

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 Tuesday, February 21, 2017 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. William Rolon
	Mr. Jason Carter
	Mr. Henry Freedman (Interim)
Assistant Principals:	Ms. Heather Carman
Elementary Coordinator	Mr. Robert Siracuse (Interim)
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	Absent
Director of Facilities III	Mr. James Riley
Director of Transportation	Mrs. Donna Post
Director of Pupil Personnel Services	Mrs. Deirdre Hallinan
CSE Chairperson	Mrs. Marlene Gaynor
Network Administrators	Mr. James Sterett
Student 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 7:29 p.m. Mrs. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation.

Meeting Called to Order

On a motion by Thomas Mullane 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 February 6, 2017.

Approval of Minutes

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

The board received the following correspondence: O/U BOCES Save-the Date Budget Presentation Dinner notice; note of appreciation for holiday donation and various newspaper articles.

Correspondence

Mrs. Green opened Privilege of the Floor.

Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Rolon thanked Robert Quinn for filling in the childcare leave of absence of Lynette DeJesus, who was filling in the childcare leave of Emma Arnoff, social worker at C.J. Hooker Middle School. It was a challenge finding a replacement for this absence. Mr. Rolon recognized Robert Quinn for fabulous effort.

At 7:31 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 employment history of a particular person.

Executive Session

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

At 7:47 p.m., on a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Michael Lorenzo the Board reconvened the regular meeting.

Reconvene Meeting

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

There was no president's report.

President's Report

Mrs. Bogart shared with the Board that the legislative session in Albany was cancelled due to snow and it may not be rescheduled.

Legislative Report

Mr. Connor mentioned that it was announced today that the governor would have a budget by the end of the month. Shortly thereafter, we will adopt a budget. There are a number of issues that are not yet finalized that will affect our budget: number of teacher retirements, amount for TRS, state aid amount, and the increase of health care costs. Health care costs may increase as much as 26%.

Until we get to the end of March, it will be difficult to have firm numbers. We will have to adopt a budget in a couple of weeks after that. The principals have a list of contingency items they would like add to the budget if possible.

Mr. Miller stated that at the last BOCES health care meeting, the committee decided not to go with an end of year increase for health insurance. He suggested that they do not make that their final decision. Mr. Miller noted that the committee is hoping a RFP for prescriptions will end up reducing the possible 26% health insurance increase by 5%.

Mr. McKiernan informed the Board that senior Nina Pasquini has been recognized as a U.S. Presidential Scholar. He also reported on the Goshen Greats Breakfast, which took place February 8th, to recognize the achievements of 9 high school students.

Mr. Miller informed the Board that the process is underway for procuring the bonds, approved by voters, for the new Goshen Public Library building.

The State Comptroller's Office will wind up their audit at the end of February.

The Audit Committee was given a draft of Cooper & Arias internal audit. There were no exceptions noted in the report. The Audit Committee decided to meet March 6th at 6:00 p.m. to review the report.

Dr. Kotes reported on aligning the K-6 math curriculum and the products available to meet this objective. The district is currently assessing three products by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: *Math in Focus*, *Go Math* and *Singapore Math*. The goal is to have a decision on which product to use by year-end. The curriculum will be fully rolled out over a three-year period. Mr. Pucci inquired as to the lifespan of the products. Dr. Kotes responded in perpetuity, as long as there are no curriculum changes by Albany.

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 Consent Agenda as presented.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Accept resignation: Mary Quarry, teacher aide, effective February 13, 2017.

Approve childcare leave of absence: Ian Mahony, special education elementary teacher, is requesting a childcare leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective approximately March 20, 2017 through on or about April 18, 2017.

Approve medical leave of absence: John Holland, school bus monitor, is requesting a leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective approximately January 30, 2017 through on or about June 30, 2017.

Approve medical leave of absence: Rondell Gauthier, teacher aide, is requesting a leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective approximately January 18, 2017 through on or about March 8, 2017.

