

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 Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Present	Mr. James Kimiecik, President Mr. Adam Boese, Vice President Mrs. Martha Bogart Mr. Matthew Corrigan Mrs. Judy Green Mr. Tom Frederick Mr. George Jung
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:	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	Mrs. Deirdre Hallinan
CSE Chairperson	Mrs. Marlene Gaynor
Director of Transportation	Mrs. Donna Post
Network Administrator	James Sterett
Student Senate Representative	Taylor DeClerck
Members of the Faculty, Press and Citizens of the District	

The regular meeting was called to order by President, Mr. James Kimiecik at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Kimiecik led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation remembering of the families of retiree Jane Herzog, Angela Hoffman on the loss of her father and Donna Meaney on the loss of her brother-in-law.

The board received the following correspondence: O/U BOCES February 2013 Newsbrief; and various newspaper articles.

Mr. Kimiecik opened Privilege of the Floor.

Mr. Kimiecik referenced the recent "Commissioner's Commentary article in NYSSBA's On Board newspaper, where the Commissioner highlighted his recent visit to Goshen Intermediate School.

Martha Bogart reported on an amended regulation with regard to Medicaid and school districts needing to obtain parental permission on a continuing basis. The new ruling requires districts to receive permission to bill only one time. Mrs. Bogart also reported on GAP elimination adjustment and provided a Regents Review.

Mrs. Bogart reported that David Little from NYSSBA was guest speaker at the last OCSBA meeting providing information on State Aid issues. Mrs. Bogart referenced an approach the Warwick School District is taking to project over a 5 year period and to involve the community in this process. It is predicted within 5 years 50% to 70% of school districts in New York State will either be financially or educationally insolvent.

Mr. Kimiecik also mentioned the upcoming March 1 deadline for Sequestration and the impact and possible potential loss of additional federal aid to school districts. These cuts could lead to loss of programs and result in staff cuts.

Mr. Connor reminded the board of the upcoming O/U BOCES Budget Presentation dinner being held on February 26th.

Mr. Connor asked Mr. Kotes to report on the recent award senior Mihai Andreca received. Mihai was recognized by High School and Central Office Administrators for being named a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship. This is a prestigious award given to high school students who enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. This is a nationwide program typically taken by millions of students. There are only 15,000 students nationwide who achieve finalist status. Of that 15,000 only 8,300 will receive monetary scholarships. In March, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation will begin to notify award winners. Congratulations to Mihai.

Mr. Connor mentioned this evening middle school and high school students will be recognized as winners of Gold Key and Silver Key awards for competing in the Scholastic Arts Award program.

Mr. Kimiecik, Mr. Boese, Mr. Connor, Mr. Kotes and Mr. Rolon introduced the following Gold Key and Silver Key Scholastic Arts Award winners. The following students were presented with certificates by Art teachers, Melissa Ochs, Ruth Roebuck and Chris Tucci: Lee Bush, Annalivia McCarthy, Sophia Schuster, Christy Shih, Melissa Weilacher, Megan Ingber, Tannor Reynolds, Katherine Sanchez, Mina Ahsan, Jacki Clark, Jacqueline Episcopio, Abigail Lewis, Cassidy Lucas, Giselle Ramirez, Julia Thornton, Samantha Andryshal, Kay Borin, Willow Bowman, Bailey Godson, Madison Karpoff, Mackenzie Kurek, Maria Turelli, and Sachin Vohra. The Scholastic Arts Award is a regional level competition from New York State. This year the formal ceremony scheduled for Friday, February 8th, was cancelled due to inclement weather. There was a small reception for students and parents on Friday, February 15th. The board congratulated all the winners.

At this point the board took a brief recess 8:10 p.m. The board reconvened the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Mr. Miller reported internal auditors from Cooper and Niemann were in district to complete final testing of the Athletic Department as Phase 2 of the internal audit. As soon as Mr. Miller receives both reports, the Audit Committee will meet to discuss the audit.

