

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 5, 2016 at 7:30 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	Mr. Daniel Connor
Assistant Superintendent for Business	Mr. Robert Miller
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Personnel & Technology	Dr. Kurtis Kotes
Principals:	Mr. Robert McKiernan
	Mr. Jason Carter
	Mr. Henry Freedman (Interim)
Assistant Principals:	Ms. Heather Carman
Elementary Coordinator	Mr. Robert Siracuse (Interim)
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	Dr. Gregory Voloshin
Director of Facilities III	Mr. James Riley
Director of Transportation	Absent
Director of Pupil Personnel Services	Absent
CSE Chairperson	Mrs. Marlene Gaynor
Network Administrators	Absent
Student Representative	Absent
Members of the Faculty, Press and Citizens of the District	

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Mrs. Martha Bogart at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Bogart led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation.

Meeting Called to Order

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Michael Lorenzo, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the draft of the minutes for the meeting of November 21, 2016.

Approval of Minutes

AYES-6 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s Report for September 2016 was acknowledged under Financial Update.

Treasurer’s Report

The board received the following correspondence: Goshen Gladiator Gazette and various newspaper articles.

Correspondence

Mrs. Bogart opened Privilege of the Floor.

Privilege of the Floor

There was no President’s report.

President’s Report

Focus on the federal level is the nomination of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education and the concern with charter schools. On the state level, NYSSBA is requesting an increase in support for public school districts of \$2.0 billion over 2016-17 to support current offerings as well as new and expanded investments in specific programs and services. Also discussed was a 3-year plan to phase in Foundation Aid owed to schools by the state.

Legislative Update

Dr. Kotes presented Laura MacGinitie to the Board. Dr. Laura MacGinitie, physics teacher at Goshen High School, was selected for the prestigious New York State Master Teacher Program (NYSMTP). NYSMTP is a four-year program, and Master Teachers must attend 50 hours per year of professional development that includes meetings with colleagues, presentations, field trips and other high quality growth experiences. The Board congratulated Dr. MacGinitie on her success.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Connor and the Board congratulated Dr. Kotes on recently completing his doctorate program.

Mr. Connor updated the Board on the status of the capital project. LAN has informed us that NYSED has started reviewing the preliminary submission. This review is 3-4 weeks ahead of the time frame LAN had anticipated. After NYSED’s review, Fiscal Advisors will cost out the project. There will be a second public information session on the project January 17, 2017 prior to the regular board meeting.

Mr. Connor reported that at the Superintendent Chief's meeting, they were notified that there will be a double digit increase in health care coverage in the 12-15% range. To help minimize the impact, there will probably be a mid-year increase. Mr. Miller noted that the increases are a nationwide issue being driven by provisions in the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Miller stated that we have a self-insurance plan. A mid-year increase is necessary to make payments and to maintain reserves that are required. The amount of increase is not known at this time, maybe in January, but it will have an effect on the budget. Mr. Pucci inquired if it is against the plan's policy to have a mid-year increase. Mr. Miller responded that the by-laws allow it if needed.

Mr. Miller received a draft proposal from Cooper & Arias to provide testing during their focused internal audit in February 2017. The Audit Committee suggested looking at overtime and leave time (sick, personal and sick time). The proposal will be brought to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

A new law has taken effect allowing a property tax exemption on school tax bills for Cold War Veterans. Our local disabled veterans group had approached the district to adopt this optional exemption. The Board would have to take action by March 1st for it to take effect on the 2017 school taxes. Mr. Miller noted that the alternative veteran's exemptions approved a few years ago did not include the Cold War veterans. He noted that veterans cannot have both exemptions. If a veteran qualifies for both exemptions, the assessor's office would decide which exemption the veteran would receive. Mr. Miller gave a preliminary review of legal counsel's input and numbers from the tax assessor's office to the Board. The Board noted that they are in support of our veterans. The Cold War exemption will be presented to the Board for their consideration in an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Miller reported that he sent another letter to the Goshen Public Library requesting that they update him on their plan for borrowing money through a BAN or a bond to fund their new library construction. He has gotten no response.