Approve extension of medical leave of absence: Marc Pizzo, unified arts teacher, is requesting an extension of his medical leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, if eligible, effective February 6, 2017 through on or about February 28, 2017.

Approve creating position: special education 1:1 teacher aide, to meet the requirements of a student's IEP, effective February 21, 2017.

Approve creating position: speed & agility training club advisor, effective September 1, 2016, for the 2016-2017 school year. This position will be paid from co-curricular stipends.

Approve amending appointment: Julia Chiarot, science teacher at a salary of \$79.08/period, per GTA contract, effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. She will be teaching 1 extra class every 6 days in a 6-day cycle rotation for the 2016-2017 school year.

Approve appointment: Iveta Petrova, senior account clerk at a salary of \$37,194 (prorated) (Step A of the CSEA salary schedule) effective March 6, 2017. Ms. Petrova is replacing Kathleen Metrock-Martinez.

Approve appointment: John Schepps, Speed & Agility Training Club Advisor under Schedule B – A.5 at Goshen High School at a stipend of \$2,143.00, effective for the 2016/2017 school year.

Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent for Business' Report

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

Consent Agenda:

Mary Quarry

Ian Mahony

John Holland

Rondell Gauthier

Marc Pizzo

Create Position: special education 1:1 teacher aide

Create Position: speed & agility training club advisor

Julia Chiarot

Iveta Petrova

John Schepps

Approve appointment: Susan Ellis, long-term substitute teacher aide, at a salary of \$13.20/hr. for 5¾ hours per day, effective February 21, 2017 through March 18, 2017 approximately or until the teacher aide returns. Ms. Ellis is filling the leave of Nancy Bowen.

Susan Ellis

Approve increase in hours: Joanne Donovan, teacher aide, increase in hours from 5 ¼ hours per day to 5 ¾ hours per day, effective February 13, 2017. Ms. Donovan is replacing Mary Quarry.

Joanne Donovan

Approve extra compensation: Christopher Cagna, special education teacher at a salary of \$79.08/ period, per GTA contract, effective February 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017. He will be teaching an extra class, every other day, for the remainder of 2016-2017 school year, to meet the needs of the special education students in Learning Lab.

Christopher Cagna

Approve disposal of obsolete equipment.

Obsolete Equipment

CSE/CPSE

CSE/CPSE

- Subcommittee on Special Education 01/12/17;117190/Classified
- 01/04/17;118595/Classified
- Committee on Special Education 02/02/17;116460/Classified
- Subcommittee on Special Education 01/04/17;118664/Classified
- 01/20/17;120326/Classified
- Committee on Preschool Special Ed 02/08/17;121333/Classified Preschool
- 02/07/17;121229/Classified Preschool NS
- Committee on Special Education 01/20/17;118408/Classified
- Subcommittee on Special Education 01/06/17;119047/Classified
- 12/21/16;119385/Classified
- 02/07/17;121380/Classified
- Committee on Special Education 01/18/17;121299/Classified
- Subcommittee on Special Education 01/31/17;114433/Classified
- Committee on Special Education 12/14/16;121177/Exited
- 01/18/17;121319/Classified
- 01/06/17;120321/Classified
- Committee on Preschool Special Ed 02/15/17;119639/Classified Preschool
- Committee on Special Education 02/01/17;121326/Classified
- Subcommittee on Special Education 01/19/17;114313/Classified
- Committee on Special Education 11/23/16;121225/Classified
- Subcommittee on Special Education 02/07/17;118132/Classified
- Committee on Preschool Special Ed 01/26/17;121253/Classified Preschool NS
- Subcommittee on Special Education 01/26/17;118275/Classified
- Committee on Special Education 01/12/17;116413/Classified
- Committee on Preschool Special Ed 02/06/17;120358/Classified Preschool