Mr. Sheboy reported the February 15th Professional Development Day was very successful and productive. Mr. Sheboy asked each principal to highlight the activities. Ms. Peluso reported Scotchtown Avenue School staff worked on data analysis of mid-year assessments as well as participating in an Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training conducted by Detective Conklin of the Goshen Village Police. Mr. Carter reported Intermediate School staff participated in the Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training in the morning followed by DASA information session and passive selection for criteria for the new Common Core Standards. Mr. Rolon reported Middle School staff members were involved with data driven instruction aligning to the new Common Core Learning Standards presented by Elvira Scotto-Padavano, from O/U BOCES. Faculty members in the afternoon began work on developing benchmarks assessments. Mr. Kotes reported the high school had received news early in the morning on the health condition of one of their faculty members. Mr. Kotes reached out to the buildings and departments and thanked all district employees who contributed to help defray medical costs for the family. Mr. Kotes expressed his gratitude to a wonderful district reaching out to a colleague. Mr. Kotes reported high school staff continued work on data driven instruction and what Common Core Assessments would look like. Assessments were worked on and drafts will be compiled before the end of this school year. These assessments will have a common, unified approach by all departments at the high school including grading. All principals reported the day was very productive and professional.

Mrs. Hallinan reported members of special education staff met receiving IEP training to align to the new Common Core Standards for students' individualize needs.

Mr. Riley reported Dr. Sheboy trained Buildings & Grounds staff in the new Dignity for All Students Act requirements.

Mr. Sheboy participated in a webinar on a new scanning system to provide a turnaround of assessments to useful data in a quick response. Mr. Sheboy currently has a 30-day trial of the program.

On a motion by Judy Green and seconded by George Jung, 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 for Denise Tzouganatos Science Olympiad Advisor-HS effective February 4, 2013.

Approve medical leave of Louis Frenette senior groundsman is requesting a medical leave under the Family Medical Leave Act effective February 13, 2013 through approximately March 14, 2013.

Approve medical leave of Jim Riley Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds is requesting a medical leave under the Family Medical Leave Act effective February 26, 2013 through approximately May 22, 2013.

Approve reappointment of Kathryn Burns substitute teacher at a salary of \$80/diem effective February 20, 2013. Ms. Burns has been a substitute for the district.

Accept resignation of Kim Ierardi-Young long-term special education teacher aide effective February 12, 2013.

Approve appointment of Kim Ierardi-Young special education teacher aide at a salary of \$11.74/hr. (pending CSEA negotiations) for 5.75 hours per day effective February 12, 2013. Ms. Ierardi-Young is replacing Tania Narcise.

Approve appointment of Luke Bruscano .6 ALP teacher at a salary of \$48,465 (BA-.06/pro-rated) effective February 11, 2013. Mr. Bruscano has Initial Social Studies 7-12 certification. Mr. Bruscano is replacing Kari Connors-Buono. Mr. Bruscano is also being appointed as an Evening High School tutor at a salary of \$32.35/hr., as needed, effective February 11, 2013.

Approve appointment of Nancy Bowen special education teacher aide at a salary of \$11.74/hr. (pending CSEA negotiations) effective February 11, 2013. Ms. Bowen is filling the position created at the February 4, 2013 board meeting.

Approve appointment of Jaclyn Migneco substitute teacher aide/substitute food service helper at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective February 20, 2013.

Approve appointment of Patricia Hartley substitute teacher aide/substitute food service helper at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective February 20, 2013.

Approve appointment of Alissa Crosby substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective February 20, 2013.

Approve appointment of Warren Young Science Olympiad Advisor-HS at a stipend of \$1,151 effective February 5, 2013. Mr. Young is a substitute teacher with the District and is replacing Denise Tzouganatos.

Approve appointment of Cheryl Mooney substitute teacher aide/substitute food service helper/substitute bus monitor at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective February 20, 2013.

Approve appointment of Kyra Cameron substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective February 20, 2013.

Approve appointment of Rondell Gautheir-Peters substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective February 20, 2013.

Approve amended stipend for William Ruggles Driver's Education Teacher amend stipend for Spring Semester 2013 for classroom instruction session from \$720.00 to \$620.00.

