

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 4, 2014 (rescheduled from February 3, 2014 due to inclement weather) at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on a motion by George Jung and seconded by Jeremy Cassel where the board entered into Executive Session with the intent to return for the purpose of employment history of a particular person.

Present	Mrs. Judy Green, President Mrs. Martha Bogart, Vice President Mr. Jeremy Cassel Mr. Tom Frederick Mr. George Jung Mr. James Kimiecik
Absent	Dr. Matthew Corrigan
Superintendent of Schools	Mr. Daniel T. Connor
Assistant Superintendent for Business	Mr. Robert Miller
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel and Technology	Dr. Frank Sheboy
Principals:	Mr. William Rolon, Mr. Jason Carter and Ms. Amy Peluso
Assistant Principals:	Mr. John Piscitella and Mrs. Patricia Lercara
Director of Buildings & Grounds	Mr. James Riley
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	Mr. Gregory Voloshin
Director of PPS	Mrs. Deirdre Hallinan
CSE Chairperson	Mrs. Marlene Gaynor
Director of Transportation	Donna Post
Network Administrator	James Sterett
Student Senate Representative	Brandon Miller
Members of the Faculty, Press and Citizens of the District	

Mrs. Green reconvened the regular meeting and called the Public Hearing to order at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by George Jung and seconded by James Kimiecik to discuss the Alternative Veterans' Exemption. Mrs. Green led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of meditation keeping the family of Peter Clifford, High School Senior, recently in a car accident and hospitalized in their thoughts and the family of Margaret Lupinski, retiree, who recently passed away.

The following powerpoint was presented by Robert Miller, Assistant Superintendent for Business:

Alternative Veterans' Exemption

1. Basic Exemption – Tax exemption of 15% of the assessed value of the property, not to exceed \$12,000 or the product of \$12,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, whichever is less.
2. Combat Zone – An additional tax exemption of 10% of the assessed value of qualifying residential property of veterans who are documented to have served in a combat zone, not to exceed \$8,000 or the product of \$8,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate, whichever is less.
3. Disabled Veterans – In addition to the above exemptions, where the veteran received a compensation rating from the Veterans' Administration or Department of Defense based upon a service related disability, the qualifying residential property will be exempt to the extent of the product of the assessed value multiplied by 50% of the veteran's disability rating, not to exceed \$40,000 or the product of \$40,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate, whichever is less.

Gold Star Parents

Puts a parent of a child who died in the line of duty while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces during a period of war within the definition of qualified owner for purposes of receiving the Alternative Veterans' Exemption

**Goshen Central School District Alternative Veterans Exemption RPTL 458-a
Potential Maximum Tax Impact Based on 2013 Assessment Roll**

	Goshen	Chester	Hamptonburgh	Waywayanda	Wallkill
Wartime 15%	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Combat Zone +10%	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Disability 50%	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Equal, Full Property Value	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000

Number of 2013 Exemptions

Wartime 15%	208	\$2,496,000	2	\$ 24,000	35	\$420,000	29	\$348,000	20	\$240,000
Combat Zone 25%	158	\$3,160,000	0	\$ 0	25	\$500,000	29	\$580,000	21	\$420,000
Disability 50%	62	\$ 2,480,000	0	\$ 0	11	\$440,000	12	\$480,000	7	\$280,000
Exempt Value totals		\$ 8,136,000		\$24,000		\$1,360,000		\$1,408,000		\$940,000

Max. Potential Tax Impact

	\$ 183,207	\$ 542	\$ 30,699	\$ 31,782	\$21,218
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Mr. Miller stated this exemption has been offered by municipalities and in December was signed into law for school districts to offer the exemption to veterans. Mr. Miller stated that an eligible individual must file an application with their assessor’s office before March 1, 2014. The school district will notify each assessors’ office in the district’s jurisdiction of this evening’s adoption of the two resolutions.

