

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 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by George Jung where the board entered into Executive Session with the intent to return for the purpose of employment history of a particular person.

Present	Mr. James Kimiecik, President Mr. Adam Boese, Vice President Mrs. Martha Bogart Mr. Tom Frederick Mrs. Judy Green Mr. George Jung
Absent	Mr. Matthew Corrigan

Superintendent of Schools	Mr. Daniel T. Connor
Assistant Superintendent for Business	Mr. Robert Miller
Principals:	Mr. Kurtis Kotes, Mr. William Rolon, Mr. Jason Carter and Ms. Amy Peluso
Assistant Principals:	Mr. John Piscitella
Director of Buildings & Grounds	Mr. James Riley
Interim Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	Mr. Thomas Heinzelman
Director of PPS	Absent
CSE Chairperson	Absent
Director of Transportation	Absent
Network Administrator	James Sterett
Student Senate Representative	Hannah Kaplan
Members of the Faculty, Press and Citizens of the District	

The regular meeting was reconvened by President, Mr. James Kimiecik at 7:32 p.m. on a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by George Jung. Mr. Kimiecik led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation remembering of the family of Michelle Lattimer on the loss of her father, Deirdre Hallinan on the loss of her niece, Paul Wright, retired music teacher and the families and community of Newtown, Connecticut who suffered a tragic loss last week.

The board received the following correspondence: Winter 2012 Newsletter; Middle School, High School, Harness Museum Winter Concert programs; Newsletter from Youth Ending Hunger; and various newspaper articles.

Mr. Kimiecik opened Privilege of the Floor.

Mr. Kimiecik reported on the grant the District received through the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant program totaling \$31,698. Last year the District entered into an Agreement with O/U BOCES for them to write a grant to convert 54 rolls of microfilmed student files to a digital file.

Mr. Kimiecik also reported that tonight the board will take action for O/U BOCES to write another grant for the District for inactive personnel records.

Mr. Kimiecik thanked Jim Sterett, the High School Guidance Department, board and Mr. Miller for allocating money to fund these grants.

Mrs. Bogart reported the legislature has had considerable discussions due to Superstorm Sandy and funding to restore areas which could result in a decreasing effect on school aid.

Mr. Connor asked Mr. Kotes to report on the High School concerts and the performance of students at the Harness Racing Museum Holiday Concert. Mr. Kotes reported the students performed wonderfully and he was also able to introduce Dr. Frank Sheboy to the community.

Mr. Rolon reported the students performed wonderfully at the two Middle School concerts held in early December. Mr. Rolon presented his "top 10 reasons" for attending the concerts which was received well by the community.

Mr. Kotes highlighted the Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony where Michael Florkowski and Robert Scheuering received their Eagle Scout Awards. The next day the two boys, along with the National Honor Society, spent time with the veterans at Valley View.

Mr. Connor reported he had the opportunity to attend the holiday party for veterans at Valley View on December 10.

Mr. Connor reported Commissioner King will be visiting our Intermediate School as part

of a BOCES regional field evaluation tour. Mr. Carter stated it is a real honor and pleasure to be included in the Commissioner's tour. The Commissioner will visit 2 classrooms to observe how we align curriculum to the new Common Core Standards and will meet with administrative team to get honest feedback from the field about the roll-out of the Common Core Learning Standards and the new Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR).

A mid-year update on Board Goals and Objectives was presented by each principal on aligning their goals to the Action Plans/Strategies. Ms. Peluso reported the SAS goal is to reach 75% or above in reading and 85% in the area of Math. Faculty meets monthly to review curriculum and works closely with the GIS staff discussing what both buildings are doing for the students. Beginning in January data will begin to be reviewed. Mr. Carter reported GIS has been working with CJH with grades 3-8 state assessment tests and modules. Staff continues to compare cohort to cohort and county level as well. Programs are continually evaluated and re-evaluated to align with curriculum. Mr. Carter thanked the expertise of Liz Kimiecik and her work with K-6 faculty members. Mr. Rolon reported modules for secondary schools are just being released. The Middle School continues to conduct internal audits to focus on strategies within the school and to be ready when modules are released and for the State exams. Staff continues to work on aligning curriculum to the new Common Core Standards. Mr. Kotes reported that modules have not been released for the high school level. Department meetings have been conducted to review and implement a quarterly assessment as compared to the traditional mid-year assessment. Faculty members in each department have been working on a pilot of what a quarterly assessment would look like. Quarterly assessments would provide a snapshot on key skills of the students showing any areas of deficiencies which could be re-enforced during the second quarter. This assessment will be fully implemented in the 2013/2014 school year.

