

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, March 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. 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
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel & Technology	Mr. Frank Sheboy
Principals:	Mr. Kurtis Kotes, Mr. William Rolon, Mr. Jason Carter and Ms. Amy Peluso
Assistant Principals:	Mrs. Patricia Lercara and John Piscitella
Director of Buildings & Grounds	Absent
Interim Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	Mr. Thomas Heinzelman
Director of PPS	Mrs. Deirdre Hallinan
CSE Chairperson	Mrs. Marlene Gaynor
Director of Transportation	Absent
Network Administrator	James Sterett
Student Senate Representative	Taylor DeClerk
Members of the Faculty, Press and Citizens of the District	

The regular meeting was called to order by President, Mr. James Kimiecik and reconvened on a motion by Judy Green and seconded by Matt Corrigan at 7:42 p.m. Mr. Kimiecik led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation remembering the family of Marlene Gaynor on the loss of her father-in-law.

On a motion by Matt Corrigan and seconded by Martha Bogart, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the draft of the minutes for the meeting of February 4, 2013 and February 19, 2013. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for December 2012 was acknowledged under Financial Update.

The board received the following correspondence: Correspondence from Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. confirming audit services for school year ending June 30, 2013; correspondence from O/U BOCES on upcoming Budget and Election; correspondence from Allison Salte; correspondence from New York State School Boards Association; and various newspaper articles.

Mr. Kimiecik opened Privilege of the Floor.

There was no President's Report.

Mrs. Bogart reported members of Orange County School Boards will attend Lobby Day in Albany to request more state aid for school districts.

Mr. Connor provided an update on the NYSCOSS Mid-Winter Conference he attended. Mr. Connor also met with Senator Bonacic and Assemblyman Skoufis. The Governor has proposed a 4% increase in state aid, however, aid is assigned based on wealth of a school district. Another concern is the effect of the Federal Sequester, which will have a negative impact on school districts. Topics of discussion included the tax cap and increase in TRS, ERS and health benefits, all mandates, that place restraints on districts as they prepare budgets to remain under the tax cap. Members of the House of Delegates developed strategies for Lobby Day. It was stated that a state budget will be adopted by the April 1 deadline. Mr. Connor reported during the Commissioner's address at the New York State Council of School Superintendents Mid-Winter Conference, he made a point to mention how impressed he was with the work being done in the area of Common Core Standards and mentioned Goshen as a model of good teaching. What a great tribute for all of us and for recognition of our District State-wide.

The APPR evaluation process was discussed. Districts that have not submitted their proposals could face a probable penalty. This was opposed by superintendents in attendance.

Mr. Connor highlighted the O/U BOCES budget presentation. Dan Connor, James Kimiecik, Judy Green, Martha Bogart and Matt Corrigan attended. Culinary students provided the meal followed by the budget presentation.

Mr. Connor announced Nominating Petitions to run for the Board of Education will be available on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Connor mentioned this year's Board Workshop to develop the new Goals and Objectives is being scheduled later in August, to allow for data results to be received by the State. Mr. Connor would like to schedule the workshop for August 24<sup>th</sup> and asked the board to check their calendars. It was mentioned the State has cancelled and will not be offering the June 4<sup>th</sup> Regent Exams of Common Core Geometry, Algebra and English. The June 3<sup>rd</sup> Regents and regular year end Regent Exams will be offered.

Mr. Miller mentioned the board received the fourth quarter Extra Classroom Activity Reports from the Middle School and High School in the packet.

Mr. Miller reported he still has not received a draft of the Internal Audit. As soon as he does, the Audit Committee will meet to review.

Dr. Sheboy reported on the competitions held over the weekend. The Junior Science Olympiad team competed finishing first in 9 out of the 18 competitions and will advance to the State Championship in April.

Five students from Goshen High School concert band and jazz ensemble recently traveled to Syracuse to perform in the New York State Band Director's Association (NYSBDA) Honors Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble.