At this point in the meeting Mrs. Green moved New Business items Alternative Veterans’ Exemption and Resolution to include Gold Star Parents to Alternative Veterans’ Exemption.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Tom Frederick WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to adopt the provisions of Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law which would grant a partial exemption from taxation for school district purposes of certain real property situated in the School District and owned and used as the primary residence by eligible veterans (Alternative Veterans’ Exemption); and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board, after having conducted a Public Hearing on February 4, 2014 and having given the public an opportunity to be heard on the issue of the Board’s proposed adoption of the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption pursuant to Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law, hereby adopts the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption for assessment rolls prepared on the basis of the taxable status date occurring on or after January 1, 2014, at the following basic maximum levels:

1. Basic Exemption - Tax exemption of 15% of the assessed value of the property, not to exceed \$12,000 or the product of \$12,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, whichever is less.
2. Combat Zone - An additional tax exemption of 10% of the assessed value of qualifying residential property of veterans who are documented to have served in a combat zone, not to exceed \$8,000 or the product of \$8,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate, whichever is less.
3. Disabled Veterans - In addition to the above exemptions, where the veteran received a compensation rating from the Veterans’ Administration or Department of Defense based upon a service related disability, the qualifying residential property will be exempt to the extent of the product of the assessed value multiplied by 50% of the veteran’s disability rating, not to exceed \$40,000 or the product of \$40,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate, whichever is less; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the District Clerk to provide a certified copy of this resolution to Orange County and the assessors for the other taxing jurisdictions located within this School District. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, WHEREAS, the Board of Education has adopted the provisions of Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law which grants a partial exemption from taxation for school district purposes of certain real property situated in the School District and owned and used as the primary residence by eligible veterans (Alternative Veterans' Exemption); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to include "Gold Star Parents" (a parent of a child who died in the line of duty while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces during a period of war) within the definition of qualified owner for purposes of receiving the Alternative Veterans' Exemption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves including Gold Star Parents as qualified owner for purposes of receiving the Alternative Veterans' Exemption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the District Clerk to provide a certified copy of this resolution to Orange County and the assessors of the other taxing jurisdictions located within this School District. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green also emphasized the importance of filing an application with the local assessor's office prior to March 1, 2014.

Mr. Miller also stated if a veteran is currently receiving the exemption from their local municipality to check to make sure a separate filing is not required. The School District cannot make changes after the assessor's office sets their tax rates.

Mrs. Bogart and the board thanked all service members in the audience and stated she was glad the Board was able to offer this exemption.

Mr. Kimiecik left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the draft of the minutes for the meetings of January 6, 2014 and January 22, 2014. AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for November 2013 was acknowledged under Financial Update.

Mr. Kimiecik reentered the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

The board received the following correspondence: correspondence from Martha Bogart and Carl Onken seeking support for re-election to the O/U BOCES Board; O/U BOCES Budget Presentation/Dinner Invitation; *Save the Date* – GTA Winter Gathering – February 28, 2014; Youth Ending Hunger Newsletter; and various newspaper articles.

Mrs. Green opened Privilege of the Floor.

Mrs. Green presented Mr. Jung with a certificate of Board Achievement Award from NYSSBA for participation in Leadership Development Training totaling 75 points. The board congratulated Mr. Jung.

Mrs. Bogart reported David Little from NYSSBA was guest speaker at the OCSBA meeting where the topic of discussion was State Aid. School districts should not expect large amounts of State Aid.

Mr. Connor mentioned a huge concern from educators state-wide, discussed at the NYSCOSS Executive Committee meeting, was schools across the state need 18 months to prepare for implementation and testing of the Common Core Standards.

Mr. Kimiecik stated the Common Core Standards are similar to the New York State Standards; the difference is the modules and implementation of testing.

Mrs. Bogart mentioned the Governor is in favor of consolidation of school districts and services.

Mr. Connor reported a meeting was scheduled with Senator Bonacic for Monday, February 3rd, but will be rescheduled due to weather, to discuss State Aid. A meeting with Assemblyman Skoufus is scheduled for February 13th.

Mr. Connor thanked the community for their overwhelming support of the Capital Improvement Project vote and thanked Bob Miller and Jim Riley for their work preparing for the vote. Mr. Connor mentioned meetings with architects have begun; filing has taken place.

