

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 **Auditorium of Goshen High School** (due to flooding of the Board Room at the Main Street School) on **Tuesday, September 6, 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	
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 Jim Polunci on the loss of his mother.

On a motion by Loretta Richner and seconded by Adam Boese upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the minutes of August 1, 2011; August 13, 2011; and August 22, 2011.   AYES 7   NAYS 0   Motion carried.

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

The board received the following correspondence: July 2010 – June 2013 GTA Contract; September 1 & 2, 2011 Professional Development Topics; and various newspaper articles;

Mr. Kimiecik opened Privilege of the Floor.

Mr. Kimiecik highlighted Summer Graduation held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Opening Day for faculty and staff was held on September 1. Great start to the school year. Mr. Kimiecik reminded the audience that a representative from State Aid Planning will be at the September 19 meeting to discuss the State's Tax Cap.

Mrs. Bogart had no update under Legislative Report.

Mr. Connor reported a great first day for students. He was able to visit all 4 schools. Middle School administrators put on a "Mets/Yankees" show for students. Great way to start first day for students. However, weather issue resulted in loss of power to three of our schools, resulting in a 20 minute early dismissal. Mr. Connor thanked all staff, faculty, and administrators for working together to keep students safe. Donna Post reported 10 roads were closed last week with 2 roads closed on September 6.

Mr. Connor highlighted September 1 activities and thanked Mr. Kimiecik for his opening day address.

Mr. Connor reported the State Education Department has changed testing dates for grades 3-8 ELA and Math assessments. The testing date has been changed to April instead of May.

Mr. Connor introduced Mr. Polunci who presented an overview of the 2011 Regents Exams and AP test results. Mr. Polunci's intentions will be to: compare results with similar area schools; perform gap analysis; discuss results with Department Heads; have teachers do an item analysis; recommend teachers take results of item analysis to adjust time spent on areas of concern; share information with Middle School teachers for

preparing 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for high school exams; perform root cause analysis for area of concern; develop school improvement plan; and disaggregate data to determine if accelerated students are being successful. Mr. Polunci was very pleased with the test results.

Mr. Polunci thanked Patty Lercara and Karen Coldon for their work on Summer Graduation.

Mr. Polunci thanked the entire High School staff for their outstanding job during the power outage. Mrs. Lercara thanked Food Service staff for making sandwiches for students who did not receive lunch during power outage.

The board thanked Mr. Polunci for his report.

Mr. Connor asked Mr. Riley to report on options to replace the carpet in the Board Room. Mr. Riley reported the carpet and damaged dry wall have been removed. Mr. Riley prepared three options for the board to consider. The first option was for broadloom totaling \$6,303.35; carpet tiles totaling \$11,348.32; and the third option being vinyl cement tile totaling \$4,489.74. Mr. Riley reported the life span of vinyl tile is 20 years. With the board room below ground level, Mr. Riley recommend vinyl tile, which could be replaced by area damaged should flooding occur in the future. Concern by the board was the board room is used as a Polling Place. Mr. Riley mentioned carpet mats could be used, but most Polling Places do not have carpet. The board would prefer carpet, but agreed to replace with vinyl cement tiles. Mr. Riley mentioned the board room will probably not be complete until mid to end October.

The board thanked Mr. Riley for his update.

Mr. Connor concluded his report with the Freshman BBQ; a nice evening for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Mr. Miller reported tax bills are out and September 1 was first day for collecting payments.

Included in the board packet was the Quarterly ExtraClassroom Activity Reports for the Middle School and High School.

Mrs. Unhjem thanked principals and assistant principals for a great opening day for faculty and staff. September 2 continued as a Professional Development Day for faculty members, which included discussion on new APPR Plan; CORE State Standards; Suicide Prevention; and Bridging for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers. Mrs. Unhjem thanked Mr. Polunci for joint department head meetings.

