

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, December 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Judy Green, President
Mrs. Martha Bogart, Vice-President
Mr. Jeremy Cassel
Mr. James Kimiecik
Mr. Thomas Mullane
Mr. Jason Pucci
Mrs. Allison Salte

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| Superintendent of Schools | Mr. Daniel Connor |
| Assistant Superintendent for Business | Mr. Robert Miller |
| Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel & Technology | Mr. Kurtis Kotes |
| Principals: | Mrs. Nancy Noonan (Interim) |
| | Mr. William Rolon |
| | Mr. Henry Freedman (Interim) |
| Assistant Principals: | Mrs. Patricia Lercara |
| Elementary Coordinator (Interim) | Absent |
| Assistant Principal/Athletic Director | Mr. Gregory Voloshin |
| Buildings and Grounds Superintendent | Mr. James Riley |
| Director of Transportation | Absent |
| Director of Pupil Personnel Services | Absent |
| CSE Chairperson | Mrs. Marlene Gaynor |
| Network Administrators | Absent |
| Members of the Faculty, Press and Citizens of the District | |

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

Meeting Called to Order

The board received the following correspondence: Goshen Gladiators' Gazette – December 2015; Scotchtown Avenue School's Winter Concerts program; C.J. Hooker Middle School's Winter Concert program - Band; C.J. Hooker Middle School's Winter Concert program – Orchestra & Chorus; National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony Program; Correspondence from The Council of School Superintendents regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act passage by the U.S. Senate; and various newspaper articles.

Correspondence

Mrs. Green opened Privilege of the Floor.

Privilege of the Floor

Mrs. Green acknowledged senior student Tom Giordano on the cover of the Times Herald Record, which reported on his involvement with the Pay Away the Layaway program. This program was started by former graduate, Lee Karchawer. She also commended the administrators and Central Office staff, who collected gifts for needy families.

President's Report

There was no legislative update.

Legislative Update

Mr. Rolon spoke on the National Junior Honor Society Induction ceremony, which was held December 14th. Beginning this program was an initiative he wanted to do for a few years. Under the leadership of Fabien Riviere, and the help of other teachers, the program was masterfully completed. There were over 100 candidates and 79 students were inducted. The 8th grade students had to have a 90 average in each of the 4 marking periods, in the prior year, with no grade under an 80. In addition, each student had to write an essay and receive letters of recommendation from teachers or community members. A pot luck dinner was held in the C.J. Hooker cafeteria. He is very proud of all the students and is looking forward to their continued success. He thanked the Board, Mr. Connor and Mr. Kotes for their support.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Connor reported on the wonderful holiday concert at Valley View. The Middle School band performed for the residents and were outstanding. It was very well attended.

Mr. Connor thanked Nancy Noonan for coming to the District to be the Interim High School Principal. She has done a lot of good work. He has gotten a lot of positive feedback of her performance. The meeting took a brief recess at 7:30 p.m. to thank Mrs. Noonan.

The meeting reconvened at 7:52 pm.

Mr. Miller mentioned Cooper Arias has completed the audit of internal controls. They are due back in February for area testing. There is a general consensus by the Audit Committee to have testing on separation payments, retirement incentive payments, longevity and tenure. Mr. Kimiecik noted that base salary was tested in the past, but the Audit Committee would like the other areas effecting payroll to be tested in February. Mr. Miller will have Cooper Arias prepare a proposal for the Board's consideration at the January 19th Board of education meeting.

Assistant
Superintendent for
Business

A material spreader, which was excessed at a prior meeting, did not have any bids when offered for sale. Mr. Miller suggested it be sold as scrap since it is rusted out. The Board did not have any objections.

The Board received correspondence from Scotchtown Avenue School's PTO, at the November 2, 2015 meeting, requesting the Board consider an online account system for children's lunch accounts. As a follow up to this request, Mr. Pucci asked Mr. Miller for information from the last time this issue was discussed in 2009, as well as any new possible agreements. Mr. Miller presented to the Board the requested documents for their review. He noted that at the advice of legal counsel in 2009, the Board did not pursue the online account system. Legal counsel has not yet reviewed any new possible agreements. Mr. Miller will follow up with legal counsel. Mr. Kimiecik gave a brief overview of the 2009 request of the Board. He noted that it would be good to review this request again, at this time, as circumstances may have changed over the years.

