

Board of Education Minutes September 2, 2014

A tour of the school facilities was held at 6:00 p.m. for Members of the Board of Education on Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

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

Superintendent of Schools	Mr. Daniel T. Connor
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel & Technology	Dr. Frank Sheboy
Assistant Superintendent for Business	Mr. Robert Miller
Director of Buildings & Grounds	Mr. James Riley

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 Room at Main Street School on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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. Kurtis Kotes, Mr. William Rolon, Mr. Jason Carter and Ms. Amy Peluso
Assistant Principals:	Mrs. Patricia Lercara and Ms. Heather Carman
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	Mrs. Donna Post
Network Administrator	Mr. James Sterett
Student Senate Representative	
Members of the Faculty, Press and Citizens of the District	

The meeting was called to order by President, Mrs. Judy Green at 7:40 p.m. Mrs. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the draft of the minutes for the meeting of August 4, 2014 and August 18, 2014. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for June 2014 was acknowledged under Financial Update.

The board received the following correspondence: 2014/2015 School Calendar; 2014/2015 Goshen High School Student Handbook; Goshen High School 2014 Summer Graduation Program; and various newspaper articles.

Mrs. Green opened Privilege of the Floor.

Mrs. Green mentioned she had the opportunity to attend many events the past few weeks; Summer Graduation and the Freshman BBQ. A very active couple of weeks.

There was no Legislative Update Report this evening.

The board just completed the Tour of Facilities – all buildings look great and are ready for students on September 3rd. Mrs. Green thanked Mr. Riley and his Department and stated everyone should be very proud.

Mr. Connor reported he received word this afternoon from Linda Clark that the County has put moving DMV on hold for leasing the Main Street building. There is still interest with the second group of people. A second walk through is being scheduled.

Mr. Connor highlighted Opening Day, where staff members were recognized for 20 and 25 years of service, along with a standing ovation for Garry VanDeWeert, Head Custodian, who will be retiring October 17, for completing 39 years with the District.

Mr. Connor asked Mr. Milnamow, from LAN Associates, to join the board to provide an update on the Capital Reserve Improvement Project. Mr. Milnamow reported all Architectural and Engineer documents have been submitted. There were minor amendments to be made to the Architectural portion of the submission. Mr. Milnamow informed the board it will be approximately 5 months before SED reviews the Engineer portion of the project, which should be sometime in February. SED is currently reviewing projects submitted March 2014. At this point, the District is still in good standing to bid and award the projects for the Spring of 2015. Mr. Milnamow reported monthly updates will be provided to the board. The board thanked Mr. Milnamow for his update.

Mr. Miller referenced the Extra Classroom Activity Accounts provided to the board.

Mr. Kimieick asked if Mr. Miller had copies of his earlier request for the budget status account by account reports. Mr. Miller provided Mrs. Green with copies of the Budget Status and Revenue reports for each board member.

Dr. Sheboy reported 17 new teachers completed a 2-day New Teacher Orientation where Diane Burrows, Evelyn Schneider, Jonathan Redeker, Christine Guerrier and Deirdre Hallinan provided their expertise in the topics of discussion.

Dr. Sheboy asked Mr. Rolon and Mr. Carter to join the table to present the following powerpoint on Grades 3-8 Test Assessments Results.

NYS 3-8 Common Core Testing

Cohort		L1 ELA	L2 ELA	L3 ELA	L4 ELA	L1 Math	L2 Math	L3 Math	L4 Math
Class of 2023	2013 Gr. 2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	2014 Gr. 3	39	36	22	3	21	36	28	15
Class of 2022	2013 Gr. 3	26	38	31	4	30	42	21	7
	2014 Gr. 4	19	37	31	13	22	34	30	14
Class of 2021	2013 Gr. 4	23	41	27	9	35	51	12	2
	2014 Gr. 5	23	39	26	13	22	29	31	18
Class of 2020	2013 Gr. 5	18	45	28	10	28	46	22	4
	2014 Gr. 6	19	54	17	10	13	50	23	14
Class of 2019	2013 Gr. 6	18	41	21	20	20	52	21	7
	2014 Gr. 7	25	43	27	5	27	42	26	5
Class of 2018	2013 Gr. 7	17	45	31	7	24	42	30	4
	2014 Gr. 8	12	31	40	17	15*	44*	39*	3*
Class of 2017	2013 Gr. 8	17	41	27	15	14	51	30	6
	2014 Gr. 9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Year to Year Grade Level Proficiency

