

Board of Education Minutes August 19, 2013

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, August 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by James Kimiecik where the board entered into Executive Session with the intent of the Board of Education to reconvene the business portion of the meeting at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of employment history of a particular corporation or matters leading to the appointment of a particular corporation.

Executive Session

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

The meeting was reconvened and called to order by President, Mrs. Judy Green at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by James Kimiecik and seconded by George Jung. Mrs. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation remembering the family of Matt Petrakian, whose mother recently passed away.

Meeting Reconvened and Called to Order

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the draft of the minutes for the meeting of July 1, 2013 and July 9, 2013. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

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

Acknowledge Treasurer's Report

The board received the following correspondence: Opening Day Memo to staff members; New Teacher Orientation Schedule – August 27, 2013; Invitation to 6th Grade Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at CJ Hooker Middle School; correspondence from William Hecht, BOCES District Superintendent; 2013/2014 Board Members; Goshen Central School District - School Climate Survey; correspondence from Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP on tax certiorari proceedings; correspondence from NYSSBA confirming the board's nomination of Dorothy Slattery; and various newspaper articles.

Correspondence

Mrs. Green opened Privilege of the Floor.

Privilege of the Floor

A community member congratulated the board on their new members and thanked the board for allowing community groups to use school facilities. One concern he wanted to bring to the attention of the board is handicap parking at the High School. There are no signs in the circular area indicating no parking.

The introduction of new staff members was moved to this point in the Agenda.

Ms. Lercara introduced two new staff members; Business Education teacher, Danielle Dziedzic and special education teacher Robert Michael Robusto. Mr. Rolon introduced James Murray, grade 8 ELA leave replacement teacher. Ms. Peluso introduced new staff member, Kerry Eschbacher, School Psychologist. In the absence of Mr. Carter, Dr. Sheboy

New Staff Members

introduced Jennifer Hopkins, special education teacher at GIS. The board welcomed the new staff members.

Members of Goshen Lacrosse addressed the board presenting a plan to begin a Lacrosse team to be part of the 2014 Spring Sports Program. Members present asked the board to recognize and acknowledge the Lacrosse Booster Club to raise funds for a new Lacrosse program in the District. Currently there are over 250 children in the program. It is the goal and intent of the Goshen Lacrosse Board and members to fund their inaugural year to alleviate any financial burden and to work with the District and Board of Education to assess the program and future budget needs. This formal recognition is in compliance with District Policy #3260 Booster Clubs.

Mrs. Green announced the board recognizes and acknowledges the Lacrosse Booster Club and the members and the District's Athletic Director will begin discussions to iron out details.

The board thanked the members for attending.

There was no President's Report this evening.

Mrs. Bogart reported on a recent article discussing the rate of inflation which could have districts looking at a 1.66% tax cap instead of 2%.

Mr. Connor announced upcoming Summer Graduation on Wednesday at 11:00 in the board room, the Freshman BBQ beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the High School, the Grade 6 Ice Cream Social on August 28 beginning at 5:00 p.m., the 12-Month Employee Picnic on August 29 beginning at noon at the High School. Ms. Peluso also invited the board to attend an Ice Cream Social for new Kindergarten students on Friday, August 23. Opening Day will be Tuesday, September 3rd beginning at 7:45 a.m. with a light breakfast at the High School.

Mr. Voloshin reported 65 football players in JV and Varsity practiced for the Fall Sports season. Mr. Voloshin is looking forward to a great season.

Mr. Miller reported Nugent and Haeussler finished the 2012/2013 external audit. A full report to the board is scheduled for October 7. The Audit Committee will need to schedule a time to meet with Mr. Sassi prior to October 7.

Mr. Miller reported the State Comptroller's Office requested a tax cap audit review of the District's budget documents. This is routine for all municipalities.

Mr. Miller reported Provident Savings Bank is merging with Sterling Bank Corporation. This merger is simply a name change to differentiate Provident Savings Bank in New York from a different depository in New Jersey with the same name.

Mr. Connor provided points of information to the board for items on the September 3rd Agenda. A tour of the facilities will begin at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting. Linda Clark will join the board to provide an update on the Main Street building; Mr. Miller will provide an update on new information regarding the Affordable Care Act; and Dr. Sheboy and Mr. Connor will present the APPR document. Mr. Connor reported an Executive Session will be scheduled for 6:45 on September 16th for principals to present their tenure candidates.

Dr. Sheboy reported Summer Music Institute was held in the District. Dr. Sheboy asked Mr. Rolon to report on the Jazz Band's performance at Bethel Woods on July 19 prior to the Frankie Valli concert. Mr. Rolon also reported Ellen Dickinson is currently working with Bethel Woods for the students to open on the main stage. A wonderful evening for the students.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by James Kimiecik, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Linda Ahrens, school bus driver, effective August 30, 2013. Ms. Ahrens has been with the District for 24 years. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

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

Accept retirement of Linda Ahrens school bus driver effective August 30, 2013. Ms. Ahrens has been with the District for 24 years.