The Odyssey of the Mind teams competed on Saturday with the Middle School team placing first, Division II, Problem 5: "It's How You Look At It"; Second place, Division III, Problem 3: "ARTchitecture: The Musical" by Goshen High School; Second place, Division II, Problem 1: "Pet Project" by C. J. Hooker Middle School; Second place, Division II, Problem 2: "The E-Mail Must Go Through" by C. J. Hooker Middle School; Second place, Division II, Problem 3: "ARTchitecture: The Musical" by C. J. Hooker Middle School; Third place, Division I, Problem 3: "ARTchitecture: The Musical" by Goshen Intermediate School; and Fifth place, Division I, Problem 5: "It's How You Look At It" by Goshen Intermediate School. The first place team also won the Ranatra Fusca Award. The day ended with two award ceremonies where an award was given in tribute to Jane Unhjem for her many years of devotion and commitment to the Odyssey of the Mind competition. Jane's family joined the 5:00 award ceremony.

Dr. Sheboy presented two new textbooks for the board's consideration for new AP courses, *World Civilizations – The Global Experience* and *The Western Heritage*, being offered to High School students next school year.

Mr. Kotes addressed the board on new AP and college courses to augment curriculum at the High School and to align to the new Common Core Learning Standards. Mr. Kotes and high school staff compared the District's current offerings to offerings of surrounding high schools and reported we are behind in college level offerings for students who look to excel. The High School plans to introduce and offer new AP and college offerings over the next several years.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Matt Corrigan, 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 Denise Hassan special education teacher aide effective March 6, 2013.

Accept resignation of Rhonda Avery-Hammonds special education teacher aide effective March 11, 2013.

Approve child care leave of Rosemary Beach math teacher is requesting a child care leave under the Family Medical Leave Act effective approximately April 12, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

Approve child care leave of Julia Chiarot science teacher is requesting a child care leave under the Family Medical Leave Act effective approximately September 1, 2013 through approximately November 27, 2013.

Approve leave of absence of Linda Popowick bus driver is requesting a leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act effective approximately February 18, 2013 through approximately March 5, 2013.

Approve appointment of Nicole Peragine long-term substitute music teacher at a salary of \$268.07/diem effective approximately March 6, 2013 through approximately June 3, 2013. Ms. Peragine has Initial Music certification. Ms. Peragine is filling the leave of Martha Diaz.

Appointment: Nicole Peragine substitute teacher at a salary of \$85/diem effective June 4, 2013.

Approve appointment of Harry Sweet substitute teacher at a salary of \$85/diem effective February 19, 2013. Mr. Sweet has Permanent Industrial Arts certification. Mr. Sweet is a retiree who will sub in the Tech Department.

Approve appointment of Nancy LaBarbera substitute teacher aide/substitute food service helper at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective March 6, 2013.

Approve appointment of Silvana Young substitute teacher aide/substitute food service helper at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective March 6, 2013.

Approve appointment of Jacqueline Fiumara substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective March 6, 2013.

Approve amended stipend of William Ruggles Driver's Education Teacher amend stipend for Fall 2012 Semester for classroom instruction session from \$720.00 to \$840.00.

Approve appointment of Taylor Siracusa modified softball coach at a stipend of \$2,834 for the 2012/2013 school year.

Approve appointment of Laura MacGinitie tutor for Evening High School at a salary of \$32.35/hr. effective March 6, 2013.

Approve disposal of obsolete equipment – High School Textbooks  
CSE/CPSE

Subcommittee on Special Education	02/14/13;112274/GHS/Classified
Committee on Special Education	01/08/13;112366/GHS/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	02/07/13;117039/GIS/Classified
	12/06/12;113909/GHS/Classified
	01/28/13;116265/SAS./Classified
	01/08/13;114088/GHS/Classified
	01/27/13;115349/GIS/Classified
Committee on Special Education	02/14/13;118671/Student Parentally Placed/Classified
Section 504	02/04/13;115165/CJH/Section 504
Subcommittee on Special Education	01/26/12;115122/BOCES/Classified
	01/08/13;114535/GHS/Classified
Committee on Special Education	01/23/13;114460/GIS/Initial Meeting
Subcommittee on Special Education	01/29/13;113766//CJH/Classified
Committee on Special Education	01/22/13;115383/GIS/Classified
	09/13/12;116680/SAS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	02/14/13;118412/Preschool w/disability
	02/14/13;118320/Preschool w/disability
Committee on Special Education	12/17/12;118014/Ineligible

