

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, March 17, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Martha Bogart where the board entered into Executive Session with the intent to return for the purpose of work history of particular employees.

Present	Mrs. Judy Green, President
Absent for Executive Session	Mrs. Martha Bogart, Vice President
	Mr. Jeremy Cassel
	Dr. Matthew Corrigan
	Mr. Tom Frederick
	Mr. James Kimiecik
Absent	Mr. George Jung

Superintendent of Schools	Mr. Daniel T. Connor
Assistant Superintendent for Business	Absent
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel and Technology	Dr. Frank Sheboy
Principals:	Mr. Kurtis Kotes, Mr. William Rolon, Mr. Jason Carter and Ms. Amy Peluso
Assistant Principals:	Mrs. Patricia Lercara
Director of Buildings & Grounds	Absent
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	Mr. Gregory Voloshin
Director of PPS	Mrs. Deirdre Hallinan
CSE Chairperson	Mrs. Marlene Gaynor
Director of Transportation	Mrs. Donna Post
Network Administrator	James Sterett
Student Senate Representative	
Members of the Faculty, Press and Citizens of the District	

The regular meeting was called to order by President, Mrs. Judy Green and reconvened on a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Jeremy Cassel at 7:42 p.m. Mrs. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation remembering the family of Elizabeth Corda, a former food service worker at the High School, who recently passed away.

The board received the following correspondence: correspondence from O/U BOCES Budget Newsletter; correspondence from Goshen Public Library and Historical Society on their upcoming budget vote scheduled for April 2, 2014; OCMEA The All-County Jazz Festival 2014 Program; New York State Band Directors Association Middle School Honor Band and High School Honor Jazz Ensemble Program; and various newspaper articles.

Mrs. Green opened Privilege of the Floor.

There was no President's Report.

Mrs. Bogart addressed information posted in e-doc from the OCSBA March meeting along with the Legislative Platform. Mrs. Bogart and Mr. Kimiecik attended the meeting.

Mr. Connor reported the State Senate is proposing \$540M in education aid over five years for NYC Pre-K and after school programs. The original plan was this money would be divided among all school districts through foundation aid.

Mr. Connor reported Linda Clark will join the board to address the Main Street lease options later in the meeting.

Mr. Connor asked Mr. Voloshin to report on the Faculty Basketball game held on Friday evening at the High School. Mr. Voloshin reported a great event with faculty and staff from SAS and High School competing against GIS and the Middle School. A big thank you to the Student Senate for sponsoring this successful event.

Mr. Voloshin highlighted the Boys Basketball and Wrestling Banquets held over the past 2 weeks. Mr. Voloshin reported a very good winter sports season.

Mr. Connor reminded everyone of the upcoming High School Musical being held this coming weekend. They are very close to being sold out; however, tickets are still available.

Mr. Connor invited the board to the Transportation Department Pancake Breakfast on April 3 at 7:30 a.m.

There was no Assistant Superintendent for Business Report due to Mr. Miller's absence.

Dr. Sheboy attended the Mock Trial competition where our team won and will move on to the next round of competition against Newburgh on March 22. Congratulations to all team members and advisors.

Mr. Rolon highlighted the Sojourner Truth Award ceremony he, Justine Humphrey, Mr. Riviere and Patty Lercara attended on Friday evening at SUNY Orange. Over 480 students were recognized and honored. Twenty-five Middle School students and 14 High School students from Goshen were recognized. Mr. Rolon reported this year for the first time; scholarships were awarded to 4 students. Mr. Rolon announced high school student, Emily Horrego was the recipient of one of the scholarships in the amount of \$2,500.00.

The board was provided with programs from the OCMEA Jazz Festival and NYSBDA March 9 concert where 2 students were selected to perform in the Honors Jazz Ensemble and 1 student selected to perform in Honors Concert Band.

On a motion by Matt Corrigan and seconded by James Kimiecik 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 Julie Rostkowski special education teacher effective July 1, 2014.

Accept resignation of Annette Penny teacher aide effective March 9, 2014.

Approve child care leave of Allison Holden elementary teacher is requesting a child care leave under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective approximately May 16, 2014 through approximately December 19, 2014.

Approve medical leave of Alice Spoor senior account clerk/secretary is requesting a medical leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective March 24, 2014 through approximately April 8, 2014.

Approve medical leave of Derrick Diaz custodial worker is requesting a medical leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective March 3, 2014 through approximately March 13, 2014.

Approve appointment of Brooke Knapp long-term substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$12.21/hr. for 5¾ hour per day effective March 5, 2014 through approximately May 14, 2014 or until Jackie DeSantis returns from your leave of absence filling in for Cyndi Anicetti. Mrs. Knapp is filling the leave of Jackie DeSantis.

