. Frey has been with the District for over 22 years.

Approve child care leave of Melissa Vaughan elementary teacher is requesting a child care leave under the Family Medical Leave Act effective approximately February 13, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Approve appointment of Anna Serrano-Ayau substitute teacher aide at a salary of 11.74/hr. for 5¾ hours per day effective December 1, 2011 through approximately January 30, 2012. Mrs. Serrano-Ayau will assist with coverage in the High School Main Office until replacement is appointed for Millicent Ferrara.

Approve appointment of Larissa Cohen substitute teacher at a salary of \$70/diem effective December 6, 2011. Ms. Cohen is not certified.

Approve appointment of Elizabeth Harrington substitute teacher at a salary of \$75/diem effective December 6, 2011. Ms. Harrington has Initial 1-6 certification.

Approve appointment of Joy Malota substitute teacher at a salary of \$75/diem effective December 6, 2011. Ms. Malota has Initial 1-6/Initial SWD 1-6 certifications.

Approve appointment of Marisol Paneto substitute teacher at a salary of \$70/diem effective December 6, 2011. Ms. Paneto is not certified.

Approve appointment of Glen Patterson substitute teacher at a salary of \$75/diem effective December 6, 2011. Mr. Patterson has Initial Earth Science 7-12 certification.

Approve appointment of Michelle Scott substitute teacher at a salary of \$75/diem effective December 6, 2011. Ms. Scott has Initial 1-6/Initial SWD 1-6 certifications.

Approve appointment of Warren Young substitute teacher at a salary of \$75/diem effective December 6, 2011. Mr. Young has Initial B-2/Initial SWD B-2 certifications.

Approve appointment of Justine Humphrey substitute teacher at a salary of \$70/diem effective December 6, 2011. Ms. Humphrey is not certified.

Approve appointment of Marie Jane Panzer Evening High School tutor at a salary of \$32.35/hr. effective the 2011/2012 school year.

Approve appointment of Kurtis Kotes Comptroller, Extra Classroom Activity Fund (Goshen High School) effective December 12, 2011. There is no compensation for this position. Mr. Kotes is being appointed as Comptroller of the High School Extra Classroom Activity Fund to replace Patricia Lercara.

Approve appointment of Sharlene Bischof Treasurer, Extra Classroom Activity Fund (Goshen High School) effective November 3, 2011. There is no compensation for this position. Mrs. Bischof is being appointed as Treasurer of the High School Extra Classroom Activity Fund to replace Millicent Ferrara.

Approve Obsolete Equipment (see official minutes)

CSE/CPSE

Subcommittee on Special Education	08/17/11;112029/GHS/OHI/Exited
Committee on Special Education	09/12/11;114765/CJH/LD
Subcommittee on Special Education	10/12/11;115452/SAS/OHI
Committee on Special Education	10/17/11;115952/Student parentally placed
Subcommittee on Special Education	10/17/11;114483/SAS/OHI
	10/19/11;110629/GHS/LD
	10/19/11;115070/GHS/LD
Committee on Special Education	10/19/11;113038/GHS/ID
Subcommittee on Special Education	10/20/11;113407/CJH/MD
Committee on Special Education	10/21/11;118008/Home/ED
Subcommittee on Special Education	10/27/11;113099/BOCES/A
	11/02/11;117289/CJH/OHI
Committee on Special Education	11/02/11;118099/Student parentally placed/SLI
	11/03/11;112274/GHS/ED
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	11/03/11;117794/Preschool w/disability
	11/04/11;117092/Preschool w/disability
Subcommittee on Special Education	11/05/11;113073/GHS/LD
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	11/07/11;117490/Preschool w/disability
Committee on Special Education	11/08/11;116627/OCJ/ED
	11/09/11;118082/OCJ/OHI
	11/09/11;118096/OCJ/ED
	11/09/11;118073/OCJ/LD
Subcommittee on Special Education	11/15/11;115865/GIS/OHI
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	11/15/11;116847/Preschool Itinerant Services
Subcommittee on Special Education	11/16/11;112767/GHS/OHI
Subcommittee on Special Education	11/17/11;115306/CJH/OHI
Committee on Special Education	11/21/11;118009/BOCES/LD
	11/28/11;118100/Home/ED
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	11/15/11;118042/Preschool Itinerant Services

On a motion by Martha Bogart and seconded by Loretta Richner, the Board of Education approves Adam Boese attending the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Winter Law Conference – Solving the Budget Puzzle on December 9, 2011 in Albany, New York. AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSTAIN 1 (Adam Boese)

On a motion by Loretta Richner and seconded by Tom Frederick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute an Amendment to the Contract dated August 1, 2011, with Thomas Heinzelman that extends his appointment as Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for the maximum period through July 31, 2012, a copy of which Amendment shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Judy Green 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 Eco-Bat New York LLC 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. Boese mentioned the refund will be \$600,000, one of the bigger tax certioraris the District is facing. Mr. Boese also noted the District had legal counsel intervene on the District's behalf and approved an appraisal which resulted in \$100,000 in savings.