There was a brief discussion on the Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA). Mr. Miller noted that it is essentially a capital project. The District would spend the Smart Schools money first, then be reimbursed by the state. Since the District does not have money in the capital reserve, the District would borrow the money, along with additional contingency money. The borrowing of money would need voter approval. It would be a short-term bond since the state will be reimbursing the District. The SSBA project category that the District is contemplating is installation of high-speed broadband connectivity for schools, which is a need identified in the Building Condition Survey. Mr. Miller noted that there is a requirement under SSBA to have involvement from stakeholders such as parents, community, etc. There will be an update at the January 19, 2016 Board Meeting.

Mr. Kotes reported that by 2019 all state testing will be online. This year, the state has encouraged all schools to take advantage of the offering of computer based testing for field tests in grades 3-8. GIS has received the field testing request from the state and Mr. Carter has opted in to the testing. Mr. Rolon has not received the field testing request. From a technology standpoint, Mr. Sterett advised Mr. Kotes that the connectivity required for the testing is in good shape. While Pearson will still continue to be used for testing, the online component will be administered through Questar.

Assistant
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Instruction, Personnel
& Technology

On December 8, 2015, Commissioner Elia spoke in New Paltz on the Common Core and APPR. Mr. Kotes, Mr. Connor, and Mr. Carter were in attendance. The essence of Commissioner's conversation was that we moved too fast. Immediately following this meeting, SED made a release regarding the current status of Common Core and 3012-d law. Mr. Kotes noted that there is a lot of confusion after the SED release. He cautioned the Board that the SED is not a lawmaking body. It is an advisory group. He noted that 3012-d is law and therefore we will need to see what the Governor and Legislature will do with regard to changes to the law.

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.

Mr. Kimiecik inquired of the pay increase for the senior account clerk typist position. Mr. Miller stated that it is based on salary comparisons of that position in other districts.

AYES 6 NAYS 1 (Mr. Kimiecik) Motion carried.

Approve resignation of Margaret Jordan, AIS teaching assistant, effective December 17, 2015.

Margaret Jordan

Approve resignation of Margaret Jordan, Girls' Leadership Club Advisor, effective December 17, 2015.

Approve resignation of Margaret Jordan, Newspaper Club Advisor, effective December 17, 2015.

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| Approve resignation of Jelena Radulov, special education teacher aide, effective January 7, 2016. | Jelena Radulov |
| Approve medical leave of absence for Marianne Barone, clerk typist, is requesting a medical leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective approximately December 3, 2015 through on or about January 10, 2016. | Marianne Barone |
| Approve child care leave for Susan Doyle, elementary teacher, is requesting a child care leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective approximately March 4, 2016 through June 30, 2016. | Susan Doyle |
| Approve child care leave for Valerie Cassel, elementary teacher, is requesting a child care leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective approximately February 17 2016 through on or about May 1, 2016. | Valerie Cassel |
| Approve unpaid leave of absence for Jan Van Hage, teacher aide, is requesting an unpaid leave of absence, effective December 17, 2015 to June 30, 2016. | Jan Van Hage |
| Approve appointment of Jan Van Hage, AIS teaching assistant, at a salary of \$30,257.40 (prorated) effective December 17, 2015, with a tenure date of December 17, 2019. She is employed by the District as a teacher aide. Ms. Van Hage has Teaching Assistant Level 1 Certification. She is replacing Margaret Jordan. | |
| Approve appointment of Ehrenfriede Tjipueja-Sawyer, long-term substitute teacher aide, at a salary of \$12.82/hr. for 5 ½ hours per day, effective January 4, 2016 through May 6, 2016 or until teacher aide returns. She is currently employed by the District as a substitute teacher aide. Ms. Tjipueja-Sawyer is filling the unpaid leave of absence of Roberta Mitchell-Krebs. | Ehrenfriede Tjipueja-Sawyer |
| Approve appointment of Anne Marie Walker, school bus driver, at a salary of \$20.11/hr. for 5 ¼ hrs. /day, effective January 4, 2016. Ms. Walker is replacing Carl Grzywaczewski. | Anne Marie Walker |
| Approve appointment of Bernadette Wholey, food service helper, at a salary of \$12.82/hr. for 3 hrs. /day, effective December 22, 2015. She has been employed by the District as a substitute food service helper. Ms. Wholey is replacing Maureen Cavanagh. | Bernadette Wholey |
| Approve appointment of Amanda Barone, senior account clerk typist, at a salary of \$41,000 (prorated), effective January 11, 2016. Ms. Barone is transferring from one senior account clerk typist position to another within the Business Office. This position was created at the December 7, 2015 Board Meeting. Ms. Barone is replacing Donna Carroll. | Amanda Barone |
| Approve increase in position for Andrea McClorey, tax collector/benefits clerk, at a salary of \$42,046 (prorated), effective January 4, 2016. This position is being increased due to additional requirements of the Affordable Care Act. It is being changed from a stipend (tax collector), which is paid from September 1 st to November 15 th and an hourly rate (6 hrs. /day benefits position), which is paid from July 1 st to August 31 st and from November 16 th to June 30 th . This increase in position will be a full time salaried position with full time benefits and will no longer receive a yearly stipend and hourly compensation. | Andrea McClorey |
| Approve obsolete equipment – see official minutes | |