Accept resignation of Nancy Aronsen school bus monitor effective August 31, 2013.

Lacrosse Presentation

Legislative Update

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent for Business

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel & Technology Report

Linda Ahrens

Linda Ahrens

Nancy Aronsen

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Appointment: Nancy Aronsen substitute school bus driver at a salary of \$18.04/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective September 6, 2013.	Nancy Aronsen
Accept resignation of Holly Miller school nurse effective July 26, 2013. Appointment: Holly Miller substitute school nurse at a salary of \$25/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective September 3, 2013.	Holly Miller
Accept resignation of Kaitlyn Urato Leave Replacement Elementary Teacher effective August 15, 2013.	Kaitlyn Urato
Approve child care leave of Sharon Woelfel science teacher is requesting child care leave under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective approximately October 7, 2013 through approximately May 1, 2014.	Sharon Woelfel
Approve appointment of Kerry Eschbacher school psychologist at a salary of \$59,952 (MA-60) (pending GTA negotiations) effective September 1, 2013 with a tenure date of September 1, 2016. Ms. Eschbacher has Provisional School Psychologist certification. Ms. Eschbacher is replacing Thomas Colgan.	Kerry Eschbacher
Approve appointment of Justine Humphrey AIS teaching assistant at a salary of \$33,925.50 (.7 of BA-1) (Level IV A) (pending GTA negotiations) effective September 1, 2013 with a tenure date of September 1, 2016. Ms. Humphrey has Initial 1-6 and Special Education 1-6 certifications. Ms. Humphrey is replacing Susan Pierce.	Justine Humphrey
Approve appointment of Gayonee Hartley special education teacher at a salary of \$53,614 (MA-1) (pending GTA negotiations) effective September 1, 2013 with a tenure date of September 1, 2016. Ms. Hartley has Initial SWD 7-12 Generalist/B-2/1-6/Biology 5-9 & 7-12 Certifications. Ms. Hartley is replacing Wendy Najjar.	Gayonee Hartley
Approve appointment of Robert Abate long-term grade 7 social studies substitute teacher at a salary of \$242.33/diem (BA-1) (pending GTA negotiations) effective September 3, 2013 through approximately October 14, 2013. Mr. Abate has Initial 7-12 Social Studies certification. Mr. Abate is filling the leave of Janine Robinson.	Robert Abate
Approve appointment of James Murray Grade 8 ELA leave replacement teacher at a salary of \$53,614 (MA-1) (pending GTA negotiations) effective September 3, 2013 through January 2, 2015. Mr. Murray has Professional ELA 7-12 certification. Mr. Murray is filling the leave of Roselle Massaroni.	James Murray
Approve appointment of Corey Zoutman teacher aide at a salary of \$12.21/hr. for 5¾ hours per day effective September 3, 2013. Corey is replacing Christopher Roney.	Corey Zoutman
Approve appointment of Francis Clavelle custodian at a salary of \$36,844 (pro-rated) effective August 26, 2013. Mr. Clavelle is currently a custodial worker for the District and replacing Keith Brown.	Francis Clavelle
Approve appointment of Rosel Howell custodial worker at a salary of \$30,195 (pro-rated) effective August 26, 2013. Ms. Howell is currently a substitute for the District and is replacing Francis Clavelle.	Rosel Howell
Approve appointment of Marcus Lawrence school bus monitor at a salary of \$12.21/hr. for 5¼ hours per day, effective September 6, 2013. Mr. Lawrence is replacing Nancy Aronsen.	Marcus Lawrence
Approve appointment of James Cahill .6 music teacher at salary of \$50,038 (BA-2 pro-rated to .6) (pending GTA negotiations) effective September 1, 2013. Mr. Cahill has Initial Music Certification. Mr. Cahill is replacing Donna Schlegel.	James Cahill
Approve appointment of Veronica Alfonso substitute food service helper at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective September 3, 2013.	Veronica Alfonso
Approve appointment of Richard Sosler substitute school bus driver at a salary of \$18.04/hr., as needed, effective September 6, 2013. Mr. Sosler is retired from the District.	Richard Sosler
Approve additional hours for James McLoughlin summer guidance counselor at a salary of \$604.67/diem effective July 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013 not to exceed 10 extra summer days, as needed to complete work on the High School Master Schedule. These days are in addition to the 15 days approved on June 17, 2013 and the 10 days stated in the GTA Contract where counselors are to work the 5 days after the school year and 5 days preceding the school year.	James McLoughlin

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Approve additional hours for Diane Hynes temporary summer teacher aid at a salary of \$12.21/hr. for approximately 6 hours for summer office help for mailings effective August 12, 2013.

