

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 22, 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  
Absent: 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:	Mr. Jason Carter
	Mr. Henry Freedman (Interim)
Assistant Principals:	Mrs. Patricia Lercara
Elementary Coordinator	Mr. Robert Siracuse (Interim)
Director of Facilities III	Mr. James Riley
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	Mr. Gregory Voloshin
Director of PPS	Mrs. Deirdre Hallinan
CSE Chairperson	Mrs. Marlene Gaynor
Director of Transportation	Absent
Network Administrator	Mr. James Sterett
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 7:02 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 work history of particular person.

AYES-6      NAYS-0      Motion carried.

The regular meeting was reconvened by President, Mrs. Judy Green at 7:26 p.m. Mrs. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation remembering the family of William Carberry, husband of retired employee Noreen Carberry.

The board received the following correspondence: various newspaper articles.

Mrs. Green opened Privilege of the Floor.

Mrs. Green noted the addition of the new teacher orientation luncheon on August 24<sup>th</sup>, as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ice cream social on August 31<sup>st</sup>, to the list of activities that will occur in the coming weeks.

There was a discussion of possible attendance at the NYSSBA Annual Conference which will be held from October 27-29, 2016 in Buffalo. Board Members will finalize whether they would like to attend at the September 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

There was no Legislative Update.

Mr. Connor spoke about the tour of the buildings on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The tour of the facilities will begin at Goshen High School. It will then proceed to Scotchtown Avenue School, Goshen Intermediate School and end at C.J. Hooker Middle School.

Mr. Miller reported on the percentage increase in tax rates over last year:

Goshen	1.45%
Hamptonburgh	0.67%
Walkill	1.13%
Waywayanda	2.14%
Chester	4.27%

Originally, the increase in percentage over last year was estimated to be 2.9%. The numbers came in less than expected due to a decrease in assessment and a decrease in the equalization rate.

Executive Session

Reconvene Meeting

Correspondence

Privilege of the Floor

President's Report

Legislative Update

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent for Business' Report

Mr. Mullane asked Mr. Miller how much the library tax increased over last year. Mr. Miller did not have the number readily available.

Mr. Kotes noted that the Advanced Placement English Literature book presented to the Board at the last meeting, is on the agenda for approval. College Board mandates which books AP students will use.

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Thomas Mullane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

AYES-6                      NAYS-0                      Motion carried.

Accept resignation: Barbara Sfugaras, leave replacement elementary teacher, effective August 19, 2016.

Accept resignation: Larissa Cohen, long-term substitute chemistry teacher, effective August 19, 2016.

Accept resignation: Kathy Kurek, teacher aide, effective August 16, 2016.

Approve appointment: Carol Larca, long-term substitute AIS teacher, at a salary of \$256.56 / diem (B-1 on GTA salary schedule), effective on or about September 1, 2016 to December 23, 2016 or until teacher returns. She has Initial B-2 and 1-6 certifications. Ms. Larca is filling the child care leave of absence for Meghan Castellane.

Approve appointment: Daniel Gallaway, teacher aide at a salary of \$13.20/hr. for 4 hrs. per day effective September 1, 2016. He has been a substitute teacher aide and leave replacement teacher aide in the District. Mr. Gallaway is replacing Julie Descrats.

Approve appointment: Virginia Martin, food service helper, at a salary of \$13.20/hr. for 3 hrs. /day, effective September 1, 2016. Ms. Martin is replacing Nichole Bruce.

Approve appointment: Linda Finnegan, temporary payroll clerk, at a salary differential of \$7.38/hr. for time worked within her normal working schedule of 8 hours per day and \$28.65/hr. for time worked beyond her normal working schedule, effective July 15, 2016 through on or about September 15, 2016, as needed. Ms. Finnegan is temporarily filling the position vacated by Lisa Doyle.

Approve 2016-2017 Compensation for Confidential Staff & Non-Bargaining Staff: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves salary increases for confidential employees and non-bargaining staff, as set forth on the attachment annexed hereto and made a part of this resolution.

#### CSE/CPSE

Subcommittee on Special Education	04/26/16;120373/Classified PP NR
Committee on Special Education	04/26/16;120592/Classified PP NR
Subcommittee on Special Education	04/29/16;119418/Classified
	04/04/16;116686/Classified
	05/05/16;119649/Classified
	04/01/16;115903/Exited
Committee on Special Education	05/04/16;119455/Classified
	04/26/16;119457/Classified PP NR
	05/04/16;119244/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	08/01/16;115815/Classified
	04/18/16;118158/Classified
	04/19/16;120531/Classified
	05/31/16;115756/Classified
	03/30/16;114865/Classified
	04/07/16;118966/Classified
	04/11/16;114680/Classified
Committee on Special Education	05/04/16;119441/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	03/29/16;114993/Classified
Committee on Special Education	06/22/16;119745/Classified
	05/04/16;118410/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	04/01/16;115314/Classified
	03/31/16;116303/Classified