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 Social Studies class trip to Washington, D.C. March 30, March 31, and April 1, 2012.

AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried. (The trip will be at the cost of the students; 30-40 students are interested. The requested trip centers around the curriculum for 11<sup>th</sup> grade).

On a motion by Loretta Richner and seconded by Martha Bogart, the Board of Education accepts the donation from Target Corp. to Scotchtown Avenue Elementary School in the amount of \$491.68 and approves increasing the General Fund budget by \$491.68. Said funds are to be placed in budgetary appropriation Account Code (A2110.45420) and the offsetting revenue Account Code A2705;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education also accepts the donation from Target Corp. to Goshen Intermediate School in the amount of \$440.42 and approves increasing the General Fund budget by an additional \$440.42. Said funds are to be placed in budgetary appropriation Account Code (A2110.40366) and the offsetting revenue Account Code A2705. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Adam Boese and seconded by Tom Frederick WHEREAS, the Board of Education has multiple depositories for the safe keeping and diversification of district funds; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has issued an RFP for certain Banking Services to explore the terms of the various banking institutions and determine what is in the best interest of the District; and

WHEREAS, the proposals in response to the RFP for certain Banking Services were opened publicly on October 21, 2011;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby awards the RFP for Banking Services for its checking accounts for the General Fund, Payroll, School Lunch Fund, Capital Fund, Special Aid fund, Trust and Agency –Multi Fund, Extra Classroom MS, Extra Classroom HS, Expendable Trust Fund and Expendable Trust Fund MMKT to Provident Municipal Bank as per their RFP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby determines that it has a need for an additional depository for the School District's funds and designates Provident Bank as an additional Official Depository with the maximum amount of funds to be deposited in Provident Municipal Bank not to exceed \$35,000,000.

AYES 6 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 Butcher Block, LLC. Town of Goshen (SBL 111-14-1) as per court order entered in the Office of the Clerk of Orange County Supreme Court November 2, 2011 in the amount of \$1,668.13 for the 2010/2011 school year.

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 \$1,668.13 (A1964.405) and that the \$1,668.13 be transferred to the General Fund Budget from the Tax Certiorari Reserve as the offsetting source of revenue. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Martha Bogart and seconded by Adam Boese, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Public School Fire Safety Reports as presented on December 5, 2011. (It is noted that the minor non-conformances, as indicated at the time of inspection, have been satisfactorily corrected and new Certificates of Occupancy have been issued. Additionally, it is noted that legal notice has been published at least once in newspaper of record and that the fire departments with jurisdiction covering school facilities have also been notified and given access to inspection reports). 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 November 23, 2011 in the amount of \$141,509.73 as per attached.

AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Board members received a draft of the O/U BOCES 2012/13 Student Calendar. It was noted the first day of school next year will begin after Labor Day, September 4, 2012. A final copy will be presented after O/U BOCES adopts the calendar.

The board acknowledged the donation of computer equipment (SMART Document Camera - essentially a digitally enhanced overhead projector synced without

SMARTBoards, SMART Classroom Response System for immediate polling and assessment SMART Wireless Slate for using the SMARTBoard from anywhere in the classroom) for use by the District's Technology Coordinator. The donor has asked to remain anonymous and the board asked Mr. Redeker to extend their sincere appreciation for the generous donation.

Mr. Kimiecik opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

A parent asked the status of the parent portal (a tool that can be used by parents through School Tools; a database to monitor students). Mrs. Unhjem said the District is in the process of opening the parent portal gradually by piloting at Scotchtown Avenue School. The parent portal will allow parents to log in and view their child's progress report, report card and provide updates to emergency information. The portal will be open to all parents by January.

Mr. Kimiecik reported the District started one year ago to change the data base that maintains students' grades/attendance. Parents will now be able to view information on their child.

Mrs. Richner reminded everyone of the upcoming OCSBA meeting with a guest speaker discussing Electronic Communications: *What our board members should know.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. on a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Adam Boese.    AYES 6    NAYS 0    Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown  
District Clerk