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Matt Corrigan, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the 2013/2014 student calendar as presented. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Adam Boese, that the Board hereby terminates the employment of Ann Arciero, a bus driver, in accordance with the provisions of Section 71 of the Civil Service Law, with the opportunity to be reinstated to the same or a similar position, if a vacancy exists, upon making application therefore within one year after termination of the disability. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Kimiecik reported the District received correspondence from the Goshen Public Library and Historic Society requesting a change in disbursements of tax revenue. The District consulted legal counsel and has responded to the library asking they borrow on the same terms as they have historically done. This discussion will continue after the District hears back from the library.

ADDENDUM

On a motion by Matt Corrigan and seconded by Adam Boese, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, nominates Dorothy Slattery for re-election and nominates Virginia Esposito for re-election and nominates William Boss for re-election to the Orange-Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Deiredre Hallinan, PPS Director, joined the board to present the proposed 2013/2014 PPS Department budget. An overview of PPS responsibilities which include all CSE and CPSE meetings and required testings, District of Location coordination, ESL, Child Find Activities, Orange County Jail, Homeless Liaison, working with parents and community, and data collection for New York State Data Warehouse were highlighted.

A breakdown of Special Education In-District and Out-of-District student totals was presented including a breakdown of District of Location services offered at the two parochial schools. A breakdown of preschool totals and ELL student totals were presented. A summary of services offered for 504 students was highlighted.

Proposed program costs over a four year period was highlighted for each area under PPS Supervision; ELL costs; and Group Home all showed a 0 increase. Psychological and Speech Services showed a \$1,000 increase; Health Services showed an increase of \$16,874, and In-District Programs showed a decrease of \$57,706 and Out of District Programs, which are mandated showed an increase of \$52,959 due a projected increase in tuition costs.

Mrs. Hallinan highlighted Itinerant Teacher services, which include visually impaired and hard of hearing decreasing by \$9,692 along with a breakdown of the BOCES Intensive Day Treatment Program showing a 0 increase. A budget summary highlighting the past 3 years was presented showing a proposed 2013/14 increase of \$3,435 over last year's budget for a total proposed PPS budget of \$7,030,738. It was also noted that since St. Dominic's and Orange County Jail are in the Goshen School District they must be included in the District's proposed budget figures, however, the District is reimbursed for services provided.

The board thanked Mrs. Hallinan for her presentation.

Dan Connor, Robert Miller, and Frank Sheboy provided a presentation of the Central Office budget.

Mr. Connor stated this evening's final presentation will be presented District-Wide by Central Administration which will include change in State Aid, projected revenues, State Aid Loss, discussion of GEA (Gap Elimination Adjustments), Governor's Tax Cap, Budget Gap Factors, Tax Certs and SCARS and ending with options for District consideration.

An overview of State Aid funding trend reverse course showing percentage change in State Aid for schools was highlighted. The Governor has projected a 4.4% State Aid increase for school districts throughout New York State. Mr. Miller stated of the 4.4%, \$889M is slated for Competitive School Performance Grants. Goshen is looking at a 2% increase over the 2012/2013 school year. If the Federal Sequester occurs, the District could face an additional 5.2% loss in aid. The District's budget is made up of 20% State Aid and the remaining money is from taxpayers and other revenues. Mr. Miller highlighted the new Obamacare with a fund potential to provide part-time employees working 30 hours or more with health insurance. It was noted, however, that full details of this are still unknown, but need to be budgeted. M. Miller provided a history of aid lost to Gap Elimination Adjustments which totals (\$8,109,587) over the last year years.

