

Board of Education Minutes January 20, 2015

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, January 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Students from Goshen High School Band performed at 7:15 p.m. prior to the Board Meeting under the direction of Kim Longo.

Present	Mrs. Judy Green, President Mrs. Martha Bogart, Vice President Mr. Jeremy Cassel Mr. George Jung Mr. Thomas Mullane Mrs. Allison Salte
Absent	Mr. James Kimiecik

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. Kurtis Kotes, Mr. William Rolon, and Mrs. Amy Prasky
Assistant Principals:	Mrs. Patricia Lercara and Ms. Heather Carman
Director of Buildings & Grounds	Mr. James Riley
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	Absent
Director of PPS	Mrs. Deirdre Hallinan
CSE Chairperson	Mrs. Marlene Gaynor
Director of Transportation	Absent
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 at 7:34 p.m. Mrs. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation remembering the family of Nancy Ellefesen on the loss of her mother-in-law.

At this point Mrs. Green moved New Business Item – Tenure Award to this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Connor described the meaning and importance of tenure to Lisa Nardone. Tenure is a huge decision made by a school district acknowledging your accomplishments.

Mr. Rolon introduced and highlighted the educational background and extra-curricular programs of Lisa Nardone, English teacher. Lisa is a returning teacher who was placed on the Preferred Eligible List (PEL). Mr. Rolon highlighted the many clubs and activities Lisa is involved with students and the community. Mr. Rolon was proud and pleased to recommend Lisa Nardone to the Board of Education for tenure.

On a motion by Allison Salte and seconded by Thomas Mullane upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tenure appointment of Lisa Nardone in the tenure area of English effective February 1, 2015.

AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

The board congratulated Lisa Nardone on her appointment.

Mrs. Green called a brief recess at 7:41 p.m to congratulate Lisa Nardone.

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 .m.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Thomas Mulane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the draft of the minutes for the meetings of December 1, 2014 and December 15, 2014.

AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s Report for October 2014 was acknowledged under Financial Update.

The board received the following correspondence: Winter 2015 Newsletter; School Law Book 35th Edition; Ad for High School Musical; Ad for High School Yearbook; Ticket Order form for High School Musical; correspondence from Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert regarding Affordable Care Act Requirements; Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. Engagement Letter; Goshen Gladiators’ Gazette; Youth Ending Hunger Newsletter; O/U BOCES Newsbrief; and various newspaper articles

Mrs. Green opened Privilege of the Floor.

Mrs. Bogart reported on the OCSBA meeting where the topic of discussion was PILOTS and IDA's. Mrs. Bogart stated Board of Educations in school districts in Ulster and Rockland Counties have to sign off on an IDA proposal. A resolution is being worked on for school districts in Orange County to have a similar setup to sign off on proposed PILOTS. A very productive meeting. Mrs. Bogart will have copies of the presentation for the board at February meeting.

Mr. Connor congratulated Lisa Nardone on receiving tenure.

Mr. Connor thanked Kim Longo and her students for performing for the board this evening. A very nice way to begin the meeting.

Mr. Connor provided an update from the NYSCOSS meeting he attended on Thursday and Friday. Topics of discussion included the upcoming Governor's State of the State Address, selection of a new Commissioner of Education, Capital Projects indicating 30 week delay on approvals for school districts, and SMARTS School Money. There was also discussion on the \$5.3B surplus – one time money – districts need to indicate a financial plan, property tax break and Pre-K statewide.

Mr. Miller reported Central Office has begun meeting with administrators for upcoming budget presentations. The first presentation is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2015 by Buildings & Grounds, Technology, Athletics and Transportation Departments.

Mr. Miller stated districts are waiting to hear on state aid from the Governor.

An RFP for the Internal Auditor is being prepared. District policy requires every 3 years to do an RFP.

Mr. Miller referenced the Claims Auditor Report board members received.

A draft of the Risk Assessment Audit was provided to the Audit Committee. Cooper Arrias are due back in the District on February 9th to complete the testing portion of the Audit.

Dr. Sheboy mentioned the February 2nd Professional Development Day. Mrs. Prasky reported vertical teaming will take place in her building; K-1; 1-2; and bridging grades 2 and 3. Work will continue on Math Modules. Mr. Carter reported work will continue on the new Social Studies Modules to align to the new standards. Mr. Rolon reported faculty will prepare for the upcoming State Assessments. All faculty will focus on data generated through the use of on-line SunGard in the morning. Mr. Kotes reported this is the second full year of benchmark assessments at the High School. Faculty will review core subjects assessments reviewing data and tests. World Language will work on assessment information and Health and Phys Ed will work with Middle School staff on programs.