New Teacher Orientation was held on August 31. Most of the new teachers are leave replacement teachers. Mrs. Unhjem thanked board members who were able to attend and thanked the Middle School staff for hosting the orientation due to the flooding in the board room.

Mrs. Unhjem highlighted the new APPR Plan proposal the board will take action on this evening. This Plan is one part of the requirements which will be placed on the District's website. Each school district needs to declare a proposal followed by a second adoption of teacher rubrics. Mrs. Unhjem reported a Steering Committee has been established to develop the Rubric Instrument which must be adopted as part of the Plan. The Steering Committee consists of 2 teachers from each building who will assist in preparing the Rubric; choosing local assessment and the appeal process. Mrs. Unhjem thanked District's legal counsel for help in preparing the documents.

Mr. Kimiecik and Mr. Boese recommended that page 5 be amended to read: The Superintendent's designee(s) will be trained and certified as lead evaluators according to the NYSED's model to ensure consistency and defensibility.

Mrs. Unhjem reported Jason Carter, Bill Rolon and John Piscitella have attended the first Lead Evaluator training sessions. Mrs. Unhjem, Deirdre Hallinan and Marlene Gaynor will be attending later this month. Training is being supplied through O/U BOCES; Sullivan BOCES, Ulster BOCES and Dutchess BOCES.

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 Consent Agenda as presented. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Accept resignation of JoAnn Licciardi teacher aide effective August 30, 2011.

Accept resignation of Jane Hastings teacher aide effective August 30, 2011.

Approve appointment of Kelly Mecocci long-term substitute teacher at a salary of \$262.82/diem (MA-1) effective approximately September 1, 2011 through December 22, 2011. Ms. Mecocci has Initial 1-6 and Initial SWD 1-6 certifications. Ms. Mecocci is filling the child care leave of Tara Eber.

Approve appointment of Kelly Mecocci substitute teacher at a salary of \$75/diem, as needed, effective January 3, 2012.

Approve appointment of Sarah Brownell teacher aide-greeter at a salary of \$11.74/hr. for 4 hours per day effective September 1, 2011. Ms. Brownell has been a substitute for the District. Ms. Brownell is replacing Janice Kelly.

Approve appointment of Robert Quinn substitute guidance counselor at a salary of \$300/diem effective September 6, 2011 for up to 8 days. Mr. Quinn will assist Chris Haller in his transition from the Middle School to the Intermediate School.

Approve appointment of Samuel Stern special education teacher/District of Location at a salary of \$56,031 (MA-3) effective September 1, 2011 with a tenure date of September 1, 2014. Mr. Stern has Permanent Elementary Pre-K-6 and Permanent Special Education certifications. Mr. Stern is replacing Salvina Michel.

Approve appointment of Melissa Bailey part-time 12 month clerk in Technology at a salary of \$14,641.50 (pro-rated) (clerk schedule \$29,283) effective September 7, 2011. Ms. Bailey is replacing Maria Robinson.

Approve appointment of Michael Melchiori custodial worker at a salary of \$30,195 Step A (pro-rated) effective September 7, 2011. Mr. Melchiori has been a substitute custodial worker for the District. Mr. Melchiori is replacing Bonnie Agostino at the High School and Ms. Agostino is replacing Diane Lupinski at Scotchtown Avenue School.

Approve appointment of Constance Bertone substitute teacher at a salary of \$75/diem effective September 1, 2011. Mrs. Bertone has Permanent N-6 and Special Education certifications.

Approve creating position of a 1:1 special education teacher aide at a salary of \$11.74/hr. for 5.75 hrs. per day. This position is being created for the IEP of student #112413 and will be funded with the 611 federal grant.

Approve amended change of assignment of Eileen Lotito special education teacher amend change of assignment from District of Location to Goshen High School effective September 1, 2011.

Approve change of assignment of Christopher Haller guidance counselor change of assignment from C.J. Hooker Middle School to Goshen Intermediate School effective September 1, 2011. Mr. Haller is replacing Robert Quinn.