Mr. Heinzelman reported Fall sports had a 5% student participation increase and modified football was re-established. Mr. Heinzelman reported unique programs have been introduced to the physical education program in each building to address societal issues facing young children. Scotchtown has Stranger Danger; GIS Anti-Bullying; CJH has cardio vascular fitness; and the HS has invited a representative from the Department of Health to address childhood obesity.

Mr. Connor reported the District survey offered to the community, students, and staff members usually offered in June will be completed this year in May. The survey will be offered strictly on-line.

Jim Sterett reported one measurable Technology objective is to maintain the District's infrastructure, site plan and develop a new plan. Mr. Sterett reported the District's 3-year Technology Plan is currently under development. Mr. Sterett reported Jonathan Redeker has developed a survey to assess where students are currently regarding technology. Mr. Sterett mentioned meetings are held regularly with Mr. Connor, Jonathan and himself to address needs of faculty and provide professional development opportunities. Mr. Sterett thanked all technology staff in the buildings who provide in-service classes to faculty members.

At this point Mr. Sterett invited Michelle West, Josh Dornfest and Jonathan Redeker to join him to provide an update on how the newly purchased technology over the summer is being used to integrate technology into the classrooms and the curriculum.

Michelle West, Josh Dornfest and Jonathan Redeker shared how the use of IPADS, IPODS, netbooks, SmartBoards and Leapster Learning Center, Moodle courses, Ed Modo Platform, Google APPS for education and the piloting of the new BYOD Policy have been incorporated into the curriculum and technology instruction.

The board thanked everyone for their updates to the Board Goals.

Mr. Miller highlighted the NYSSBA State Aid Superstorm Conference he attended on December 14th. Topics included the impact Superstorm Sandy has had on revenues at the local level, the tax cap and the increase to ERS and TRS mandated contributions. There was also discussion on the Fiscal Cliff before December 31st which could result in \$100,000 less in federal aid if an agreement is not met. Payroll taxes will affect employees. NYSSBA has been working to develop strategies to convince the State it is not educationally sound for a school district to be insolvent and that school districts are entitled to the sum formula without the State taking some part of aid back mid-year.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by George Jung, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Jerome Stephens, custodial worker, effective December 31, 2012. Mr. Stephens has been with the District for 10 years. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Tom Frederick, 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 Jerome Stephens custodial worker effective December 31, 2012. Mr. Stephens has been with the District for 10 years.

Accept resignation of Lori Fedor High School Musical Director effective November 14, 2012.

Accept resignation of Maryann Lloyd High School Musical Assistant Director effective November 15, 2012.

Approve child care leave of Martha Diaz strings teacher is requesting a child care leave under the Family Medical Leave Act effective approximately February 26, 2013 through approximately May 31, 2013.

Approve leave of absence of Richard Besaw is requesting a leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act effective November 26, 2012 through approximately January 4, 2013.

Approve appointment of Cheryl Fitzpatrick long-term substitute teacher at a salary of \$268.07/diem (MA-1) effective approximately February 19, 2013 through June 30, 2013. Ms. Fitzpatrick has Permanent N-6 certification. Ms. Fitzpatrick is filling the leave of Susan Doyle.

Approve appointment of Kaitlyn Urato leave replacement elementary teacher at a salary of \$48,465 (BA-1) (pro-rated) effective approximately January 31, 2013 through June 30, 2013. Ms. Urato has Initial 1-6 and Initial SWD 1-6 certifications. Ms. Urato is filling the leave of Danielle Scarcella.

Approve appointment of Brenda Lawrence bus driver at a salary of \$18.39/hr. (pending CSEA negotiations) for 5 hours per day effective December 18, 2012. Ms. Lawrence is replacing Harry DeBrock.

Approve appointment of Carol Stanton bus driver at a salary of \$18.39/hr. (pending CSEA negotiations) for 5 hours per day effective January 8, 2013. Ms. Stanton is replacing Arthur Cliff.

Approve appointment of Cassandra Miller substitute teacher at a salary of \$80/diem effective December 18, 2012. Ms. Miller has pending Social Studies and SWD 7-12 certifications.

Approve appointment of Clidia Mercado substitute food service helper at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective December 18, 2012.

Approve appointment of Maryann Lloyd High School Musical Director at a stipend of \$4,982 for the 2012/2013 school year. Ms. Lloyd is replacing Lori Fedor.

Approve appointment of Kristen Lloyd High School Musical Assistant Director at a stipend of \$1,661 for the 2012/2013 school year. Ms. Lloyd is replacing Maryann Lloyd.