Diane Hynes

Approve appointment of Michael Isseks Evening High School Administrator at a salary of \$50.32/hr. (pending GAA negotiations) for 3.5 hours per evening, 2 evenings per week effective September 1, 2013. This is a yearly appointment.

Michael Isseks

Approve appointment of Karen Beilman Evening High School Secretary at a salary of \$23.58/hr. for 2 hours per evening 4 evenings per week effective September 1, 2013. This is a yearly appointment.

Karen Beilman

Approve appointment of Christine Baruffaldi Girls Varsity Assistant Soccer Coach at a stipend of \$3,643 (pending GTA negotiations) for the 2013/2014 school year.

Christine Baruffaldi

Approve creation of position of 1:1 teacher aide at a salary of \$12.21/hr. for 5¾ hours per day, effective September 1, 2013. This position is being created for the IEP of Student #113766.

Create Position 1:1 teacher aide

Approve creation of position of 1:1 teacher aide at a salary of \$12.21/hr. for 5¾ hours per day, effective September 1, 2013. This position is being created for the IEP for Student #11254.

Create Position 1:1 teacher aide

CSE/CPSE

Committee on Preschool Special Ed	06/07/13;118887/Ineligible
Committee on Special Education	06/04/13;118485/Ineligible
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	06/20/13;117191/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	04/05/13;113391/GHS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	06/10/13;117646/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	06/12/13;115231/GIS/Classified
	05/08/13;115349/GIS/Classified
	07/03/13;112529/GHS/Classified
	06/24/13;115055/GHS/Classified
Committee on Special Education	06/11/13;113662/CJH/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	07/19/13;118604/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	06/21/13;114993/GIS/Classified
	06/21/13;114992/GIS/Classified
	05/06/13;116417/GIS/Classified
	05/06/13;115558/GIS/Classified
	07/02/13;114631/GHS/Classified
	05/13/13;115209/CJH/Classified
	05/13/13;114460/CJH/Classified
	03/19/13;116824/GIS/Classified
Committee on Special Education	06/18/13;113283/CJH/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	07/29/13;117461/Classified
	05/07/13;116670/GIS/Classified
	05/06/13;113753/GIS/Classified
	05/13/13;115021/CJH/Classified
	05/06/13;1116235/GIS/Classified
	05/07/13;113899/CJH/Classified
Committee on Special Education	06/06/13;115383/GIS/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	06/11/13;115562/GIS/Classified
	05/21/13;114323/CJH/Classified

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Tom Frederick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the re-adoption of the Civility, Citizenship and Character Education/Interpersonal Violence Prevention Education Policy #8242. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried

Re-adoption Policy #8242

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 re-adoption of the Code of Conduct on School Property Policy #3410. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Re-adoption Policy #3410

On a motion by Martha Bogart and seconded by George Jung, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the revised Terms & Conditions for Evening High School of the Goshen Central School District effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Revised Evening High School Terms and Conditions

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters at the Annual School Meeting to raise for the current budget of the 2013/2014 school year a sum not to exceed \$63,984,473;

Tax Warrant

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described tax roll

Goshen Central School District

Name of Town	Total Assessed Valuations by Town	Equalized Tax Rate by Towns	Total Tax Levy by Town
Chester	\$ 4,401,212	\$33.690702	\$ 148,279.92
Goshen	\$861,970,237	\$33.690701	\$29,040,381.54
Hamptonburgh	\$254,163,542	\$20.709085	\$ 5,263,494.46
Wallkill	\$ 54,149,956	104.989626	\$ 5,685,183.65
Wawayanda	\$ 94,307,201	\$31.703328	\$ 2,989,852.15
Omits & Prorats			\$ 18,527.28
TOTAL	\$1,268,992,148	XXX	\$43,145,719.00

Goshen Library and Historical Society

Name of Town	Total Assesses Valuations by Town	Equalized Tax Rate by Towns	Total Tax Levy by Town
Chester	\$ 4,401,212	\$0.955244	\$ 4,204.23
Goshen	\$861,970,237	\$0.955244	\$823,391.63
Hamptonburgh	\$254,163,542	\$0.587172	\$149,237.62
Wallkill	\$ 54,149,956	\$2.976806	\$161,193.91
Wawayanda	\$ 94,307,201	\$0.898895	\$ 84,772.28
Omits & Prorats			\$ 500.33
TOTALS	\$1,268,992,148	XXX	\$1,223,300.00

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1, 2013 and end November 1, 2013, giving the tax warrant an effective period of 62 days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the board;

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

- September 1 to September 30, interest free period,
- October 1 to October 31, interest of 2 percent added,
- November 1 to November 1, interest of 3 percent added.

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 2013/2014 school tax warrant as presented. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Martha Bogart and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accepts the donation from Scotchtown Ave School PTO in the amount of \$5,000 for iPads for Scotchtown Avenue Elementary School.