CSE/CPSE

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| Subcommittee on Special Education | 11/04/15;113270/Classified |
| | 11/20/15;114858/Classified |
| | 11/04/15;112631/Classified |
| Committee on Special Education | 12/02/15;114088/Classified |
| Committee on Preschool Spec.Ed. | 12/03/15;120243/Classified Preschool |
| | 12/04/15;119455/Classified Preschool |
| Committee on Special Education | 11/30/15;117385/Classified |
| Subcommittee on Special Education | 12/02/15;116287/Classified |
| | 12/02/15;114765/Classified |
| Committee on Special Education | 12/09/15;119740/Classified |
| Subcommittee on Special Education | 11/23/15;119542/Classified PP NR in Dist. |
| Committee on Special Education | 11/16/15;118966/Classified |
| | 12/09/15;120689/Classified |
| | 11/25/15;120650/Classified |
| Committee on Preschool Spec.Ed. | 11/06/15;120581/Classified Preschool |
| Committee on Special Education | 11/25/15;117706/Classified |
| Subcommittee on Special Education | 12/02/15;115438/Classified |
| Committee on Preschool Spec.Ed. | 11/10/15;119482/Classified Preschool |
| Subcommittee on Special Education | 11/16/15;114460/Classified |
| | 11/12/15;114458/Classified |
| | 11/24/15;115902/Classified |
| | 11/19/15;118282/Classified |
| | 11/23/15;116115/Classified |
| | 11/19/15;114313/Classified |
| Committee on Special Education | 11/25/15;118806/Classified |
| Subcommittee on Special Education | 11/12/15;115050/Classified |
| | 11/23/15;113099/Classified |
| Committee on Special Education | 11/23/15;120600/Ineligible |
| Subcommittee on Special Education | 12/07/15;117463/Classified |
| | 12/10/15;119016/Classified |
| | 11/23/15;115917/Classified |
| | 12/04/15;120423/Classified PP NR in Dist. |
| Committee on Preschool Spec.Ed. | 12/09/15;119861/Classified Preschool |
| Subcommittee on Special Education | 11/24/15;112905/Ineligible |
| | 12/02/15;120662/Classified |
| Committee on Special Education | 11/23/15;117579/Classified |
| | 11/25/15;118591/Classified |

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Thomas Mullane, that the Board of Education hereby approves the proposal from LAN Associates Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, LLP (“LAN”), dated December 3, 2015, to provide architectural/engineering services in connection with a roof replacement project (“Roof Area A”) at the Scotchtown Avenue School and authorizes the Board President to execute the proposal letter which will become an Addendum to the Contract between the District and LAN for the 2014-2015 capital improvement projects; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the proposal letter, dated December 3, 2015, shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green updated the Board on meetings that occurred with Mr. Connor and class trip advisors regarding class/school trips. Mrs. Green and Mr. Connor will be meeting with parents of students that will be going on overnight or extended trips this year. They have stated to them that the District will have the right to rescind their approval for trips, at their discretion, based on circumstances at the time of the trip. So far, just a few parents have withdrawn their children from trips. Mr. Connor noted that the Policy Committee will be reviewing current policies regarding student/field trips based on feedback from legal counsel. Discussion continued with reviewing the process of seeking approval for trips, as well as students obtaining trip insurance in the event of canceled trips.

Mr. Miller explained that the Offer of Health Insurance Policy was recommended by legal counsel. The offer of health insurance is going from 70% to 95% of employees. The penalties are great if the District does not comply. To avoid these penalties, the District will offer insurance to every employee. Those that are not covered under collective bargaining or terms and conditions, will be required to pay for the insurance coverage on their own.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Jason Pucci, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the adoption of Offer of Health Insurance, Policy #6510.1.

AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

LAN Proposal for Additional SAS Roof Work

Discussion on Student Trips

Offer of Health Insurance Policy

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Thomas Mullane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves entering into an Agreement with Marilyn McDonald to provide substitute Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant Services, on an as needed basis, for special education students effective December 22, 2015 through close of business on June 26, 2016, in the amount of \$40.00 per hour, for up to 35 hours a week. (see official contract in minutes)

AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Robert McKiernan as Comptroller for the High School Extra-Classroom Activity Account for the 2015-2016 school year, effective January 4, 2016. Mr. McKiernan is replacing Kurtis Kotes, Interim Comptroller for the High School Extra-Classroom Activity Account. There is no stipend for this position.

AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Robert McKiernan as DASA Coordinator for Goshen High School for the 2015-2016 school year, effective January 4, 2016. Mr. McKiernan is replacing Kurtis Kotes, Interim DASA Coordinator for Goshen High School. There is no stipend for this position.

AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Allison Salte, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that an account for the Mentor Club Fund be established within the Extra Classroom Activity Fund at the Middle School and that the Mentor Club Advisor be authorized to sign disbursement orders, receipts and otherwise oversee this account in accordance with District Policy and the Procedures outlined in the New York State Education Department Guidelines entitled, "The Safe Guarding, Accounting and Auditing of Extra Classroom Activity Funds". The faculty advisor is William Rolon and he will not receive a stipend for this position.

AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Thomas Mullane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following accounts within the Extra Classroom Activity Fund at the Middle School be closed due to inactivity: Jason Project, Math-A-Thon and Quiz Bowl.

AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Jeremy Cassel,
BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 21, 2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$9,300,000 BONDS OF THE GOSHEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LIBRARY AT 366 MAIN STREET AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$9,300,000.

WHEREAS, at the Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of Goshen Central School District, Orange County, New York, held on December 2, 2015, a proposition was duly adopted authorizing the construction of a new library at 366 Main Street by the Goshen Public Library, including site improvements, as well as original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and other improvements and costs incidental thereto, at a maximum estimated cost of \$9,300,000, and providing for the levy of a tax therefor to be collected in installments, with obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof; and WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the financing thereof; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Education of Goshen Central School District, Orange County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The maximum estimated cost of the construction of a new library at 366 Main Street by the Goshen Public Library, including site improvements, as well as original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and other improvements and costs incidental thereto, is \$9,300,000.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of such object or purpose consists of the issuance of \$9,300,000 bonds of said School District which are hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law. Such bonds are to be payable from amounts which shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said School District, and the faith and credit of said School District are hereby pledged for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid object or purpose is thirty years, pursuant to subdivision 11 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Substitute Certified
Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Comptroller of
Extraclassroom
Activity Account –
GHS – Robert
McKiernan

DASA Coordinator –
GHS – Robert
McKiernan

Extraclassroom
Activity Fund – CJH –
Mentor Club

Closing Inactive
Extraclassroom
Activity Funds Accts –
CJH

Construction of New
Goshen Public Library
Bond Resolution

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 7. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 8. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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| Mrs. Judith Green | VOTING: <u>AYE</u> |
| Mrs. Martha Bogart | VOTING: <u>AYE</u> |
| Mr. Jeremy Cassel | VOTING: <u>AYE</u> |
| Mr. James Kimiecik | VOTING: <u>AYE</u> |
| Mr. Thomas Mullane | VOTING: <u>AYE</u> |
| Mr. Jason Pucci | VOTING: <u>AYE</u> |
| Mrs. Allison Salte | VOTING: <u>AYE</u> |

AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education schedules an Executive Session on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person(s) or corporation.

AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Schedule Executive Session

Mrs. Green opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

Privilege of the Floor

Mrs. Bogart expressed she enjoyed the Holiday Concert at Scotchtown Avenue School. She is glad to for the after school enrichment programs at Goshen Intermediate School and wondered if perhaps they can be extended to Scotchtown Avenue School.

Board Member Issues

Mr. Freedman noted that Mad Science programs are available at SAS. He would like to see classes in chess and computers.

Mr. Mullane attended both the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony at GHS and National Junior Honor Society Induction ceremony at CJH. He was impressed how smoothly the induction ceremony at CJH was, especially since it was the first time the ceremony was held.

Mrs. Green wished everyone a wonderful holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. on a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Jason Pucci.

Meeting Adjourned

AYES 7 NAYS 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Farrell
District Clerk