Approve appointment of John Tether Girls Modified Soccer Coach at a stipend of \$3,928 for the 2011/2012 school year. Mr. Tether is replacing Joe Guarneiri.

#### CSE/CPSE

Subcommittee on Special Education      08/14/11;111349/GHS/A

Committee on Preschool Special Ed      08/22/11;117356/Ineligible

Mr. Mike Kelly addressed the board with a request from Chris Levendos, Goshen Class of 1985 – Soccer Alumni. The GCHS Soccer Alumni Network & Foundation would like the board to consider dedicating the Varsity Soccer Field in honor of two former coaches; Joseph Roman and Clif Wilson, who impacted the soccer program. They would like to dedicate the field in the same manner as Mt. Olympus was dedicated to former student Irving Medina, who lost his life serving our country. Unfortunately, Mr. Levendos was unable to attend due to the weather.

The board thanked Mr. Kelly and were supportive of this request, but mentioned they would need to review the District's Policy and report back.

On a motion by Adam Boese and seconded by Robert Kish, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the District's 2011/2012 Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Plan Document as presented to the board at this meeting. (with amendment made to page 5 (Evaluation)). AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Loretta Richner and seconded by Martha Bogart upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the payment of the tax certiorari judgment awarded to Benchmark Goshen Office Associates Town of Goshen (SBL 116-2-1.2) as per court order entered in the Office of the Clerk of Orange County Supreme Court August 2, 2011 for a total of \$20,101.52;

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 \$20,101.52, (A1964.405) and that the \$20,101.52 be transferred to the General Fund Budget from the Tax Certiorari Reserve as the offsetting source of revenue.    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 budgetary transfer dated August 26, 2011 in the amount of \$46,000.00 and as per attached.  
AYES 7    NAYS 0    Motion carried.

On a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Adam Boese, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the entry of the names of the 2011 Summer Graduates and acknowledgement of students who fulfilled GED requirements in the Board of Education Minutes. (see official minutes)  
AYES 7    NAYS 0    Motion carried.

On a motion by Loretta Richner and seconded by Robert Kish, that the Board of Education , upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Resolution Session Settlement and Release Agreement for Student #111139, as presented (by reference will be incorporated into the minutes); and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools shall be authorized to execute such Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.  
AYES 7    NAYS 0    Motion carried.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Adam Boese, that the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Release and Settlement Agreement for Student #112157, as presented ( by reference will be incorporated into the minutes); and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools shall be authorized to execute such Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.  
AYES 7    NAYS 0    Motion carried.

Mr. Kimiecik opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

A community resident had three statements. The first statement was in reference to the replacement of the flooring in the board room. He mentioned in light of the tax certioraris the board has had to refund he suggested the board consider what is really optimum and not the cheapest. He asked that the District provide an update on NCLB and the impact on the District, and thirdly; he asked if the school district offered a 403B plan to its employees and the cost to the District. Mr. Miller stated the District does offer a 403B plan but the District does not contribute.

Mrs. Richner reported that on Wednesday the OCSBA will have a presentation by legal counsel regarding the new APPR.

Mr. Kimiecik acknowledged receipt of the NYSSBA Bylaws, Amendments and Resolutions and will discuss at a future meeting. He asked that everyone review the document. Mrs. Richner mentioned she noticed a majority of the Resolutions were provided by NYSSBA.

Mrs. Bogart stated residents have asked if tax bills could be paid over installments. In today's economy, residents noted it would be helpful to people who are struggling. She asked even though the board had discussed this issue last year, if it could be revisited at the next meeting. Mr. Kimiecik said discussion with Bob Miller would occur and would take the request under advisement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion by Adam Boese and seconded by Tom Frederick to enter into Executive Session with no intent to return for work history of particular employees and potential litigation.    AYES 7    NAYS 0    Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown  
District Clerk