Approve appointment of 2012/2013 Spring Coach Stipends

Approval of obsolete equipment

CSE/CPSE

Subcommittee on Special Education	02/04/13;116530/GIS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	02/06/13;116186/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	01/31/13;118750/Home/Classified
	01/18/13;116265/SAS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	02/01/13;118676/Ineligible
Subcommittee on Special Education	01/31/13;111163/GHS/Classified
	01/31/13;111168/GHS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	02/07/13;118458/Classified Preschool
	01/31/13;117824/Classified Preschool
Section 504	01/04/13;112295/GHS/
	01/10/13;118544/BOCES/Exited
Section 504	01/28/13;114313/CJH/
Subcommittee on Special Education	01/31/13;112967/GHS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	02/01/13;118131/Classified Preschool
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	02/01/13;118493/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	02/04/13;113621/Ineligible

A draft of the student 2013/2014 school calendar was presented to the board. The Regents exam schedule was changed resulting in school ending on June 26, with Graduation being held on June 28. The new Regents exam schedule will be held 2 days in early June and the remainder at the end of June. The board will adopt the calendar at the March 5 meeting.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Matt Corrigan, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Jeffrey Schiro, Esq., as Hearing Officer for Education Law Section 3214 Hearings for the Goshen Central School District at a flat fee of \$300/matter plus mileage (at the IRS rate) and tolls.

AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Budget Presentation from Buildings and Grounds

Jim Riley presented the proposed 2013/14 Buildings & Grounds Department budget. Highlights on the background information “Fun Facts” of the Buildings & Grounds Department was presented. Accomplishments of projects completed in 2012/13 were summarized along with proposed 2013/2014 school year programs to continue to accomplish the recommendations of the District’s 5-year plan. The 2013/2014 school year will be year 3 of the Building Conditions Survey. The Department continues to pursue funding for energy conservation and will continue the existing recycling program in place.

A breakdown of Operations of Plant, Maintenance of Plant and Central Mailing and Printing over a three year period was presented. The Budget Variance Summary of the proposed budget totaled \$1,934,427 for the 2013/2014 school year. The board thanked Mr. Riley for his presentation.

The High School, Middle School, Intermediate School, and Scotchtown Avenue School presented their proposed budgets for 2013/14.

Amy Peluso presented the proposed Scotchtown Avenue School projected enrollment for next school year at 600. A breakdown of proposed instructional program costs was presented over a three year period. Administrative line was down due to better, more efficient copying machines. Contractual line and Supply line showed an increase to compensate for the new Common Core Standards and new materials needed for new Math. Textbooks are aidable by \$58.25. A total decrease of \$662 was projected for the 2013/2014 school year for a total proposed budget of \$95,724.

Jason Carter presented the Goshen Intermediate School projected enrollment for next year of 635, a decrease over the current year. A breakdown of proposed instructional program costs was presented over a three year period. Mr. Carter reported the Intermediate School is maintaining costs at the 2012/2013 school year.

Mr. Rolon presented the CJ Hooker Middle School projected enrollment for next year at 726. A breakdown of proposed instructional program costs was presented over a three year period. A slight increase was shown in Administrative costs for staff development, Library and Textbooks lines due to increased enrollment. The proposed Middle School budget showed a slight increase of \$1,607 from the 2012/2013 budget with a total of proposed amount of \$159,502.

Mr. Kotes presented the Goshen High School projected enrollment for next year at 915. A breakdown of proposed instructional program costs was presented over a three year period. An increase in the Administrative line is due to scoring resulting from new APPR requirements and the Guidance line increase for the Master Schedule to align with new quarterly assessments and anticipation to offer five more AP classes. An increase in the Furniture line to complete the purchase of new cafeteria tables for Cafeteria 2; these tables can no longer be repaired. The proposed High School budget totaled \$326,787.

A breakdown of C-TECH and Alternative High School was presented showing an increase due to a rise in BOCES tuition, not enrollment. The District subscribes to 5 services currently. The proposed OccEd BOCES and Alternative High School BOCES budget totaled \$1,149,986.

The proposed K-12 budget summary totaled an increase of \$27,197 over the 2012/2013 budget for a proposed total of \$684,592.

Mrs. Green commended all principals for keeping costs down even under new expectations being faced by administrators.

Mr. Kimiecik and the board thanked the building administrators for their presentation.

Mr. Kimiecik opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

Mr. Heinzelman reported the Boys’ Varsity Basketball team had a victory over Cornwall this evening. Congratulations to all team members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m. on a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Matt Corrigan to enter into Executive Session with no intent to return for the purpose of work history of particular employees. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Kimiecik thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown
District Clerk