

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 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Superintendent of Schools	Mr. Daniel T. Connor
Assistant Superintendent for Business	Mr. Robert Miller
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel and Technology	Mr. Kurtis Kotes
Principals:	Absent
Assistant Principals:	Absent
Elementary Coordinator	Absent
Director of Facilities III	Absent
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	Mr. Gregory Voloshin
Director of PPS	Absent
CSE Chairperson	Absent
Director of Transportation	Absent
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. Judy Green at 7:00 p.m.

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Jeremy Cassel the Board entered Executive Session, with the intent to return, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

The regular meeting was reconvened by President, Mrs. Judy Green at 7:32 p.m. Mrs. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation.

The board received the following correspondence: Correspondence from Shaw, Perelson, May and Lambert, LLP: Filing deadline for the APPR Implementation Certification and related APPR Deadlines; and various newspaper articles

Mrs. Green opened Privilege of the Floor.

There was no President's Report.

There was no Legislative Update.

Mr. Connor introduced to the Board two candidates in attendance who are on the Consent Agenda - Sara Walsh (long-term substitute music teacher) and Andrew Schug (provisional athletic trainer).

Mr. Connor reported he met with Dan Depew, Wallkill Town Supervisor on Thursday, August 4th regarding the Galleria and Target assessments. They have reached a 5-year agreement:

(a) Galleria:

September 2017 – Assessment from \$169M down to \$145M
September 2018 – Assessment from \$145M down to \$125M
September 2019 – Assessment stays at \$125M
September 2020 – Assessment stays at \$125M
September 2021 – Assessment stays at \$125M

- If they sell or make improvements, we can challenge the assessment
- No legal or assessment costs
- Sears is leaving

(b) Target:

\$15 sq. /ft. - original assessment
\$81 sq. /ft. - Town of Wallkill reassessment
\$70 sq. /ft. - Target is looking to reduce to this level

Executive Session

Meeting called to Order

Correspondence

Privilege of the Floor

President's Report

Legislative Update

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Pucci asked Mr. Miller if he knew the approximate dollar value of the loss of revenue regarding the assessments. Mr. Miller advised that he will have an estimate once the tax rates and tax levy are approved at the August 22nd Board Meeting. Once established for the 2016-2017 school year, he can then forecast the future years.

Mr. Connor noted that with 4 school buildings, a transportation building and a Central Office building, the District should look every 4 or 5 years to see how much money is in the capital reserve and determine what projects should be done to help maintain the buildings and support new programs.

Mr. Matthew Milnamow, from LAN Associates, joined the Board to discuss a possible capital project. He reviewed with the Board two project scenarios that were discussed – one from December 2015 and one more recent, that included a new auditorium but was determined to be too cost prohibitive, as a new auditorium receives little building aid. Mr. Milnamow continued to discuss a current scenario that includes the following changes to the High School:

Additions:

- 5 New Classrooms
- STEM Lab
- Nurse's Suite

Renovations to:

- Auditorium
- Music Department – additional practice & storage rooms
- Cafeteria & Kitchen
- Security
- HVAC Upgrades

Site Improvements:

- New Parking Lot & Bus Loop
- Athletic Facility
- Wireless Network Upgrade (\$1.3 million is reimbursable through Smart School Bond Act)

Mr. Milnamow noted that the design of this current project scenario is a fluid. It will be refined as the process moves along. The current scenario is projected to not present a tax increase as of July 1st due to changes in scope from the other scenarios. The timeline presented had a possible March referendum timeframe.

Mr. Miller reported that Nugent & Haeussler was in District on August 8th – August 12th for their audit of 2015-2016 records. The Audit Committee will review the audit as we get closer to the October 15th due date to the State.

Mr. Miller stated that at the August 22nd Board Meeting, the tax rates will be set.

Mrs. Green thanked Mr. Miller for the information on the job descriptions for the Business Office personnel.