Dr. Sheboy reported the District has had an opportunity to take advantage of working with BOCES on a Teaching is the Core Grant. Under their leadership staff members will look at assessment practices and teaching is the core not testing. This afternoon a meeting was held with Diane Laing to review ELA and Math Assessments. A wonderful opportunity to look at what we are assessing.

Dr. Sheboy briefly reported on Part 154 a new State Mandate on how districts provide instruction to ELL/ESL students. We are currently looking at the needs of the District based on the new requirements and the personnel impact this requirement will have. Dr. Sheboy reported he is working with SUNY New Paltz to provide our staff with the opportunity to be duly certified. This requirement will take effect the 2015/2016 school year.

Mrs. Green would like to have the board participate in next year's collection for needy families. This was an outstanding service by the District for our community.

Mrs. Green also highlighted Dr. Langlois, former Goshen Central School District Superintendent, who was named New York State Superintendent of the Year. A letter will be sent to congratulate him on behalf of the board.

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda as presented. AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Accept resignation of Janet Cameron school bus monitor effective December 8, 2014.

Accept resignation of Jennifer Musumeci teacher aide effective January 5, 2015.

Accept resignation of Gabrielle Berger teacher aide effective December 26, 2014.

Approve Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Nancy Moore-Ellefsen school nurse is requesting an intermittent leave of absence under the Family Medical Act effective December 4, 2014 through June 30, 2015, as needed. This leave conforms with Federal Family Medical Leave requirements.

Approve unpaid leave of absence for Kelly Ducham .6 music teacher on a leave of absence effective December 3, 2014, unpaid leave of absence once sick time has been exhausted, until further notice.

Approve leave of absence for Keith Brown head custodian is requesting a medical leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective January 8, 2015 through approximately January 23, 2015.

Approve unpaid leave of absence for Thomas Lane maintenance worker on an unpaid leave of absence effective January 9, 2015 until further notice.

Approve medical leave of absence for Brian Hayden custodial worker is requesting a medical leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective January 5, 2015 through approximately January 30, 2015.

Approve unpaid leave of absence/extend probation for Kyle Borisewich teacher aide is requesting an unpaid leave of absence and extension to his probation period through Orange County Civil Service effective December 11, 2014 until further notice.

Approve leave of absence of Rhoda Werking part-time school nurse at St. John's Elementary School, is requesting a leave of absence effective January 21, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Ms. Werking is filling the leave of absence of Charlotte O'Connor, school nurse at Goshen Intermediate School.

Approve leave of absence for Valerie Smith teacher aide is requesting a leave of absence effective approximately February 6, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Ms. Smith is filling the child care leave of Kelly Monti.

Approve create position of Student Supervisor/Teacher Aide at a salary of \$15.63/hr. for 5¾ hours per day effective January 21, 2015. This position is being created for the IEP of student #113407.

Approve appointment of Kevin Smith student supervisor/teacher aide at a salary of \$15.63/hr. for 5¾ hours per day, effective January 21, 2015. Mr. Smith is filling the position being created at this meeting for IEP of student #113407.

Approve appointment of Michael Dunne teacher aide at a salary of \$12.45/hr. for 5¼ hours per day, effective January 21, 2015. Mr. Dunne is replacing Gabrielle Burger.

Approve appointment of Jarrad Vrydaghs substitute teacher at a salary of \$85/diem, not to exceed 28 hours per week, effective January 21, 2015. Mr. Vrydaghs has Initial SWD Social Studies 7-12 certification.

Approve appointment of Charles Allspach substitute teacher at a salary of \$85/diem, not to exceed 28 hours per week, effective January 21, 2015. Mr. Allspach has Professional Social Studies 7-12/Professional SWD Generalist 7-12 certifications.

Approve appointment of David Medlar long-term substitute custodial worker at a salary of \$14.52/hr. for up to 8 hours per day, effective January 8, 2015 through approximately January 23, 2015, or until Keith Brown returns from his leave. This appointment is due to the medical leave of absence for Keith Brown. Mr. Medlar is a retiree of the District.

Approve appointment of Robert Ennis long-term substitute custodial worker at a salary of \$14.52/hr. for up to 8 hours per day, effective January 5, 2015 through approximately January 30, 2015, or until Brian Hayden returns from his medical leave of absence. Mr. Ennis is filling the medical leave of absence for Brian Hayden. Mr. Ennis is a retiree of the District.