	2012-2013	2013-14	Chg.
Grade 3 Math	28% →	43%	15
Grade 4 Math	14% →	44%	30
Grade 5 Math	26% →	49%	23
Grade 6 Math	28% →	37%	9
Grade 7 Math	34% →	31%	(3)
Grade 8 Math	36% →	42%	6
Grade 3 ELA	36% →	25%	(11)
Grade 4 ELA	36% →	44%	8
Grade 5 ELA	38% →	39%	1
Grade 6 ELA	41% →	27%	(16)
Grade 7 ELA	38% →	32%	(6)
Grade 8 ELA	42% →	57%	15

Year to Year Cohort Proficiency

	2012-2013		2013-14
Grade 3 Math	28%	↘	43%
Grade 4 Math	14%	↘	44%
Grade 5 Math	26%	↘	49%
Grade 6 Math	28%	↘	37%
Grade 7 Math	34%	↘	31%
Grade 8 Math	36%	↘	42%
Grade 3 ELA	36%	↘	25%
Grade 4 ELA	36%	↘	44%
Grade 5 ELA	38%	↘	39%
Grade 6 ELA	41%	↘	27%
Grade 7 ELA	38%	↘	32%
Grade 8 ELA	42%	↘	57%

General Thoughts

- Performance on the 2013 assessments resulted in the district scoring in the top third (top five schools) of the OU-BOCES (seventeen schools, including Marlboro) in three areas.
- Performance on the 2014 assessments resulted in the districts scoring in the top third (top five schools) of the OU-BOCES in six areas, including two areas (ELA4 and Math8) where we were number 2 and ELA8 where we were the top performing school district.
- Decisions to adopt the modules, especially in the area of mathematics, have brought our curricula to closer alignment with the Common Core. We will continue to fine tune this area, utilizing district as well as BOCES training resources.
- ELA Performance overall was flat. This was not a situation unique to Goshen. We performed in the top half in all but one grades. The entire BOCES, and the entire state for that matter, saw less than stellar gains in ELA.
- Some of the gains in mathematics are attributable to ELA focus, as well.
- We have already begun to drill down the data to identify areas in all curricular areas where improvement is needed.
- The principals, working with their grade chairs, will meet with the teachers in each grade to develop improvement plans.

Dr. Sheboy asked Mr. Kotes to join the board who provided information on the Algebra and ELA Regents exams, both Common Core and Traditional. One Hundred Twenty Five (Common Core) tests were administered with 94 passing or 75%; traditional Algebra Regents 172 tests administered with 114 passing; Common Core ELA 205 tests administered with 190 passing and traditional ELA 207 tests administered with 186 passing. Mr. Kotes reported high school testing is based on Mastery where grades 3-8 are on proficiency.

The board thanked Dr. Sheboy, Mr. Kotes, Mr. Rolon and Mr. Carter.

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Joanne Slesinski, school bus driver, effective September 3, 2014. Mrs. Slesinski has been with the District for over 38 years. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Garry VanDeWeert, head custodian, effective October 17, 2014. Mr. VanDeWeert has been with the District for 39 years. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the remainder of the Consent Agenda as presented. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Accept retirement of Joanne Selinski school bus driver effective August 31, 2014. Ms. Selsinski has been the District for over 38 years.

Accept retirement of Garry VanDeWeert head custodian effective October 17, 2014. Mr. VanDeWeert has been with the District for 39 years.

Approve extend leave of absence of Janet Cameron school bus monitor is requesting to extend her leave of absence, under the Family Medical Leave, if eligible, effective July 1, 2014 through December 4, 2014.

