

Board of Education Minutes August 18, 2014

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 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Superintendent of Schools	Mr. Daniel T. Connor
Assistant Superintendent for Business	Mr. Robert Miller
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel & Technology	Absent
Principals:	Mr. Kurtis Kotes and Mrs. Amy Prasky,
Assistant Principals:	Mrs. Patricia Lercara
Director of Buildings & Grounds	Mr. Jim Riley
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	Absent
Student Senate Representative	Absent
Members of the Faculty, Press and Citizens of the District	

The regular meeting was called to order by President, Mrs. Green at 7:31 p.m. Mrs. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation.

The board received the following correspondence: Opening Day Memo to staff members; (for those who are able to join us on Tuesday morning, September 2); New Teacher Orientation Schedule – August 26, 2014; Invitation to 6th Grade Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at CJ Hooker Middle School; NYSSBA correspondence “Governor Signs “Last” Lever Voting Machine Extension for Schools; and various newspaper articles.

Mrs. Green opened Privilege of the Floor.

There was no President’s Report

There was no report for Legislative Update.

The following new staff members in the audience, being appointed this evening, were introduced to the board; Emma Arnoff; Tina Masi and Kelly Ducham.

Judy Green, on behalf of the Board of Education, welcomed and wished the new staff members a great year.

Mr. Connor asked Linda Clark to join the board at the table to provide an update on the Main Street Lease Agreement. Lease Agreement from the County forwarded to board and District legal counsel. Currently waiting to hear back. Mrs. Clark reported she had another showing for the second floor. This is a non-profit group and waiting to hear from their Executive Directors. Mrs. Clark has done research on rental properties over the past year and reported the District is the lowest for sq. ft. pricing out of 4 properties.

The board thanked Mrs. Clark and commended her on her continued search for a tenant.

Mr. Connor reported the District received word that we have tentatively been awarded \$17,991, through a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant to prep and digitize both our paper and electronic Payroll Records. Orange/Ulster BOCES once again applied for the grant on behalf of the District. This is the third year in a row the District has been the recipient of a LGRMIF Grant. Final approval will be forthcoming from the Comptroller’s Office.

Mr. Connor asked Mr. Kotes to join the board to present a new textbook for consideration for the AP U.S. History/Government course. The new textbook, *The American Pageant*, was reviewed by the Social Studies Department and selected as it aligns with the new college standards for Advanced Placement courses. College Board has only a certain selection of approved textbooks. This book will be used by 11th grade students.

Mr. Kotes reminded the board of upcoming Summer Graduation on August 20, 2014 at 11:00 in the Board Room, the Freshman BBQ on August 28, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the High School.

The board received copies of the information sent home to incoming Seniors for June 2015 Graduation. Two Hundred Forty One mailings were sent

home with a response deadline of August 29th. Approximately 60 responses have been returned. Mr. Kotes reported he has spoken with a representative from SUNY Orange who said the District did not need to submit a Purchase Order at this time until after the survey has been reviewed. We would need to notify SUNY Orange by Mid-September.

Mr. Connor reminded all present of the upcoming, the 12-Month Employee Picnic on August 27, 2014 beginning at noon at the High School; 6th Grade Ice Cream Social on August 27, 2014 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and Opening Day on September 2nd with a light breakfast, beginning at 7:45 a.m..

Mr. Connor reported assessment scores for grades 3-8 ELA and Math were released and the principals will provide a full update at our September 2nd meeting. Mr. Connor mentioned there was a 12-14% State-wide increase in the Math scores with no significant change in ELA.

Mr. Miller reported Nugent & Hauessler were in District the week of August 4 and completed the 2013/2014 year end external audit. The District is in good financial standing. A draft will be provided for the Audit Committee to review with an official presentation to the board in October.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Thomas Mullane 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 Yvonne Sternemann school secretary (guidance) effective September 6, 2014.

Approve appointment of David Block custodial worker at a salary of \$30,195 (prorated) effective September 2, 2014. Mr. Block is a school bus driver for the District and will retain rights back to his school bus driver position until he has completed his probationary period as a custodial worker. Mr. Block is replacing Dennis Roldan.

Approve appointment of Nela Negru school bus monitor at a salary of \$12.45/hr. for 5¼ hours per day effective September 2, 2014. Ms. Nela is a food service worker for the District and will retain rights back to her food service position until she has completed her probationary period as a school bus monitor. Ms. Negru is replacing Audrey Hogaboom.

Approve appointment of Angelina Greco food service helper at a salary of \$12.45/hr. for 3 hours per day effective August 25, 2014. Ms. Greco is replacing Nela Negru.