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

Consent Agenda:

Barbara Sfugaras

Larissa Cohen

Kathy Kurek

Carol Larca

Daniel Gallaway

Virginia Martin

Linda Finnegan

2016-2017  
Compensation for  
Confidential Staff &  
Non-Bargaining Staff

Subcommittee on Special Education	03/30/16;115588/Classified
Committee on Special Education	05/04/16;118247/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	04/04/16;120405/Classified
Committee on Special Education	04/26/16;120493/Classified PP NR
Subcommittee on Special Education	06/16/16;115558/Classified
	05/18/16;120442/Classified
	05/04/16;119725/Classified PP NR
Committee on Special Education	06/07/16;118413/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	04/08/16;116631/Classified
	04/01/16;115198/Classified
	05/09/16;117080/Classified
	03/31/16;119289/Classified
	05/10/16;117462/Classified
	04/08/16;115896/Classified
	04/08/16;113753/Classified
	05/04/16;119456/Classified PP NR
	04/08/16;116055/Classified
	05/10/16;115909/Classified
	04/26/16;120527/Classified PP in Dist.
	04/21/16;116680/Classified
	04/18/16;118537/Classified
	04/20/16;114893/Classified
	04/19/16;114215/Classified
Committee on Special Education	06/09/16;118746/Classified
	06/15/16;114979/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	04/12/16;119451/Classified
	05/18/16;116270/Classified
	04/26/16;117573/Classified PP NR
	05/11/16;117479/Classified
	07/11/16;118595/Classified
	04/19/16;113596/Classified
	04/20/16;120566/Classified
	04/04/16;115386/Classified
Committee on Special Education	04/27/16;115739/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	03/08/16;112425/Classified
	06/07/16;115432/Classified
	02/10/16;111117/Classified
	04/26/16;113688/Classified
	02/10/16;119551/Classified
Committee on Special Education	03/08/16;111149/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	05/04/16;119723/Classified PP NR
	04/07/16;113599/Classified
	04/26/16;116037/Classified
	03/30/16;114160/Classified
	03/31/16;115494/Classified
	06/06/16;113324/Classified
	03/29/16;120478/Classified
	04/27/16;114432/Classified
	05/04/16;120368/Classified PP NR
Committee on Special Education	02/10/16;114224/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	03/29/16;114607/Classified
	05/13/16;120767/Classified
Committee on Special Education	03/09/16;114458/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	03/09/16;113283/Classified
	02/18/16;115305/Classified
	06/02/16;114420/Classified
	02/18/16;114666/Classified
	04/04/16;119112/Classified
	04/12/16;115941/Classified
	04/29/16;119063/Exited
	04/12/16;118435/Classified
Committee on Special Education	03/09/16;113158/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	03/10/16;114802/Classified
	04/19/16;116455/Classified
	03/30/16;119185/Classified
	02/22/16;113899/Classified
	03/29/16;115383/Classified
	05/23/16;111232/Classified
	03/29/16;120384/Classified
	04/28/16;120579/Classified

Subcommittee on Special Education	04/18/16;119111/Classified 03/07/16;120617/Classified 03/07/16;113134/Classified 04/11/16;119160/Classified 04/07/16;114251/Classified 04/04/16;114551/Classified
Committee on Special Education	03/09/16;113792/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	02/10/16;113685/Classified 04/26/16;115079/Classified
Committee on Preschool Special Ed.	08/12/16;118392/Classified Preschool
Committee on Special Education	03/09/16;112512/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	03/08/16;112425/Classified 03/08/16;112629/Classified 07/21/16;120688/Classified
Committee on Special Education	04/26/16;116760/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	04/26/16;115431/Classified 04/26/16;111097/Classified
Committee on Special Education	06/09/16;114934/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	04/28/16;117770/Classified 03/31/16;115246/Classified
Committee on Special Education	05/03/16;119367/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	04/12/16;113662/Classified 02/17/16;120479/Classified
Committee on Special Education	03/09/16;113230/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	05/13/16;119913/Classified 07/18/16;120949/Classified 05/24/16;113687/Classified 03/29/16;120478/Classified
Committee on Special Education	06/07/16;118413/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	04/26/16;113315/Classified 02/22/16;114265/Classified 04/13/16;113786/Classified
Committee on Special Education	05/18/16;119881/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	02/17/16;117140/Classified 06/03/16;114157/Classified 05/25/16;113816/Classified PP Outside 04/27/16;118645/Classified 03/18/16;114188/Classified 05/24/16;116670/Classified 04/15/16;115021/Classified
Committee on Special Education	03/09/16;117926/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	03/07/16;116602/Classified 04/20/16;118538/Classified
Committee on Special Education	04/15/16;114755/Classified PP Outside 04/11/16;116830/Classified
Subcommittee on Special Education	04/27/16;112744/Classified 06/09/16;113345/Classified PP Outside

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Michael Lorenzo, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts **The Norton Anthology of Short Fiction, Eighth Edition** edited by Richard Bausch as a component of the Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition course.