Mrs. Danielle Dziedzic-Linguanti joined the Board to give a presentation of the evolution of the Internship Program that she started at the high school 3 years ago:

Quick Facts:

- Program life: 3 years
- 123 applicants
- 91 accepted interns
- Approximately 60+ different Job Sites

Year 1:

- 22 applicants
- 22 interns
- 21 different locations
- Sites included:
 - Willy Gilly Productions
 - ORMC
 - Hudson Valley Investment Bankers
 - Middletown ARC
 - Jack F. Berkowitz Accounting Firm
 - Access Physical Therapy
 - Brady Law Firm
 - OU BOCES
 - Focus Media
 - The Chronicle

Year 2:

- 45 applicants
- 40 interns
- 38 different locations
- Sites included:
 - Lisa Matalucci Photography
 - Brookside Family Dental
 - Elant/Glen Arden
 - Orange County Veterinary Hospital
 - Rand Realty
 - Children's Rights Society
 - Prime Care Physical Therapy
 - Subtle Energies
 - West Hills Country Club
 - Advance Testing Company

Assistant
Superintendent for
Businesses' Report

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

Year 3:

- 56 applicants
- 29 interns
- 26 different locations
- Sites included:
 - Catskill Orange Orthopedics
 - Goshen Pediatrics
 - Presidential Container
 - MJS Engineering
 - Orange Physical Therapy
 - Orange County Department of Finance
 - Circleville Fire Department
 - Pets Alive
 - Ostrer & Associates Law Office

Testimonials from former interns:

- “Your internship class landed me my first job.”
- “I had my interview this morning...With your training and preparation, I killed it.”
- “While it’s not extremely relevant...my internship did help me in a lot of ways and a lot of what I experienced in it helped me arrive at the decision to go into politics, philosophy and law.”
- “My resume is now a template...” “I’ve had two internships offered to me...thanks to my resume and interview skills.”

Community responses:

- LAN Associates - “We may hire Chris Chudy (former intern) for a summer internship when he returns from his first year at SUNY Buffalo.”
- Nan from Willy Gilly Productions - “I told her how great your program was!”
- Stephen Napoliano, Accounting Tax Business Advisor - “Katie is working out fine. We have employed her as well.” “This is a great program for us...”
- Jonathan Scarinzi, Webutuck School District - “Very impressed with the work program that has been established at your school.”
- Marissa Frederick, Orange County Department of Finance - “...cannot give enough positive feedback about Raffaele. He is hard-working, super bright and very dedicated.” “Thank you for sending Raffaele to us.”

Conclusion: Program Direction

- WBL extension
- State approved program
- Continuous community outreach
 - Rotary
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Orange County Transition Council Meeting
- Area schools=competition (harder for student placement)
- Advisory board
- Constant contact and communication

Some of the students in the Internship Program spoke to the Board about the wonderful experiences they have encountered. Dr. Kotes noted that since starting with the district, Mrs. Dziedzic-Linguanti has reinvented the business programs at the high school making them high quality programs for the students.

Mr. Mullane would like to see the Internship Program expanded. There is a growing interest in this program. He sees this as a valuable class in that it helps student realize whether they like or dislike a profession before they study it in college. Dr. Kotes noted that Mrs. Dziedzic-Linguanti is in the process of obtaining a Workplace Learning Certification. If she becomes certified and the school becomes certified, the high school can be a school that can offer CTE Certification on diplomas. Dr. Kotes went on to say that having a strong internship program will also help with the Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) program as well. This will help expand the amount of teachers who would be able to contribute to the program, making it more of a school-wide effort.

The Board thanked Mrs. Dziedzic-Linguanti for updating them on the Internship Program.