Approve appointment of Terrence House substitute custodial worker at a salary of \$14.52/hr. for up to 8 hours per day, effective January 21, 2015 or until Thomas Lane returns from his unpaid leave of absence. Mr. House is filling the unpaid leave of absence for Thomas Lane. Mr. House is a retiree of the District.

Approve appointment of Rhoda Werking leave replacement school nurse at a salary of \$41,269.80 (prorated) effective January 21, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Ms. Werking is filling the leave of absence for Charlotte O'Connor.

Approve appointment of Donnalynn Mason leave replacement part-time school nurse at St. John's Elementary School, at a salary of \$28.66/hr. for 4 hours per day, effective January 21, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Ms. Mason is filling the leave of absence for Rhoda Werking.

Approve appointment of Valerie Smith long-term grade 6 substitute teacher at a salary of \$248.42/diem effective approximately February 6, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Ms. Smith has Initial 1-6 certification. Ms. Smith is filling the child care leave of Kelly Monti.

Approve appointment of Alexa Savaglio tutor at a salary of \$32.35/hr. effective January 21, 2015. Ms. Savaglio is a special education teacher for the District.

Approve appointment of Jennifer Hopkins tutor at a salary of \$32.35/hr. effective January 21, 2015. Ms. Hopkins is a special education teacher for the District.

Approve appointment of Patricia Boles tutor at a salary of \$32.35/hr. effective January 21, 2015. Ms. Boles is a special education teacher for the District.

Approve appointment of Ian Mahony tutor at a salary of \$32.35/hr. effective January 21, 2015. Mr. Mahony is a special education teacher for the District.

Approve appointment of Michael Dunne modified wrestling coach at a stipend of \$1,452.50 effective January 21, 2015 through March 5, 2015.

Approve appointment of 2014/2015 Mentor Stipends

Approve Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – see official Minutes.

CSE/CPSE

Committee on Special Education	12/22/14;119798/ Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	11/06/14;119724/Classified Preschool 01/07/15;119656/Classified Preschool 01/02/15;118972/Classified Preschool 12/01/14;118392/Classified Preschool 12/29/14;118598/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	11/19/14;119495/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/02/14;115912/Classified 11/24/14;111097/Classified 12/01/14;115452/Classified
Committee on Special Education	11/12/14;115099/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/11/14;113662/Classified 10/23/14;115333/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	01/02/15;119385/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	11/19/14;117815/Classified 11/17/14;116169/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	11/25/14;119745/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	10/21/14;113664/Classified 12/19/14;116303/Classified 12/02/14;118535/Classified 12/12/14;113599/Classified 12/10/14;116217/Ineligible
Subcommittee on Special Education	11/13/14;113396/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	01/07/15;118413/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	12/11/14;119792/Classified 12/23/14;118730/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/04/14;110736/Classified 11/24/14;118019/Classified
Committee on Special Education	12/12/14;118708/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	01/02/15;119532/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/01/14;119063/Classified
Committee on Special Education	10/29/14;114145/Classified 11/24/14;119682/Classified 12/24/14;119728/Classified 12/12/14;118571/Classified 12/09/14;116455/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	10/31/14;117289/Classified
Committee on Special Education	12/04/14;119668/Classified

	12/16/14;119814/Classified
	12/15/14;119045/Classified
	11/19/14;114149/Classified
Committee on Special Education	10/10/14;119727/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/23/14;119634/Classified
	12/15/14;113694/Classified
Committee on Special Education	12/15/14;118902/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	01/07/15;119788/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/18/14;114251/Classified
	12/18/14;119212/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	12/17/14;118776/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/19/14;116847/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	12/10/14;118575/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	12/18/14;119811/Classified

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Allison Salte, the Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools attending the New York State Council of School Superintendents Annual Winter Institute and Lobby Day in Albany, New York from March 8-10, 2015. AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Allison Salte, 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 Annual Winter Institute and Lobby Day in Albany, New York from March 8-10, 2015. AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Martha Bogart that pursuant to the requirements of Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2.9 of the Regents Rules, the following person, having completed all of the required training to be certified by this Board of Education as "Lead Evaluator" for classroom teachers:
For Classroom Teachers: Henry Freedman
AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education schedules an Executive Session for Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of leading to the appointment of a particular corporation. AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Allison Salte and seconded by Jeremy Cassel upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education changes the February 3, 2015 board meeting to February 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

The board acknowledged the generous donation of a W.T. Armstrong Flute and case by J-Bird Music for the Arts, Inc. for use by the High School Music Department.

Privilege of the Floor

Mrs. Green opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Martha Bogart to enter into Executive Session with no intent to return for the purpose of negotiations. AYES 5 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned
Executive Session

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown
District Clerk