AYES-6            NAYS-0            Motion carried.

AP English Literature  
and Composition  
Textbook

On a motion by Martha Bogart and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters at the Annual School Meeting to raise for the current budget of the 2016-2017 school year a sum not to exceed \$67,778,271;

Confirm Tax Roll &  
Authorize Tax Levy

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

<u>Name of Town</u>	<u>Total Assessed Valuations by Town</u>	<u>Equalized Tax Rate by Towns</u>	<u>Total Tax Levy by Town</u>
Chester	\$ 4,620,433	\$36.032707	\$ 166,486.71
Goshen	\$ 889,840,225	\$34.924009	\$ 31,076,788.19
Hamptonburgh	\$ 242,291,013	\$22.700747	\$ 5,500,186.87
Wallkill	\$ 81,980,879	\$103.184573	\$ 8,459,161.96
Wawayanda	\$ 94,047,215	\$33.139571	\$ 3,116,684.34
Omits & Prorats			\$ 26,874.94
TOTAL	\$1,312,779,765	XXX	\$48,346,183.00

#### Goshen Library and Historical Society

<u>Name of Town</u>	<u>Total Assessed Valuations by Town</u>	<u>Equalized Tax Rate by Towns</u>	<u>Total Tax Levy by Town</u>
Chester	\$ 4,620,433	\$0.977030	\$ 4,514.30
Goshen	\$ 889,840,225	\$0.946967	\$ 842,649.71
Hamptonburgh	\$ 242,291,013	\$0.615533	\$ 149,138.03
Wallkill	\$ 81,980,879	\$2.797858	\$ 229,370.88
Wawayanda	\$ 94,047,215	\$0.898582	\$ 84,509.16
Omits & Prorats			\$ 720.92
TOTAL	\$1,312,779,765	XXX	\$1,310,903.00

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, 2016 and end November 3, 2016, 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 Thomas Mullane and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2016-2017 school tax warrant as presented.

AYES-6      NAYS-0      Motion carried.

2016-2017 Tax  
Warrant

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 Terms & Conditions for Central Office of the Goshen Central School District effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

AYES-6      NAYS-0      Motion carried.

Terms & Conditions –  
Central Office

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Jason Pucci, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Terms & Conditions for Department Directors of the Goshen Central School District effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

AYES-6      NAYS-0      Motion carried.

Terms & Conditions -  
Directors

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Jason Pucci, that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute an Addendum Agreement dated August 22, 2016, to the Contract for the Assistant Superintendent for Business, a copy of which agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

AYES-6      NAYS-0      Motion carried.

Addendum Agreement  
– Asst. Superintendent  
for Business

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Jason Pucci, that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute an Addendum Agreement dated August 22, 2016, to the Contract for the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel and Technology, a copy of which agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

AYES-6                      NAYS-0                      Motion carried.

Addendum Agreement – Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel and Technology

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Michael Lorenzo, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the payment of tax certiorari judgment awarded to Campbell Hall Rehabilitation Center, Town of Hamptonburgh (SBL 4-1-41.2) as per the court order entered in the Office of the Clerk of Orange County Supreme Court on June 21, 2016 in the amount of \$22,946.01 for the 2010/2011 school year; \$24,099.11 for the 2011/2012 school year; \$25,101.71 for the 2012/2013 school year; \$49,258.24 for the 2013/2014 school year; \$56,474.47 for the 2014/2015 school year and \$62,325.54 for the 2015/2016 school year for a total of \$240,205.08. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to fund said tax certiorari judgment refund that budgetary appropriations for the 2016/2017 school year be increased by \$240,205.08 (A1964.4051) and that the \$240,205.08 be transferred to the General Fund Budget from the Tax Certiorari Reserve as the offsetting source of revenue.

AYES-6                      NAYS-0                      Motion carried.

Tax Certiorari – Campbell Hall Rehabilitation

Mr. Mullane inquired how the refund doubled in three years. Mr. Miller advised that the trend is to assess by square feet rather than by beds.

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 budgetary transfer dated August 16, 2016 in the amount of \$73,000, as per attached.

AYES-6                      NAYS-0                      Motion carried.

Budgetary Transfer

Mrs. Green opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

Privilege of the Floor

A community member asked for clarification on the Quality Bus transportation contract for athletic services. He thought it was for special education students, as was described on the agenda. He was informed that the “special education” description was in error, that the athletic transportation was for the regular education students.

An educator/community member thanked the Board for their consideration and approval of the additional school psychologist position to help address the needs of the students.

Mr. Pucci asked for an update on a trip to visit a STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) program. Mr. Connor noted that the trip to see the program that is currently in place in the Saratoga Springs school district, is in the process of being scheduled. It is not set yet due to scheduling conflicts. Mrs. Green noted LEGOLAND promotes the STEM program as part of their community involvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. on a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Thomas Mullane.

AYES-6                      NAYS-0                      Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Farrell  
District Clerk