Approve appointment of Emma Arnoff school social worker (.2 at GIS and .8 at CJH) at a salary of \$53,614 (MA-1) (pending GTA negotiations) effective September 1, 2014 with a tenure date of September 1, 2017. Ms. Arnoff has Provisional School Social Worker certification. Ms. Arnoff is filling the position created at the July 7, 2014 board meeting.

Approve appointment of Kelly Ducham .6 Music teacher (choral) at a salary of \$48,465 prorated to \$29,079 (BA-1 prorated to .6) (pending GTA negotiations) effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Ducham has Initial Music certification. Ms. Ducham is replacing James Cahill.

Approve appointment of Tina Masi .5 Strings Music teacher at a salary of \$53,614 prorated to \$26,807 (MA-1 prorated to .5) (pending GTA negotiations) effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Masi has Initial Music K-12 certification. Ms. Masi is filling the position created at the July 7, 2014 board meeting.

Approve appointment of Richard Heater long-term substitute custodial worker at a salary of \$14.52/hr. for 8 hours per day, effective August 4, 2014 through approximately October 17, 2014 or until Linda Barbaro returns from her leave. Mr. Heater is filling the leave of Linda Barbaro. Mr. Heater is a retiree of the District.

Approve appointment of Roger Kalin long-term substitute teacher at a salary of \$268.07/diem (pending GTA negotiations) for 2 days per week effective September 9, 2014 through June 30, 2014 or until Marlin Maduras returns from Federal Grand Jury Duty. Mr. Maduras is serving on Grand Jury for a term of 18 months beginning February 25, 2014 Federal District Court in White Plains. Mr. Kalin recently retired as English teacher and English Department Chair.

Approve increase in hours for Heather Hilliard teacher aide increase in hours from 4 hours per day to 5.75 hours per day effective September 2, 2014. This increase is a result of taking .5 hours from the position held by

Sheila Venable; .75 hours from the position held by Diane Farfalla and the .5 difference from Student Supervisor rate to teacher aide rate.

Approve appointment of Karen Beilman Evening High School secretary at a salary of \$24.05/hr. for 2 hours per evening, 4 evenings per week, effective August 5, 2014. This is a yearly appointment.

Approve appointment of Michael Hanrahan Evening High School tutor and substitute teacher at a salary of \$32.35/hr, as needed, (pending GTA negotiations) effective the 2014/2015 school year. This is a yearly appointment.

Approve creating position of Teacher aide for 5.25 hours per day effective September 2, 2014 at the High School. This position is being created due to the decrease in hours from the teacher aide position previously held by Diane Farfalla.

Approve creating position of Special Education teacher aide for 5.5 hours per day effective September 3, 2014. This position is being created to appropriately cover the needs of special education students within the High School.

Approve creating position of Special Education teacher aide (Scotchtown Avenue School) for 5.75 hours per day effective September 3, 2014. This position is being created as a result of the expanded special education classrooms from 8:1:2 to 12:1:3 to meet the individual specialized needs of students per their IEP within their homeschooling setting.

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Approve amend start and tenure dates for Heather Carman Assistant Principal CJ Hooker Middle School, amend start date and tenure date from September 2, 2014 with a three year probationary appointment effective September 2, 2014 through September 1, 2017, to a start date effective August 25, 2014 with a three year probationary appointment effective August 25, 2014 through August 25, 2017.

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, 2014. This is a yearly appointment.

Approve appointment of Robert Karchawer 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, 2014. This is a yearly appointment.

Approve appointment of 2014/2015 Fall Coaches Stipends (pending GTA Negotiations)

Approve Obsolete Equipment – see official minutes

CSE/CPSE

Subcommittee on Special Education 05/28/14;114269/GIS/Declassified
04/23/14;115987/GIS/Classified

Committee on Special Education 05/23/14;118571/GIS/Initial
06/18/14;118282/SAS/Ineligible

Subcommittee on Special Education 06/10/14;116187/GIS/Classified
06/03/14;116686/CJH/Classified