Mrs. Green joined the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Approve child care leave of absence: Carmina Villegas, social studies teacher, is requesting a child care leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective approximately February 13, 2017 through on or about May 15, 2017.	Carmina Villegas
Approve extension of child care leave of absence: Jill Klos, elementary teacher, is requesting an extension of her child care leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective January 3, 2016 through on or about March 28, 2017.	Jill Klos
Approve change of appointment: Kimberly Clark, elementary leave replacement, from long-term substitute to leave replacement, at a salary of \$56,762 prorated (M-1 on GTA salary schedule), effective December 6, 2016 to on or about March 28, 2017. She has Initial B-2 and Initial 1-6 certifications. Ms. Clark is filling the child care leave of absence for Jill Klos.	Kimberly Clark
Approve change of appointment: Danielle Santoro, elementary leave replacement, from long-term substitute to leave replacement, at a salary of \$56,762 prorated (M-1 on GTA salary schedule), effective December 19, 2016 to on or about June 30, 2017. She has Permanent N-6 and Permanent SAS certifications. Ms. Santoro is currently filling the child care leave of absence for Danielle Scarcella and will fill in the child care leave of absence for Jennifer Cestare when Ms. Scarcella's ends.	Danielle Santoro
Approve appointment: Brenda Baker, substitute school bus driver, at a salary of \$19.52/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective December 6, 2016.	Brenda Baker
Approve appointment: Mildred Ardisana, substitute teacher aide, at a salary of \$9.00/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective December 6, 2016.	Mildred Ardisana
Approve appointment: Alissa Smith, substitute teacher aide, at a salary of \$9.00/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective December 6, 2016.	Alissa Smith
Approve appointment: Suela Marku, substitute teacher aide, at a salary of \$9.00/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective December 6, 2016.	Suela Marku
Approve appointment: Lynette Lutz, substitute teacher aide, at a salary of \$9.00/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective December 6, 2016.	Lynette Lutz
Approve appointment: Judith Feragola, substitute teacher aide, at a salary of \$9.00/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective December 6, 2016.	Judith Feragola
Approve appointment: Christina Weiss, substitute teacher aide, at a salary of \$9.00/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective December 6, 2016.	Christina Weiss
Approve appointment: Catalina Caizaluisa, substitute teacher aide, at a salary of \$9.00/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective December 6, 2016.	Catalina Caizaluisa
Approve appointment: Jacqueline Gill, substitute teacher aide, at a salary of \$9.00/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective December 6, 2016.	Jacqueline Gill
Approve appointment: Regina Torino, substitute food service helper, at a salary of \$9.00/hr., as needed, not to exceed 29 hours per week, effective December 6, 2016.	Regina Torino
Approve appointment: Terence McPike, Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach effective for the 2016-2017 school year.	Terence McPike

CSE/CPSE

- Subcommittee on Special Education 11/16/16;117486/Classified
- Committee on Preschool Special Ed 11/21/16;119820/Classified Preschool
- Subcommittee on Special Education 11/15/16;120445/Classified
- 11/08/16;117611/Classified
- 11/14/16;117610/Classified
- Committee on Special Education 10/31/16;120560/Classified
- Subcommittee on Special Education 11/10/16;117127/Classified
- 11/15/16;119645/Classified
- 11/15/16;115878/Classified
- Committee on Special Education 11/07/16;120365/Classified PP NR
- 11/09/16;121234/Classified
- Subcommittee on Special Education 11/14/16;120478/Classified
- 11/15/16;114433/Classified
- 11/15/16;117278/Classified
- 10/27/16;115220/Classified
- 11/17/16;115987/Classified
- Committee on Special Education 10/17/16;121202/Classified
- Subcommittee on Special Education 11/10/16;121178/Classified PP NR
- 10/06/16;120527/Classified PP in Dist.
- 10/19/16;116680/Classified
- 11/08/16;120517/Classified
- 11/08/16;118139/Classified
- 11/16/16;114979/Classified
- 11/16/16;121041/Classified

CSE/CPSE
Recommendations

On a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, WHEREAS, the Board of Education for the Goshen Central School District (“Board of Education”) has under consideration a capital project consisting of district-wide IT infrastructure upgrades at all of the buildings, and proposed addition, renovations and other improvements to Goshen High School located at 222 Scotchtown Avenue in the Village of Goshen hereinafter referred to as the “Proposed Action”; and

Declaration of
Negative Impact Under
SEQRA

WHEREAS, the Board of Education proposes to use funds allocated to the Goshen Central School District through the Smart Schools Bond Act (“SSBA”) for the Proposed Action, as well as, capital reserve funds and to issue obligations (bonds and notes); and

WHEREAS, prior to deciding to directly undertake, fund or approve any Proposed Action, the Board of Education is required by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) to make a determination with respect to the environmental impact of any “Action” (as defined by SEQRA) and the Board of Education wishes to comply with the requirements of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA the Proposed Action is classified as “Unlisted” for the purposes of this review; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Board of Education notified other Involved Agencies of its intent to serve as Lead Agency for the SEQRA for this Unlisted Action in a Notice of Intent circulated on October 20, 2016 by mail; and

WHEREAS, no Involved Agencies objected to the Board of Education serving as Lead Agency for this Action within the allotted 30-day period; and

WHEREAS, consultants for the Board of Education have prepared Part 1 and Part 2 of the Long Environmental Assessment Form;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education that:

1. Based on a review of the full Environmental Assessment Form and pursuant to the criteria of 6 NYCRR-617.7(c) for determining significance of a Proposed Action, the Board of Education determines that the renovation and expansion of Goshen High School and District-Wide IT Infrastructure Improvements will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and an environmental impact statement will not be required. The determination of significance has been set forth in a written form containing reasoned elaboration and is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education shall hereby forward an official copy of this resolution to the New York State Education Department and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Mrs. Bogart asked for a roll call:

Michael Lorenzo	Voting: Aye
Jason Pucci	Voting: Aye
Thomas Mullane Martha Bogart	Voting: Aye
Allison Salte	Voting: Aye
Jeremy Cassel	Voting: Aye
Judy Green	Voting: Aye
Martha Bogart	Voting: Aye

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Thomas Mullane, that pursuant to the requirements of Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2.9 of the Regents Rules, the following person, has completed all of the required training to be re-certified by this Board of Education as “Lead Evaluators” for classroom teachers:

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| Kurtis Kotes | Jason Carter |
| Henry Freedman | Heather Carman |
| Patricia Lercara | William Rolon |
| Gregory Voloshin | Deirdre Hallinan |
| Marlene Gaynor | Robert McKiernan |
| Robert Siracuse | |

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, the Board of Education adopts the Board Goals and Objectives dated for the 2016-2017 through 2017-2018 school years as presented.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Judy Green, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education enters an Agreement with Fior Flores to provide Spanish Translation Services for special education students effective for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$15.00 per hour. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreement.

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 accepts the bid award to MDS HVACR, Inc. in the amount of \$95.00/hr. with an overtime rate of \$142.50/hr., holiday rate of \$142.50/hr., travel charge of \$25.00 per call and 15% mark up on parts effective December 16, 2016 through December 15, 2017.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Michael Lorenzo and seconded by Allison Salte, that the Board of Education of Goshen Central School District accepts the insurance recovery check from NYSIR in the amount of \$5,210.67 for bus damage caused by a collision with a deer. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes increasing the 2016-2017 budgetary appropriations by \$5,210.67 and appropriates these monies to account code A 5510.40822. The offsetting revenue account code A2680 shall also be increased by \$5,210.67.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

On a motion by Jeremy Cassel and seconded by Thomas Mullane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the assessment corrections as specified by the Orange County Supreme and County Courts as summarized and to direct the Tax Collector to take the necessary actions in accordance with Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) for Darin Scott (Goshen) SBL 17-2-10 in the amount of \$304.90; Tessa Smyth (Goshen) SBL 10-1-84 in the amount of \$503.99; Bienvenido Carretero (Goshen) SBL 6-3-4.2 in the amount of \$350.82; Cecelia Chouinard (Goshen) SBL 13-2-29 in the amount of \$361.58; Michael Iamartino (Goshen) SBL 17-2-43 in the amount of \$170.38; Juli-Ann Degiullo (Goshen) SBL 17-3-38 in the amount of \$1,879.64; Hristos Pavlidis (Goshen) SBL 1273-26 in the amount of \$600.83; Joseph & Kristine Racanelli (Goshen) SBL 17-2-11 in the amount of \$1,210.64; Magdy Ghaly (Goshen) SBL 125-1-25 in the amount of \$765.85 and Mark Leeds (Goshen) SBL 112-8-2 in the amount of \$358.71 for the 2016/2017 tax year.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Re-Certification as Lead Evaluators for Classroom Teachers

2016-2017 Board Goals & Objectives

Spanish Translation – Fior Flores

HVAC & Refrigeration Service Bid Award – MDS HVACR, Inc.

NYSIR Insurance Recovery

SCARs

On a motion by Allison Salte and seconded by Jason Pucci, upon the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education reschedules the start time of the January 17, 2017 Board Meeting to 8:00 p.m. to allow for a Public Information Session for discussion of a Capital Project, which will begin prior to the regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Reschedule Start Time
of 1/19/17 BOE
Meeting

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Cooper Arias, LLP proposals/engagements letters for the updated 2016-2017 Risk Assessment as presented.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Cooper & Arias Risk
Assessment &
Monitoring

Mrs. Bogart opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

Privilege of the Floor

Mrs. Green mentioned the passing of Naomi Goldberg, former social studies teacher, who was remembered as a very generous person with students and colleagues.

Board Member Issues

Mr. Connor informed the Board that Central Office and administrators were collecting holiday gifts for a Goshen family in need. He also noted that the food drives at the schools were a tremendous success that benefited the Goshen community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Allison Salte.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

Mrs. Bogart thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Farrell
District Clerk