Accept iPad Donation from SAS PTO

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves increasing the 2013-2014 budget by \$5,000. Said funds are to be placed in budgetary appropriation code A2110.203-35. The offsetting revenue account code shall be A2705.

AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by James Kimiecik, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accepts the donation from Target Corporation in the amount of \$2,000 for a French Club project and authorizes these funds to be deposited in the CJ Hooker Middle School Extra-Classroom Activity Fund (Foreign Language Club Account) AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Accept Donation from Target – CJH Extra-classroom Activity Fund

On a motion by George Jung 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 Jonas Chen, Town of Hamptonburgh (SBL 6-1-41) as per court order entered in the Office of the Clerk of Westchester County Supreme Court July 24, 2013 in the amount of \$830.72 for the 2008/2009 school year, \$844.28 for the 2009/2010 school year, \$1,174.08 for the 2010/2011 school year, \$1,266.05 for the 2011/2012 school year and \$1,318.73 for the 2012/2013 school year for a total of \$5,433.86.

Tax Certiorari – Jonas Chen

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 \$5,433.86 (A1964.4051) and that the \$5,433.86 be transferred to the General Fund Budget from the Tax Certiorari Reserve as the offsetting source of revenue. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, WHEREAS, the Goshen Central School District wishes to purchase Network Printers; and; WHEREAS, the District has arranged with Orange-Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to purchase such equipment; and; WHEREAS, BOCES is providing this as a service to a public school district at the District's request; and THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to enter into agreement with BOCES to provide an installment purchase arrangement for the purchase of Network Printers at a cost of \$13,414.79 to be financed over 48 months at an approximate interest rate of 1.81%. There will be two maintenance agreements. The first will be \$31.50 a month for 5,000 copies with any overage calculated on a quarterly basis at .0063/copy. The second will be \$82.10 a month for 2,000 colored copies with any overage calculated on a quarterly basis at .0378/copy and 1,000 B/W copies with any overage calculated on a quarterly basis at .0065/copy.
2. The District will be billed by BOCES.
AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by James Kimiecik and seconded by George Jung, the Board of Education approves Jeremy Cassel attending the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) State Mandated Fiscal Oversight Training on September 21, 2013 in Albany, New York. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Martha Bogart, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education cancels the August 24, 2013 Board Workshop scheduled for work on the District's Board Goals and Objectives. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Martha Bogart, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education changes the regular board meeting on October 21, 2013 to a Board Workshop for work on the District's Board Goals and Objectives to begin at 6:00 p.m. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Tom Frederick and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, WHEREAS the Goshen Central School District has participated in a Cooperative RFP for Transportation Services with Orange- Ulster BOCES and; WHEREAS Orange-Ulster BOCES has awarded the RFP for Transportation Services to a transportation contractor; BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards to Orange-Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) the transportation contract for 2013-2014 (September 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) special education transportation services for students attending Center for Discovery (lump sum cost of \$47,055.60), New York School For the Deaf (lump sum cost of \$23,164.20), Green Chimneys (lump sum cost of \$32,051.40), and Rockland BOCES Shafer Elementary (lump sum cost of \$30,403.80), for a total lump sum contract amount of \$132,675.00.

With board member Matt Corrigan not present at this evening's meeting, the adoption of the 2013/2014 Board Committees was tabled until the next board meeting.

Mrs. Green opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

A final determination of who will be the NYSSBA Voting Delegate for the upcoming convention, will be discussed when Matt Corrigan returns. Board members attending this year's NYSSBA Convention are James Kimiecik, George Jung and Matt Corrigan.

The Tour of Facilities is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the High School, Transportation, Scotchtown Avenue School, Intermediate School and ending at the Middle School before the regular board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The board received correspondence on a new pass bus schedule for the 2013/2014 school year. The recommended new change will result in transporting approximately 130 students who, stay after school for extra-curricular activities, extra help, etc., will be transported to SAS and be divided among the 34 elementary school buses to be transported home. The new procedure will reduce the excessive number of miles traveled by the past year's five Pass Buses – approximately 21,600 miles per school year. This will help reduce fuel and maintenance costs.

Network Printers –
O/U BOCES Co-Op
Bid

Mandated Fiscal
Oversight Training – J.
Cassel

Cancel August 24
Board Workshop

Change Regular Board
Meeting of October 21
to Board Workshop

Cooperative RFP for
Transportation Services

Tabled Board
Committees

Privilege of the Floor

Tour of Facilities

New Pass Bus
Procedure

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m. on a motion by George Jung and seconded by James Kimiecik to enter into Executive Session with no intent to return for the purpose of matters leading to the appointment of a particular corporation.

AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending – enjoy the rest of the Summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown
District Clerk

Meeting Adjourned
Executive Session