Approve resignation of Sandra Hale school bus monitor effective August 15, 2014.

Approve resignation of Kathleen Dawson teacher aide effective August 15, 2014.

Approve resignation of Judy Gotthardt-Paradise food service helper effective August 20, 2014.

Approve appointment of Judy Gotthardt-Paradise substitute food service helper at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective August 20, 2014.

Accept resignation of Dawn Smith food service helper effective August 11, 2014.

Accept resignation of Luke Bruscano .6 ALP teacher effective September 1, 2014.

Approve appointment of Kelly Mecocci .6 special education teacher at salary of \$53,614 (MA-1 prorated .6 \$32,168.40) pending GTA negotiations, effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Mecocci has Initial 1-6/SWD 1-6 certifications. Ms. Mecocci is filling the new position created at the July 7, 2014 meeting.

Approve appointment of Kelly Kantner school bus driver at a salary of \$19.52/hr. for 5¼ hours per day, effective September 2, 2014. Ms. Kantner is replacing Joanne Slesinski.

Approve appointment of Mark Putkowski school bus driver at a salary of \$19.52/hr. for 5¼ hours per day, effective September 2, 2014. Mr. Putkowski is replacing David Block.

Approve appointment of Kelly Wood food service helper at a salary of \$12.45/hr. for 3 hours per day, effective August 25, 2014. Ms. Wood is replacing Dawn Smith.

Approve appointment of Brooke Knapp special education teacher aide at a salary of \$12.45/hr. for 5½ hours per day effective September 2, 2014. Mrs. Knapp is replacing Gabrielle Badea.

Approve appointment of Ellen Folkl special education teacher aide at a salary of \$12.45/hr. for 4¾ hours per day effective September 2, 2014. Ms. Folkl is filling the new position created at the August 18, 2014 meeting.

Approve appointment of Patricia Mill special education teacher aide at a salary of \$12.45/hr. for 5¾ hours per day effective September 2, 2014. Ms. Mill is filling the new position created at the August 18, 2014 meeting.

Approve appointment of Rondell Gauthier-Peters special education teacher aide at a salary of \$12.45/hr. for 5¾ hours per day effective September 2, 2014. Ms. Gauthier-Peters is filling the new position created at the August 18, 2014 meeting.

Approve appointment of Debora Scheetz special education teacher aide at a salary of \$12.45/hr. for 5¾ hours per day effective September 2, 2014. Ms. Scheetz is filling the new position created at the August 18, 2014 meeting.

Approve appointment of Michael Razukiewicz student supervisor/teacher aide at a salary of \$15.32/hr. for 6½ hours per day effective September 2, 2014. Mr. Razukiewicz is replacing Judy Derderian.

Approve appointment of Denise Raffone temporary school bus dispatcher at a salary of \$46,021 (prorated to \$177/day) for 8 hours per day, effective September 3, 2014 through approximately December 3, 2014, not to exceed 90 days. Ms. Raffone is replacing Mark Putkowski.

Approve increase in hours for Ana Serrano Ayau special education teacher aide increase in hours from 4¾ to 5½ hours per day effective September 2, 2014. This increase in hours is a result of taking .75 hours from the new special education teacher aide position created at the August 18, 2014 meeting filled by Ellen Folkl.

Approve appointment of Joanne Slesinski substitute school bus driver at a salary of \$18.40/hr., as needed, effective September 2, 2014.

Approve appointment of Joanne Kich substitute school bus driver at a salary of \$18.40/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective September 2, 2014.

Approve appointment of David Medlar long-term substitute custodial worker at a salary of \$14.52/hr. for 8 hours per day, effective September 3, 2014 through approximately November 1, 2014. Mr. Medlar is filling in for the long-term replacement resulting in the retirement of Garry VanDeWeert.

Approve appointment of David Medlar substitute custodial worker at a salary of \$8.50 hr., as needed, effective November 2, 2014.