Mr. Connor mentioned a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6th with Linda Clark and Mr. McCarey, from Orange County, to further discuss the Main Street building.

Mr. Miller reported Cooper Arias, LLP will be in District to begin the second phase of the Internal Audit of Technology.

Dr. Sheboy mentioned the art on display at Main Street is courtesy of our Middle School students.

Dr. Sheboy and Mr. Connor will attend the Scholastic Arts Award Ceremony in New Paltz on Friday evening. Gold and Silver Award winners have been invited to be recognized at our February 18th board meeting.

Dr. Sheboy reported the Grade 2 concerts were postponed and have been rescheduled for February 11 and 12.

Dr. Sheboy asked Mrs. Lecara to report on the High School 2nd Quarter Bench Mark Exams and Regents Exams. Mrs. Lecara reported the High School shifted from Mid-Term Exams to Quarterly Exams last year. This year the test session was the week of January 21st. Regents Exams were given the week of January 27th with full instructional days for all students. The testing periods went very well. One Hundred Forty Three Regents Exams were taken with 34 RCT Exams.

Dr. Sheboy reported the June Regents Exams for Math and Physics have been revised after state-wide concern over not having adequate graphing calculators for students. These tests were originally scheduled for the same day. The new schedule offers Math on Wednesday, June 18 and Physical Setting/Physic Regents on Friday, June 20th.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by George Jung, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda as presented. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Accept resignation of Michele Lasaponara school nurse effective January 31, 2014.
Approve appointment of Michele Lasaponara substitute school nurse at a salary of \$25/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective February 3, 2014.

Approve medical leave of Olympia Ohanrahan cook manager is requesting a medical leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective January 8, 2014 through approximately February 28, 2014.

Approve appointment of Barbara Crenshaw substitute registered professional school nurse at a salary of \$25/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective February 5, 2014. Ms. Crenshaw is a licensed RN.

Approve appointment of Valerie Smith special education teacher aide at a salary of \$12.21/hr. for 5¾ hours per day effective January 29, 2014. Ms. Smith is replacing Leslie Roney.

Approve increase in hours for Leslie Roney special education teacher aide increase in hours from 5¾ hours per day to 6¾ hours per day due to change in position effective January 29, 2014. Ms. Roney is filling the position of Eileen Nelson.

Approve appointment of Cindy McGlynn tutor at a salary of \$32.35/hr., as needed, effective February 4, 2014. This is a yearly appointment.

Approve appointment of Gayonne Hartley tutor at a salary of \$32.35/hr., as needed, effective February 4, 2014. This is a yearly appointment.

Approve Obsolete Equipment (see minutes)

Approve Disposal of Transportation Vehicles/Equipment:

Vehicle #	Year	Model	Vin #
176	1999	3800 Thomas International	1HVBBAAN4XH682129
164	1998	3800 Thomas International	1HVBBAAN6WH523806

CSE/CPSE

Committee on Preschool Special Ed	01/15/14;118964/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	10/30/13;113596/CJH/Classified
Committee on Special Education	10/29/13;112512/GHS/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/16/13;115024/CJH/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	01/13/14;118721/Classified Preschool
Section 504	01/13/14;114977/Section 504
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/16/13;116254/GHS/Classified
	01/15/14;117127/SAS/Classified
Committee on Special Education	01/16/14;117034/Ineligible

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Subcommittee on Special Education	01/27/14;119006/GHS/Classified 12/16/13;111123/GHS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	01/15/14;118810/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	11/21/13;111433/GHS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	01/17/14;118852/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/11/13;116727/SAS/Classified
Section 504	10/15/13;114822/Section 504
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/10/13;119181/CJH/Classified 12/16/13;114535/GHS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	01/17/14;117183/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	12/19/13;118049/Home/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/10/13;113766/GHS/Classified 01/09/14;116393/SAS/Classified 12/02/13;114145/BOCES/Classified 01/27/14;116245/SAS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	01/15/14;119204/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	01/06/14;117587/Ineligible 01/27/14;116980/GIS/Ineligible
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/16/13;110854/GHS/Classified 12/16/13;113597/GHS/Classified 12/11/13;117463/SAS/Classified
Committee on Special Education	01/14/14;117534/SAS/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/16/13;111268/GHS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	12/17/13;118132/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/19/13;113792/GHS/Classified 01/21/14;117274/SAS/Classified 01/14/14;116847/SAS/Classified
Committee on Special Education	12/10/13;115047/GHS/Ineligible
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	01/17/14;119245/Classified Preschool