Subcommittee on Special Education	11/27/12;114753/GIS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	11/07/12;118598/Classified Preschool
Section 504	11/20/12;114660/GHS/Pending
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	12/07/12;118408/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	11/20/12;117770/SAS/Classified
	11/15/12;118411/Ineligible
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	11/27/12;118633/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	11/29/12;111163/GHS/Classified
	11/08/12;115757/SAS/Classified
	11/14/12;117462/SAS/Classified
	12/04/12;117461/Classified
Committee on Special Education	12/03/12;117868/SAS/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/05/12;116196/SAS/Classified
	11/28/12;112247/GHS/Classified
	11/30/12;114145/BOCES/Classified
Section 504	11/20/12;110850/GHS
Subcommittee on Special Education	11/20/12;113899/CJH/Classified
Committee on Special Education	12/06/12;117896/GIS/Ineligible
Subcommittee on Special Education	11/26/12;116679/SAS/Classified
	11/13/12;118543/BOCES/Classified

Committee on Special Education	10/10/12;118313/OCJ/Classified
	12/04/12;118488/SAS/Ineligible
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	12/12/12;118145/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	11/26/12;112389/CJH/Classified
	11/19/12;117937/SAS/Classified
	11/27/12;115631/GIS/Classified
Committee on Special Education	11/08/12;114364/CJH/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	11/15/12;118275/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	11/13/12;115231/SAS/Classified

On a motion by Adam Boese and seconded by Matt Corrigan, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Julia Chiarot in the tenure area of Science effective February 1, 2013.

AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried. The board congratulated Julia Chiarot on her appointment.

On a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Martha Bogart, that the Board hereby affirms the determination of the Superintendent of Schools that the penalty of one-half day in-school suspension for Student #121712 is reasonable and appropriate; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Clerk is hereby directed to notify the student's parents of this resolution. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Adam Boese, the Board of Education enters into a Service Agreement with Sign Language Resources, Inc. to provide sign language services for special education students effective December 18, 2012 for the 2012/13 school year per attached proposed agreement. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Matt Corrigan and seconded by Adam Boese, that the Superintendent and Board President are authorized to sign an Agreement extending the probationary term of Christine Guerrier, a special education tenure area probationary employee, for a twelve month period, through April 4, 2014, as recommended by the Superintendent. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Matt Corrigan and seconded by George Jung whereas, the Goshen Central School District has previously adopted a Flexible Benefits Plan for its employees; BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the Flexible Benefits Plan Summary Description for the new year, the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 as presented by AFLAC. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Tom Frederick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes payment in the amount of \$700.00 (compensation for one day to be determined in January 2013) to Mary Ann Wilson for transition work with Dr. Frank Sheboy. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Matt Corrigan, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the following individual be appointed as Substitute Administrator for building level administrators, to serve upon request of the Superintendent or designee in the event that building level administrators are absent for periods of one-half day or more, at compensation of \$350 for a full day and \$175 for a half day:

Mary Ann Wilson

AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Judy Green and seconded by George Jung, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education agrees not to hold the first meeting in January on January 7, 2013. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Martha Bogart and seconded by George Jung, the Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools attending the New York State Council of School Superintendents' Winter Institute and Lobby Day in Albany, New York from March 3-5, 2013. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Tom Frederick, the Board of Education authorizes the use of the District credit card by Superintendent of Schools, Daniel Connor, at the New York State Council of School Superintendents' Winter Institute and Lobby Day in Albany, New York from March 3-5, 2013. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Adam Boese, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves rescheduling the March 4,

2013 board meeting to Tuesday, March 5, 2013 due to the NYSCOSS Winter Institute and Lobby Day meeting. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Matt Corrigan, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education enters into a Grant Writing Service Letter of Agreement with O/U BOCES to complete the 2013/2014 LGRMIF (Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund) Grant application for a total project cost of \$1,980.00 per attached agreement. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Adam Boese, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the budgetary transfer dated December 10, 2012 in the amount of \$35,475.78. as per attached. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

The board publicly acknowledged the generous donation of an upright piano for use by the Music Department at C.J. Hooker Middle School by Diane Bonizzi.

Mr. Kimiecik opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

A parent of three children in the District addressed safety concerns at two of the schools in the District regarding security in light of the recent shooting in Newtown, Conn.

The District administrators met today to review plans currently in place and discuss enhancements to current policies and drills. These discussions will be ongoing and the public will be kept informed. Judy Green thanked Mr. Connor for immediately addressing this issue on the website.

Martha Bogart attended the OCSBA meeting with the focus on the poll conducted by NYSSBA on how districts feel about NYSSBA. They were looking for input regarding staff development for board members and lobbying forum. Some districts felt NYSSBA could be more concise with information.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m. on a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by George Jung. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Kimiecik wished everyone a happy holiday and Happy New Year and thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown
District Clerk