Committee on Preschool Special Ed 07/31/14;118392/Classified Preschool

Subcommittee on Special Education 03/31/14;114074/GIS/Classified

Committee on Special Education 03/26/14;119410/Classified

Subcommittee on Special Education 05/20/14;113685/GHS/Classified

Subcommittee on Special Education 06/04/14;114858/GIS/Classified

07/11/14;115582/Classified

03/03/14;112425/GHS/Classified

Committee on Special Education 06/04/14;117611/SAS/Classified

Committee on Preschool Special Ed 06/25/14;118755/Classified Preschool

Committee on Special Education 05/05/14;118408/SAS/Classified

Subcommittee on Special Education 05/27/14;118245/Classified

04/03/14;111090/GHS/Classified

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Committee on Preschool Special Ed Section 504	06/19/14;119367/Classified Preschool 07/07/14;117816/CJH/Ineligible
Subcommittee on Special Education	06/19/14;114742/CJH/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	06/20/14;119441/Classified Preschool 06/20/14;118410/Classified Preschool
Subcommittee on Special Education	06/09/14;112323/GHS/Classified 06/13/14;115589/GIS/Classified 05/22/14;112413/GHS/Classified 07/18/14;113593/GHS/Classified 07/29/14;116131/GIS/Classified 06/10/14;117080/GIS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed Section 504	07/30/14;117120/Classified Preschool 05/22/14;115837/CJH/Section 504
Committee on Special Education	05/08/14;118730/SAS/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	06/11/14;115987/GIS/Classified 05/05/14;113766/GHS/Classified 06/26/14;118019/SAS/Classified 05/15/14;116548/SAS/Classified 06/20/14;113753/CJH/Classified
Committee on Special Education	05/13/14;118749/GIS/Classified 06/24/14;115050/Classified 06/09/14;118450/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	05/15/14;117534/SAS/Declassified

On a motion by Allison Salte and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute an Addendum Agreement dated August 18, 2014, to the Superintendent's Contract, establishing his salary for the 2014-2015 school year at \$183,389. A copy of such agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Martha Bogart, WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters at the Annual School Meeting to raise for the current budget of the 2014/2015 school year a sum not to exceed \$65,441,124; 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	\$ 4,518,149	\$35.236793	\$ 159,205.08
Goshen	\$868,130,598	\$34.447910	\$29,905,284.31
Hamptonburgh	\$244,259,332	\$21.426143	\$ 5,233,535.35
Wallkill	\$ 53,641,523	105.388582	\$ 5,653,204.03
Wawayanda	\$ 93,697,495	\$31.834620	\$ 2,982,824.14
Omits & Prorats			\$ 11,358.09
	\$1,264,247,097	XXX	\$43,945,411.00
TOTAL			

Goshen Library and Historical Society

Name of Town	Total Assesses Valuations by Town	Equalized Tax Rate by Towns	Total Tax Levy by Town
Chester	\$ 4,518,149	\$1.000514	\$ 4,520.47
Goshen	\$868,130,598	\$0.978114	\$849,130.63
Hamptonburgh	\$244,259,332	\$0.608374	\$148,601.00
Wallkill	\$ 53,641,523	\$2.992403	\$160,517.07
Wawayanda	\$ 93,697,495	\$0.903912	\$ 84,694.31
Omits & Prorats			\$ 302.52
	\$1,264,247,097	XXX	\$1,247,766.00
TOTALS			

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, 2014 and end November 3, 2014, giving the tax warrant an effective period of 64 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 3, interest of 3 percent added.
AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Thomas Mullane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2014/2015 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 approves the budgetary transfer dated July 31, 2014 in the amount of \$967,000 as per attached. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Allison Salte and seconded by Thomas Mullane, 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 2014-2015 (September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) special education transportation services for students attending Green Chimneys (lump sum cost of \$32,661); New York School for the Deaf (lump sum cost \$23,605.20) , Rockland BOCES Sloatsburg Elementary (lump sum cost \$26,555.40), Rockland BOCES Franklin Elementary (lump sum cost \$26,555.40); PNWB Hawthorne Cedar Knolls School (lump sum cost \$28,769.40); and Center for Discovery (lump sum cost \$47,950.20) for a total lump sum contract amount of \$186,096.60.
AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, WHEREAS, the State of New York has reached a Settlement with Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. in which Hobby Lobby agreed to contribute gift cards to public schools in New York State and;
WHEREAS, the State of New York has determined that Goshen Central School District is entitled to receive four \$200 gift cards from Hobby Lobby.
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the donation of four \$200.00 gift cards from Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. and authorizes increasing the General Fund budget by a total of \$800.00. The \$800.00 shall be appropriated as follows: A2110.45130 High School \$200; A 2110.45230 Middle School \$200; A2110.45330 Intermediate School \$200; A2110.45430 Elementary School \$200.00. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to direct a comprehensive medical examination and evaluation, including additional examinations and evaluations recommended by the designated physician(s) or medical professional(s), as necessary, of Employee No. 081814 , in accordance with the provisions of Section 913 of the Education Law; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs that Employee No. 081814 submit their medical records, if any, from the last two years to the designated physician(s) or medical professional(s) before such examination/evaluation.
AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

Mrs. Green referenced the Tour of the Buildings at 6:00 p.m. on September 2, 2014 followed by the regular board meeting. This is a State requirement for board members to conduct prior to the opening of school for students.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. on a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Allison Salte to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation and negotiations with no intent to return. AYES 6 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown
District Clerk