On a motion by Martha Bogart and seconded by George Jung WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“ACA”) for variable hour employees, the District is required to establish a Standard Measurement Period, adopt an Administrative Period, and a Stability Period;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education establishes the following periods for the categories of variable hour employees set forth below:

Category of Employee	Standard Measurement Period (SMP), Administrative Period, and Stability Period
Category 1: Per Diem	SMP: Six (6) Months
Substitute Teachers	Administrative Period: Thirty (30) Days Stability Period: Six (6) Months
Category 2: All other variable hour employees (e.g.; non-pedagogical substitutes, coaches, activity supervisors, and substitute administrators)	SMP: Twelve (12) Months Administrative Period: Thirty (30) Days Stability Period: Twelve (12) Months

The Standard Measurement Period is to begin January 1, 2014 for Category II.
The Standard Measurement Period is to begin July 1, 2014 for Category I.
AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by George Jung, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the award to CBS Technologies Corp. d/b/a Black Box Network Services, as follows:
“Fee for Annual Service Agreement” portion, \$15,018.00 annually (\$2,503.00 bi-monthly), this includes a written (calculation) description of the service to be provided.
Additionally, the portions:
1. The Hourly (labor) Rates; \$95.00/hr
2. The 30% (percentage), Parts Mark-up.
3. Annual Fee “MITEL Software Assurance”; \$1,804.00
AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by James Kimiecik, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the participation of Goshen High School students at the National High School Model United Nations Contest in New York City from March 5-8, 2014. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by James Kimiecik, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the

payment of tax certiorari judgment awarded to Louis Varricchio, Town of Hamptonburgh (SBL 1-1-9.1, 1-1-9.2, 1-1-9.3, 1-1-9.4, 1-1-9.5, 1-1-9.6 & 1-1-9.7) as per court order entered in the Office of the Clerk of Orange County Supreme Court on September 11, 2013 in the amount of \$7,899.11 for the 2010/2011 school year; \$7,956.91 for the 2011/2012 school year; \$8,287.95 for the 2012/2013 school year; \$8,458.88 for the 2013/2014 school year; for a total of \$32,602.85 plus \$978.08 in interest due to the County as these taxes were not paid by the taxpayer but paid to the Goshen Central School District by the County for a total of \$33,580.93.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to fund said tax certiorari judgment refund that budgetary appropriations for the 2013/2014 school year be increased by \$24,868.29 and that the \$24,868.29 be transferred to the General Fund Budget from the Tax Certiorari Reserve as the offsetting source of revenue. The remaining \$8,712.64 will be funded from a reduction in the 2013/2014 tax levy (A1001). AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Jeremy Cassel that the Board of Education of Goshen Central School District accepts two insurance checks from NYSIR in the amount of \$469.00 and \$4,178.52 respectively, for recovery of certain expenses related to repairing damage caused to district vehicles involved in an automobile accident.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Education authorizes increasing the budget by \$4,647.52 and appropriates these additional funds to budgetary account code A1621.45789. The offsetting Revenue Account Code A2680 shall also be increased by \$4,647.52. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Martha Bogart and seconded by George Jung, WHEREAS, the Goshen Central School District is currently a participant of the NYCLASS program; WHEREAS, the Goshen Central School District has been notified of an amendment dated March 14, 2014 to the Cooperation Agreement governing NYCLASS which will serve to:

1. Bring the NYCLASS Investment Policy into conformity with all applicable New York State General Municipal Law Public funds investment guidelines.
2. Streamline the steps for certain amendments, by empowering the Governing Board to amend certain operational aspects of the Agreement, including the investment policy which fully conforms to New York State Law. Thirty (30) days' notice to Participants is required for such changes.
3. Allow for the potential creation of other investment options as market conditions change or improve over time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Goshen Central School District does hereby approve the amendment as presented and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the amendment agreement.

AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Jeremy Cassel that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, nominates Martha Bogart for re-election and nominates Carl Onken for re-election to the Orange-Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

The board acknowledged the donation of 21 computer desks totaling \$3,675.00 by Nellie Mazur, for use in the new Computer Lab in the library at Goshen High School. The board will send a thank you for the generous donation.

The results of the Special District Capital Improvement Project Vote on January 28, 2014 was referenced as part of the minutes.

PROPOSITION - DISTRICT-WIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT		
Proposition No. 1	Yes	458
Proposition No. 1	No	97

Budget presentations from Transportation, Building and Grounds and Technology Departments (Athletic Department budget presentation was tabled due to time constraints).

Donna Post presented the proposed 2014/15 Transportation Department budget. A breakdown of gasoline and diesel usage was presented over a three year period, showing a three-year shared breakdown of gasoline and diesel usage. Fuel costs are based on short term energy outlook projections. The 2014/2015 budget was based on an estimated gasoline price of \$3.425/gal. and an estimated diesel fuel price of \$3.765/gal . This year the Transportation Department is requesting five (5) new 66c/44c buses and a four wheel drive Suburban with Plow for an estimated total of \$579,050. Mrs. Post provided an inventory of the current bus fleet and a 3-year plan for replacing the aging fleet; this year requesting the purchase of five new buses; next year requesting six new buses and the following year requesting seven new large buses. Realizing the age of the District's fleet and the need for a multi-year plan for replacement, the board did express some concern and asked her to further develop another plan for purchase of new buses.

There was an increase in Equipment, Contractual with a decrease in Materials and Supplies and Contract Transportation. The proposed 2014/2015 Transportation budget totaled \$926,214 down from \$1,039,870 from 2013/2014. The Board thanked Donna Post for her presentation.

Mr. Kimiecik left the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Budget Presentation from Buildings and Grounds

Jim Riley presented the proposed 2014/15 Buildings & Grounds Department budget. Highlights on the background information "Fun Facts" of the Buildings & Grounds Department was presented. Accomplishments of projects completed in 2013/14 were summarized along with proposed 2014/2015 school year programs including to continue to pursue Local, State & Federal funding for conservation purposes, continue recycling program, enhance security, pavement maintenance, sidewalk replacement, floor replacement, improve athletic resources and work with District architects and other consultants on the Capital Improvement Project.

Mr. Kimiecik reentered the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

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 \$1,944,827 and for the 2014/2015 school year a 1.6% increase over the 2013/2014 budget. The board thanked Mr. Riley for his presentation.

Presentation of Technology Budget

Jim Sterett, Network Administrator, presented the 2014/2015 Technology Department budget. Mr. Sterett provided a breakdown of the Technology Department staff in each building including the stipend Technology Coordinator position. An overview of the infrastructure for technology and duties of the department were presented. Mr. Sterett provided a summary of work completed in each building during the 2013/2014 school year. A district-wide overview was presented highlighting Computer Assisted Instruction and Central Data Processing presented as a cost per pupil for software, hardware and textbook supplies.

A summary of the proposed 2014/2015 technology budget by school buildings was presented over a three year period. The proposed budget for each building is based on enrollment. The proposal showed (1%) at the High School; (2%) at the Middle School; (2%) at the Intermediate School; and (1%) at Scotchtown Avenue. A three year breakdown of Computer Assisted Instruction and Central Data Processing was highlighted. The proposed Technology budget for 2014/15, which includes Instruction Technology and Technical Services increased slightly by 2.5% over the 2013/2014 budget with a proposed 2014/2015 budget total of \$334,680. The board thanked Mr. Sterett for his presentation.

The board thanked Department Heads for their budget presentations.

Mrs. Green opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m. on a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Tom Frederick to enter into Executive Session with no intent to return for the purpose of negotiations. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown
District Clerk