Recommendations

On a motion by Jason Pucci and seconded by Thomas Mullane, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the re-adoption of the *Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance Policy #5630*.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Re-adoption of the *Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance Policy #5630*

On a motion by Allison Salte and seconded by Jeremy Cassel, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, nominates Lawrence Berger for re-election and nominates Martha Bogart for re-election to the Orange-Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Nominations for O-U BOCES Board

The Board discussed a dedication for Paul Wright, former music teacher/musical director of 30 years. For a dedication, they considered either a plaque to be displayed in the vestibule leading into C.J. Hooker’s auditorium, where Paul Wright held the musical productions, or naming the auditorium after Mr. Wright. After reviewing Mr. Wright’s career with Goshen Schools, they determined naming the auditorium after him would be the most fitting. The dedication ceremony will occur May 12th or 13th, when C.J. Hooker will be performing their musical production.

Dedication of C.J. Hooker Auditorium – Paul Wright

Budget Request 2017-2018 for K-12:

2017-2018 Budget Presentation – K-12

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Goshen Central School District is to create lifelong learners who demonstrate personal well-being and civic responsibility. Our mission is accomplished through the knowledgeable professionals who provide a quality education for our students and who themselves are lifelong learners. Our welcoming and supportive school environment provides a student centered, standards-based curriculum that is relevant, challenging, and instills an appreciation for learning that will last a lifetime.

K – 12 Proposed Costs: Administrative, Contractual, Furniture & Equipment, Supplies, Library, Guidance, and Textbooks

\$ 800,114 - Program
 \$1,051,976 - GHS – BOCES/NYSED Requirements
\$1,852,090 - GRAND TOTAL

Scotchtown Proposed Program Costs

	2016-2017 Approved	2017-18 Proposed
Admin.	\$33,600	\$33,600
Contractual	\$1,450	\$1,450
Furniture & Equipment	\$10,400	\$10,400
Supplies	\$46,440	\$47,256
Library	\$8,300	\$8,288
Textbooks	\$16,077	\$32,038
Total	\$116,267	\$133,032

GIS Proposed Program Costs

	2016-2017 Approved	2017-18 Proposed
Admin.	\$32,950	\$32,950
Contractual	\$4,850	\$4,850
Furniture & Equipment	\$12,200	\$14,200
Supplies	\$36,200	\$36,200
Library	\$9,885	\$9,823
Textbooks	\$23,200	\$37,863
Total	\$119,285	\$135,886

CJH Proposed Program Costs

	2016-2017 Approved	2017-18 Proposed
Admin.	\$39,500	\$39,500
Contractual	\$32,650	\$32,650
Furniture & Equipment	\$13,050	\$15,050
Supplies	\$43,680	\$47,150
Library	\$6,781	\$6,731
Guidance	\$3,435	\$3,435
Textbooks	\$39,901	\$39,436
Total	\$178,997	\$183,952

GHS Proposed Program Costs

	2016-2017 Approved	2017-18 Proposed
Admin.	\$73,508	\$73,508
Contractual	\$48,136	\$48,136
Furniture & Equipment	\$28,765	\$29,275
Supplies	\$82,618	\$83,068
Library	\$26,624	\$27,097
Guidance	\$29,078	\$27,910
Textbooks	\$58,250	\$58,250
Total	\$341,227	\$347,244

GHS – BOCES/NYSED Requirements

	2016-2017 Proposed	2017-18 Proposed
Occ Ed BOCES	\$1,019,799	\$1,021,976
Alternate HS BOCES	\$30,000	\$30,000
Total	\$1,049,799	\$1,051,976

The Board thanked the principals for their budget presentation.

Mrs. Green opened the second Privilege of the Floor.

Privilege of the Floor

There were no Board Member issues.

Board Member Issues

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. on a motion by Thomas Mullane and seconded by Allison Salte.

Meeting Adjourned

AYES-7 NAYS-0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Green reminded everyone that the capital project vote is Tuesday, February 28, 2017. She thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Farrell
District Clerk