The College Board dictates the textbooks that schools must use when teaching Advanced Placement classes. *The Norton Anthology of Short Fiction* is required for the AP English Literature and Composition curriculum. Board policy requires approval of all textbooks. The book is presented to the Board for review, to be considered for adoption at a future Board Meeting.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Thomas Mullane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education schedules and Executive Session for Monday, August 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of work history of a particular employee.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Thomas Mullane, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute a Final Order & Judgment in a tax certiorari and related proceeding captioned *Al Turi Landfill, Inc. v. Town of Goshen and Goshen CSD*, and it is FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the payment as required by the terms of the Final Order and Judgment.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Assistant
Superintendent for
Business' Report

Assistant
Superintendent for
Curriculum,
Instruction, Personnel
and Technology's
Report

Executive Session

Final Order - Tax
Certiorari – Al Turi
Landfill

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Jason Pucci, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute a Consent Order in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned New York Farms, LLC. v. Town of Goshen and Goshen CSD, and it is FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the payment as required by the terms of the Consent Order.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Allison Salte and seconded by Jason Pucci, BY AND BETWEEN THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GOSHEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as “The District” and THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC., LOCAL 1000, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as “The CSEA”; WHEREAS the CSEA and the Employer are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement covering the period July 1, 2015 through June 20, 2018, (hereinafter “CBA”); and WHEREAS pursuant to said CBA the Employer recognizes the CSEA as the sole and exclusive representative for all employees described in Article 2 for the purpose of collective negotiations regarding salaries, wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment under the Taylor Law; and WHEREAS pursuant to the CBA, the CSEA represents all non-instructional employees “who are regularly assigned to work for one hundred seventy (170) days or more between July 1 and June 30 and who is regularly assigned to work for four (4) hours per each said day or more” except the “Business Administrator, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Transportation Supervisor, Transportation Assistant Supervisor, Cafeteria Supervisor, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent, Typist to the Superintendent, Nurse, Payroll Account Clerk, Senior Bookkeeper and Secretary/Account Clerk to the Assistant Superintendent for Business and all titles excluded by P.E.R.B.”

WHEREAS, the District and the Association agree to modify the terms of their CBA as follows:

1. The position of “Athletic Trainer” shall be added to Article 2, “Collective Bargaining Unit” of the CBA.
2. The position of “Athletic Trainer” shall receive all of the terms and conditions of employment set forth in the 2015-2018 Collectively Negotiated Agreement and shall be paid an annual salary of \$40,274.00 on the Athletic Trainer salary schedule.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Michael Lorenzo and seconded by Jason Pucci, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the budgetary transfer dated August 9, 2016 in the amount of \$40,000 as per attached for athletic trainer.

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 approves the budgetary transfer dated August 9, 2016 in the amount of \$35,000 as per attached for ADA Chair Lift Replacement.

AYES-7 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 August 10, 2016 in the amount of \$45,000 as per attached for tracking cafeteria expenses.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Consideration of action item 11.8, approve and accept proposal from Lan for services related to work on bond referendum, will be moved to later in the meeting.

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the execution by the Board President and Superintendent of Schools of the Implementation Certification Form for its Annual Professional Performance Review for classroom teachers and building principals covered pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

AYES-7 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 approves the Consent Agenda as presented.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Accept resignation: Julie Desrats, teacher aide, effective July 22, 2016.

Accept resignation: Kerri Serkes, clerk, effective August 17, 2016.

Consent Order – Tax
Certiorari – New York
Farms

Supplemental
Memorandum of
Agreement with CSEA

Budgetary Transfer

Budgetary Transfer

Budgetary Transfer

Ratification of APPR
Implementation
Certification Form

Consent Agenda:

Julie Desrats

Kerri Serkes

Accept resignation: Kelly Cohen, leave replacement AIS teacher, effective September 1, 2016.	Kelly Cohen
Approve appointment: Kelly Cohen special education teacher at a salary of \$64,254 (MA-5) effective September 1, 2016 with a tenure date of September 1, 2020 and a tenure area in Special Education, subject to the teacher's receipt of composite or overall APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of either Effective or Highly Effective in at least three of the four years preceding tenure conferral. Ms. Cohen has Professional B-2 and 1-6, Professional SWD B-2 and 1-6, and Professional Literacy B-6 certifications. Ms. Cohen is replacing Katherine Loftus.	Kelly Cohen
Approve appointment: Sara Walsh, long-term substitute music teacher, at a salary of \$256.56 / diem (BA-1 on GTA salary schedule), effective on or about September 1, 2016 to approximately November 6, 2016 or until teacher returns. She has Initial Music Education certification. Ms. Walsh is filling the child care leave of absence for Kristen Scully.	Sara Walsh
Approve appointment: Danielle Santoro, long-term substitute teacher, at a salary of \$283.81 / diem (M-1 on GTA salary schedule), effective on or about September 1, 2016 to approximately December 21, 2016 or until teacher returns. She has Permanent N-6 and Permanent SAS certifications. Ms. Santoro is filling the child care leave of absence for Danielle Scarcella.	Danielle Santoro
Approve appointment: Paula Walter, senior payroll clerk, at a salary of \$55,000 (prorated) effective August 29, 2016. Ms. Walter is replacing Lisa Doyle.	Paula Walter
Approve appointment: Andrew Schug, provisional athletic trainer, at a salary of \$40,274 (prorated to 11-month schedule) effective August 16, 2016. Mr. Schug is filling the position created at the August 1, 2016 Board Meeting.	Andrew Schug
Approve appointment: Kathleen Jensen, special education teacher aide at a salary of \$13.20/hr. for 5 ¾ hrs. per day effective September 1, 2016. She has been a long-term substitute teacher aide in the District. Ms. Jensen is replacing Elaine Scherdin.	Kathleen Jensen
Approve appointment: Sara Walsh, substitute teacher at a salary of \$85.00 per diem, as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week effective November 6, 2016. She has Initial Music Education certification.	Sara Walsh
Approve appointment: Maura Mittenbauer, food service helper, at a salary of \$13.20/hr. for 3 hrs. /day, effective September 1, 2016. Ms. Mittenbauer is replacing Carol Quinn.	Maura Mittenbauer
Approve appointment: Christine Sullivan, substitute food service helper, at a salary of \$9.00/hr. as needed, effective September 1, 2016. She can exceed 29 hrs. /week as she works for the District as a bus driver and has insurance.	Christine Sullivan
Approve excessing equipment: Konica Minolta Biz Hub BH421 Copier Serial #AOR6011003873 and Konica Minolta Biz Hub 350 Copier Serial #31139059.	Excessing Copiers
Approve trade-in: Konica Minolta Biz Hub BH421 Copier Serial #AOR6011003873 and Konica Minolta Biz Hub 350 Copier Serial #31139059 at \$100 each to Konica Minolta.	Trade-In Copiers
Approve obsolete equipment disposal.	Obsolete Equipment
On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Thomas Mullane, the Board entered Executive Session at 8:30 p.m., with the intent to return for the purpose of discussing negotiations. AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.	Executive Session
The meeting was reconvened on a motion by Martha Bogart and seconded by Jeremy Cassel at 9:14 p.m. AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.	Meeting Reconvened
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 August 15, 2016, to provide services relating to bond referendum planning which includes: site survey, schematic design, preliminary submission, community engagement and public relations. Total hourly fees for these services will not to exceed \$73,000; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Board President to execute the proposal letter; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the proposal letter, dated August 15, 2016, shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.	LAN Proposal – Bond Referendum Planning

Mrs. Green opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

Privilege of the Floor

A community member asked why much of the focus of the possible capital project is focused at the high school – was it due to age or projected growth? Mrs. Green commented that the school is 40 years old. Not many improvements have been done to the school, except for small improvements in prior capital projects. Mr. Connor further stated that it is time to update the building. Every child eventually passes through the high school before graduating. He noted that this year will see the largest class moving up to the high school. Other areas improvements to the school that the project will address are: 6 additional classrooms to create more educational opportunities (e.g. STEM), adding permanent walls to rooms that were once open classrooms, increasing the fine arts program space, and changes necessary to increase security at the school.

Another community member asked for a sense of what the athletic facility portion of the possible capital project would entail. Mr. Connor responded that there would be improvements to the playing fields, fixed spectator stands would replace current portable stands, a new track, artificial surface installed on playing fields, and improvements to lockerroom/teamroom.

It was also asked if student enrollment projections were done for the possible capital project. Mr. Connor stated that a student enrollment projections are mandatory for a capital project. He noted that enrollment is steady at the moment, but there are two new housing projects beginning/expected within the school district which should increase enrollment.

There were no Board Member issues.

Board Member Issues

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m. on a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Allison Salte, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person, with the intent not to return.

Meeting Adjourned

Executive Session

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Farrell
District Clerk