Approve appointment of Lisa Taravella long-term elementary substitute teacher at a salary of \$268.07/per diem (MA-1) effective approximately April 17, 2014 through June 30, 2014. Ms. Taravella has Initial B-2/1-6/SWD B-2/1-6 certifications. Ms. Taravella is filling the leave of Anne Mcenery.

Approve appointment of Lisa Taravella substitute teacher at a salary of \$85/diem effective March 18, 2014. Ms. Taravella has Initial B-2/1-6/SWD B-2/106 certifications.

Approve appointment of Geoffrey Roney substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective March 18, 2014.

Approve appointment of Kyle Borisewich 1:1 special education teacher aide at a salary of \$12.21/hr. for 5¾ hours per day effective March 18, 2014. Mr. Borisewich is filling the new position created at the March 4, 2014 board meeting for the IEP of Student #115865.

Approve appointment of Afaf Tawil substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective March 18, 2014.

Approve appointment of Ellen Folkl substitute teacher aide at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective March 18, 2014.

Approve re-appointment of Andria Nieman substitute teacher at a salary of \$85/diem, as needed, not to exceed 28 hours per week, effective March 18, 2014. Ms. Nieman has Professional 1-6 certification and a former employee of the District.

CSE/CPSE

Committee on Special Education	02/12/14;119228/OCJ/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	01/27/14;118504/SAS/Classified
	03/10/14;117469/Classified
	02/20/14;114753/GIS/Classified
	03/04/14;114858/GIS/Classified
Section 504	02/27/14;114923/GIS/Section 504
Subcommittee on Special Education	02/24/14;113653/CJH/Classified
Committee on Special Education	02/12/14;118859/OCJ/Classified
	02/12/14;119236/OCJ/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	03/05/14;118246/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	02/27/14;117080/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	02/10/14;115757/SAS/Classified
	03/03/14;111182/GHS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	02/26/14;118332/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	01/31/14;118450/Ineligible
	02/04/14;119271/SAS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	02/26/14;117878/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	02/12/14;118089/SAS/Classified
	02/12/14;1189273/OCJ/Classified

On a motion by James Kimiecik and seconded by Martha Bogart, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the 2014/2015 student calendar as presented. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Matt Corrigan and seconded by Jeremy Cassel upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the AP World History Trip to London-Paris during the 2015 Spring Break. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Tom Frederick, the Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools attending the New York State Council of School Superintendents' Spring Leadership Executive Committee Meeting on May 1-2, 2014 in Albany, New York. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Matt Corrigan and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, 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' Spring Leadership Executive Committee meeting in Albany, New York from May 1-2, 2014. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Matt Corrigan and seconded by Jeremy Cassel that the Board of Education of Goshen Central School District accepts the insurance recovery check from NYSIR in the amount of \$9,000, for damages caused to a district vehicle involved in an automobile accident.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes increasing the budget by \$9,000.00 and appropriates these additional funds to budgetary Account Code A1621.207. The offsetting Revenue Account Code A2680 shall also be increased by \$9,000. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by James Kimiecik and seconded by Tom Frederick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the payment of tax certiorari judgment awarded to Empire State Electric Motors, Town of Goshen (SBL12-1-15.23) as per court order entered in the Office of the Clerk of Orange County Supreme Court January 15, 2014 in the amount of \$2,033.17 for the 2012/2013 school year and \$2,976.09 for the 2013/2014 school year for a total of \$5,009.26.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to fund said tax certiorari judgment that budgetary appropriations for the 2013-2014 school year be increased by \$2,033.17 (A1964.4051) and that the \$2,033.17 be transferred to the General Fund Budget from the Tax Certiorari Reserve as the offsetting source of revenue. The remaining \$2,976.09 will be funded from a reduction in the 2013/2014 tax levy (A1001) for a total of \$5,009.26. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

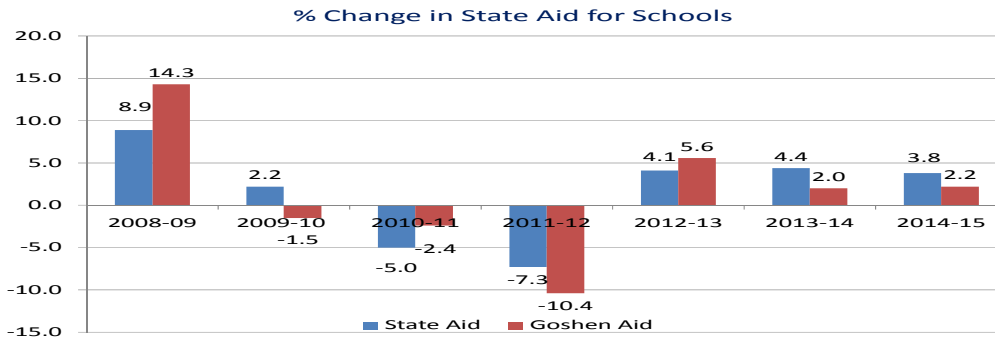
The District-Wide and Salaries and Benefits Preliminary Budget for Fiscal 2014/2015 was presented by Mr. Connor and Dr. Sheboy:

Proposed Salary Summary

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Proposed 2014-15	Change
Faculty	20,340,293	21,558,239	21,715,738	22,311,671	595,933
Staff	6,293,559	6,366,466	6,677,303	6,608,554	(68,749)
Admin	1,991,658	1,998,786	2,041,758	2,058,333	16,575
Total	28,625,510	29,923,491	30,434,799	30,978,558	543,759

Proposed Summary of Benefits

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Proposed 2014-15	Change
ERS	1,070,748	1,271,927	1,463,926	1,398,781	(65,145)
TRS	2,519,502	2,753,696	3,793,904	4,202,747	408,843
Social Security	2,167,319	2,276,633	2,303,457	2,362,301	58,844
Work. Comp.	365,353	432,170	444,402	468,560	24,158
Unemployment Insurance	60,000	60,000	66,096	60,000	(6,096)
Medical	6,572,874	6,859,785	7,481,776	7,703,861	222,085
Union Welfare/ Dental / Vision	512,092	558,074	580,266	609,781	29,515
Total	13,267,888	14,212,285	16,133,827	16,806,031	672,204



2009-10 State Aid includes \$1.2 billion in federal stimulus money, preventing a 3.3% decline.
 2013-14 State Aid - \$889 million increase much of which is for Competitive School Performance Grants.
 2014-15 State Aid - \$807 million increase much of which is for Competitive School Performance Grants & Universal Pre-K

State Aid Loss of Revenue Trend

	State Aid	Year-to-Year Increase/ (Decrease)
2009 – 2010	\$ 13,706,460	(\$ 207,089)
2010 – 2011	\$ 12,023,280	(\$ 1,683,180)
2011 – 2012	\$ 10,763,773	(\$ 1,295,507)
2012 – 2013	\$ 11,367,442	603,669
2013 – 2014	\$12,087,115	719,673
2014-2015 Governor's Proposal	\$12,352,933	265,818

History of Aid Lost to Gap Elimination Adjustments

2010-2011	(\$1,474,322)
2011-2012	(\$2,517,350)
2012-2013	(\$2,146,042)
2013-2014	(\$1,672,268)
2014-2015 Proposed	(\$1,571,509)
Total	(\$9,381,491)

14-15 PROJECTED REVENUE

	2013-14	2014-15 (est.)	Gain/(Loss)
State Aid	\$ 12,087,115	\$ 12,352,933	\$ 265,818
13-14 1% Tax Levy = \$431,457 (For Comparison Only)			

Governor's Tax Cap Proposal Effective for 14-15 School Year
 NYS has a Property Tax Cap not a 2% Cap

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).

Tax Cap Formula was presented:

Prior Year Tax Levy		\$ 43,145,719
Tax Base Growth Factor	times (x)	<u>1.0058</u>
		43,395,964
Prior Year Pilot	plus (+)	<u>3,411,545</u>
		46,807,509
Prior Year Exclusions	minus (-)	<u>900,091</u>
Adjusted Prior Year Levy		45,907,418
Allowable Growth Factor		<u>1.0146</u>
		46,577,666
PILOTS for Coming Year	minus (-)	<u>3,453,498</u>
		43,124,168
Available Carryover		<u>0</u>
TAX LEVY LIMIT		43,124,168
Coming School Year Exclusions:		
Capital Exclusion	plus (+)	821,243
TRS Exclusion	plus (+)	0
ERS Exclusion	plus (+)	<u>0</u>

Minimum Allowable Levy \$ 43,945,411

Maximum Allowable Tax Levy Calculation

Tax Levy Limit	\$43,124,168
+Coming Year 2013/14 Exclusions	\$ 821,243
Maximum Allowable Tax Levy	\$43,945,411