Approve appointment of Christine Sullivan substitute custodial worker at a salary of \$8.50/hr., as needed, effective September 3, 2014. Ms. Sullivan is a school bus driver for the District.

Approve appointment of Amy Welsh substitute school bus driver at a salary of \$18.40/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective September 3, 2014.

Approve appointment of Mary Lake substitute school bus driver at a salary of \$18.40/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective September 2, 2014.

Approve appointment of Jennifer Galarneau special education teacher aide at a salary of \$12.45/hr. for 5¾ hours per day, effective September 2, 2014. Ms. Galarneau is filling the vacant position.

Approve disposal of Obsolete Equipment (see official minutes)

Approve Excess Equipment: Konica Minolta BH 250 High Volume Copier Serial #31120728 (see official minutes)

Approval to Trade in Konica Minolta BH 250 High Volume Copier Serial #31120728 for \$250 to Konica Minolta Business Solutions, Inc. (see official minutes)

CSE/CPSE

Subcommittee on Special Education	07/31/14;117812/SAS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	08/11/14;119398/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	08/05/14;119211/SAS/Classified
	08/05/14;119210/SAS/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	04/04/14;113574/CJH/Classified
	05/30/14;115368/GHS/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	08/25/14;119441/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	07/31/14;118378/SAS/Classified
	06/11/14;119541/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed	08/12/14;118451/Classified Preschool
	08/13/14;117878/Classified Preschool
	08/12/14;118182/Classified Preschool

On a motion by James Kimiecik and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the entry of the names of the 2014 Summer Graduates and acknowledgement of students who fulfilled GED requirements in the Board of Education Minutes. (see official minutes)
AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the *The American Pageant 15th Edition- AP Edition* (copyright 2013, 2010, 2006 – Cengage Learning) textbook as a component of the High School AP course curriculum. AYES 7 NAYS 0
Motion carried.

On a motion by James Kimiecik and seconded by George Jung, that the Board of Education hereby agrees to renew the services of Thomas E. Griffith Realtors, Linda A. Clark, as real estate broker, with respect to the lease/rental of office space in the District Administration Building, 227 Main Street, Goshen, New York, for the period from September 18, 2014 through March 17, 2015 and authorizes the Board President to execute an Exclusive Right to Rent/Lease Listing Agreement with amended changes, a copy of which agreement is incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. AYES 7 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 Awards the RFP and contract for Certified Nurse's Aide to Interim Healthcare Services as follows:
School Year 2014-15 \$23.00/hr. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by George Jung 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) an additional transportation contract for 2014-2015 (September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) special education transportation services for students attending OU BOCES Sanfordville Elementary (lump sum cost of \$24,435.00) and Westchester BOCES JC O'Connor School (lump sum cost \$28,164.60) , for a total lump sum contract amount of \$52,599.60
AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

MOTION to approve Voting Delegate for NYSSBA Annual Convention for the 2014/2015 school year.

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded Jeremy Cassel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of James Kimiecik as the District's voting delegate for New York State School Boards Association Annual Convention. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Allison Salte and seconded by Thomas Mullane the Board of Education approves Judy Green attending the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) 2014 Leadership Academy on September 12, 2014, in Albany, New York. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

A community member was impressed with the test scores and presentation given this evening and stated he can see students getting better and improving in the future.

Kelly Mecocci, appointed this evening, introduced herself to the board and stated she is very excited to start working for the District. The board welcomed Kelly.

Mrs. Bogart asked if information could be placed on the web regarding that the Property Tax Freeze Rebate check will be coming from the State not the school district.

A copy of the NYSSBA 2014 Bylaws, Amendments and Resolutions was given to the board. Mrs. Green asked the board to review for discussion in October prior to members attending the convention.

Mrs. Green thanked the principals and head custodians for the tour of the buildings earlier this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. on a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Thomas Mullane to enter into Executive Session with no intent to return for the purpose of work history of particular employees. AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a great start to a new year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia B. Brown
District Clerk