Mr. Miller presented the following Governor's Tax Cap Proposal for the 2013/2014 school year:

If District proposes a tax levy at or below the "maximum allowable levy" then the budget will be approved if voters pass the budget by a simple majority (50% of the votes + 1 vote).

If District proposes a tax levy above the "maximum allowable tax levy" then the budget will be approved if voters pass the budget by a super majority (60% of the votes). If the District chooses this option, it requires a statement on the ballot indicating the required tax levy before exclusions exceeds the "Tax Levy Limit".

If voters reject their District's budget proposal, the District can adopt a contingent budget or put the same or revised budget up for vote a second time. However, it is important to note that if residents reject their District's budget proposal a second time, the District

would need to adopt a contingent budget and the District’s tax levy would be capped at the prior year’s tax levy – a cap of zero % increase. Also, the budget would be subject to contingent budget requirements (ex. Administrative Cap in effect and non-contingent expenses removed).

Proposed Operating Costs

	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	Change
Board of Education (incl. Internal & Internal Claims Auditor	56,997	58,636	60,673	70,345	9,672
Superintendent	25,598	26,634	30,665	31,893	1,228
Business Office, Tax Collecting, External Auditing, Actuary	93,076	93,071	83,016	83,157	141
Legal	66,750	84,250	89,250	89,250	0
Public Information Systems District-Wide Publics	95,397	97,115	99,743	132,784	33,041
Central Printing & Mailing Paper & Postage district wide	153,440	142,409	143,208	147,475	4,267
Insurance	174,570	223,973	228,052	230,052	2,000
Debt Service	2,742,473	2,438,661	2,401,747	2,318,262	(83,485)
Total	3,408,301	3,164,749	3,136,354	3,103,218	(33,136)

Dr. Sheboy presented the proposed Operating Costs for Curriculum and Instruction over a 3 year period with a total increase over last year’s budget of \$3,078, which is a result of the new Common Core Standard training for staff members offered through O/U BOCES.

The following 2013/2014 Budget Gap Factors were presented:

- Increased TRS Contribution Expense
- Increased ERS Costs
- Tax Cap – Lower Permitted Levy
- Essentially Flat State Aid
- Increased Contract/Salary Expenses
- Increased Health Insurance Premium Costs
- Obama Care – Health Insurance for Substitutes and Other Part-Time Employees
- Sequestration - Federal Funding 611& 619 Titles I, II, III
- Increased BOCES Costs

Options facing the District include:

- Increased State Aid (State Budget not adopted yet)
- Program & Staff Reductions
- Increase Tax Levy – requires a Super Majority (60% voter approval)
- Combinations of the above

The District’s current Tax Certs and Scars were presented:

2012 – 2013 SCARS	
60 filed	\$ 145,644.64
57 settled	\$ 43,861.49 paid
2012 – 2013 Tax Certs	
94 parcels	
43 companies	
Projected	\$ 1,634,229.44
Open Tax Certs 1993 – 2012/13	
175 parcels	
69 companies	
Projected Liability	\$ 10,207,815.16
Tax Cert Reserve 3/1/12	\$ 9,150,352.00

Mr. Miller also presented the proposed Bus Purchase Proposition to be placed on the 2013/2014 ballot.

The board thanked Mr. Connor, Dr. Sheboy and Mr. Miller.

Mr. Kimiecik opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

A parent supporter of Lacrosse asked if the board had finalized a decision to include the sport in the 2013/2014 budget. Mr. Kimiecik stated the process is still under consideration. The budget process continues through April and as presented this evening, the District is facing some gaps. The board will wait until final budget numbers are presented.

Several parents addressed the board asking the District to reconsider offering the New Visions program for High School students next school year.

Mrs. Bogart reported the focus of OCSBA meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening will be on negotiations. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. on a motion by George Jung and seconded by Matt Corrigan to enter into Executive Session with no intent to return for the purpose of employment history of particular employees. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Kimiecik thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown  
District Clerk