Budget: Where we are 3/17/14

	2014/2015	Draft 2014/2015	Draft Contingent 2014/2015
Appropriations	\$ 63,984,473	\$65,381,239	\$65,381,239
Revenue			
Fund Balance	\$ 980,434	\$ 980,434	\$ 980,434
Tax Levy	\$43,145,719 (1.85%)	\$43,945,411*	\$43,145,719
PILOTS	\$ 3,411,545	\$ 3,453,498	\$ 3,453,498
State Aid	\$12,087,115	\$12,352,933	\$12,352,933
Other	\$ 4,359,660	\$ 4,348,481	\$ 4,348,481
TOTAL	\$63,984,473 (2.18%)	\$65,080,757	\$64,281,065
Budget Gap – Estimated Revenue/Expenditure reduction needed to balance budget		\$ 300,482	\$ 1,100,174
TOTAL		\$65,381,239	

*Assumes meets cap – Maximum Allowable Levy

Budget Gap Factors for 2014/2015

- Increased TRS Contribution Expense
- Tax Cap – Lower Permitted Levy
- Essentially Flat State Aid
- Increased Contract/Salary Expenses
- Increased Health Insurance Premium Costs
- Obama Care – Health Insurance Tax & Play or Pay Fees
- Increased BOCES Costs

Options

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

Possible Reductions

- Special Education – Limited Reduction Summer School CJH
(Contractual and BOCES)
- Transportation PPS Tutors – Limited Reduction
5:00 Bus Run
- Refund of School Taxes – Limited Unemployment – Limited Reduction
Reduction
- Transfer to Special Aid Fund –
Limited Reduction

Personnel Reductions

	Abolished Positions	Created Positions	Net Reductions
2008 – 2009	18.45	2.00	16.45
2009 – 2010	25.05	14.50	10.55
2010 – 2011	18.05	5.60	12.45
2011 – 2012	2.50	.00	2.50
2012 – 2013 *	1.00	.00	1.00
2013 – 2014	2.00	.60	1.40
2014-2015	.00	.00	.00

*Attrition

Proposition – Bus Purchase

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Goshen Central School District, Orange County, New York is hereby authorized to purchase five (5) 64-passenger or larger school buses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$108,810 each; one (1) 6-passenger or larger 4 wheel drive SUV school bus with snow plow package and snow plow, at a maximum estimated cost of \$54,500 each; for an aggregate maximum cost of \$598,550; and that the sum of \$598,550 or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in installments; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

Proposition – Capital Reserve - District Construction, Reconstruction and Renovation of Facilities Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of the Goshen Central School District be authorized to increase the ultimate amount of the capital reserve fund established in 2011, known as the “District Construction, Reconstruction and Renovation of Facilities Capital Reserve Fund:”, by the amount of \$5,000,000 with such amount to be funded from end of year budget surplus funds known as unassigned fund balance, as available, and the interest accrued on such funds over the remainder of the term of the capital reserve fund.

The board thanked Mr. Connor and Dr. Sheboy for their presentation.

On a motion by James Kimiecik and seconded by Matt Corrigan, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resolutions to place propositions on the ballot at the annual vote and election on May 20, 2014; and AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by James Kimiecik and seconded by Matt Corrigan, that the Board of Education of Goshen Central School District, Orange County, New York is hereby authorized to purchase five (5) 64-passenger or larger school buses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$108,810 each; one (1) 6-passenger or larger 4 wheel drive SUV school bus with snow plow package and snow plow, at a maximum estimated cost of \$54,500 each; for an aggregate maximum cost of \$598,550; and that the sum of \$598,550 or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in installments; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Matt Corrigan and seconded by James Kimiecik Shall the Board of the Goshen Central School District be authorized to increase the ultimate amount of the capital reserve fund established in 2011, known as the "District Construction, Reconstruction and Renovation of Facilities Capital Reserve Fund"; by the amount of \$5,000,000 with such amount to be funded from end of year budget surplus funds known as unassigned fund balance, as available, and the interest accrued on such funds over the remainder of the term of the capital reserve fund. AYES 5 NAYS 1 (Jeremy Cassel) Motion carried.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, that the Board of Education of the Goshen Central School District, Orange County, New York, hereby authorizes and directs the District Clerk to give notice to the qualified voters of the School District of the Annual Public Hearing on the Budget and Annual Meeting, School District Election and Vote. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

Mrs. Bogart thanked Amy Peluso and her staff for providing an information workshop for incoming Kindergarten students' parents to address any concerns and questions they might have. The workshop was very informative and helped put parents at ease for the Kindergarten Screening process. Ms. Peluso also mentioned this was part 1 of a 2 part series of workshops being offered to parents.

Mr. Frederick highlighted the NYSBDA Honor Band and Jazz Ensemble concerts where Travis DeJong, Paul Boese and Jessica Schreiner had a wonderful opportunity to perform. Mr. Frederick thanked the board for their continued support of the music program and musical offerings to our students in the District.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. on a motion by Matt Corrigan and seconded by James Kimiecik to enter into Executive Session with no intent to return for the purpose of proposed lease of real property. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown
District Clerk