

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of the Scotia-Glenville Central School District was held in the Cafeteria of the Middle School, in said district on Monday, July 14, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Cathleen Smith, District Clerk, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Boucher Furnish, Roberts, Lape, Singh, K. Talbot, H. Talbot, Torelli, Superintendent Swartz, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Arket, Business Manager Giaquinto and District Clerk Busman

Absent: Carbone

District Clerk Smith noted that the Constitutional Oath of Office had been administered to newly elected Board members Torelli, K. Talbot and Student Board Member Lape.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

Ms. Smith called for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year.

Mr. Roberts nominated Mr. Talbot for the office of President, SECONDED by Ms. Boucher Furnish. Ms. Smith called for any other nominations. There were no other nominations

ROLL CALL  
H. TALBOT: 6  
OPPOSED: 0

Mr. Talbot was elected President of the Board of Education for 2025-2026.

**ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF BOARD FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

Ms. Boucher Furnish nominated Ms. Talbot for the office of Vice-President, SECONDED by Mr. Roberts. There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL  
K. TALBOT: 6  
OPPOSED: 0

Ms. Talbot was elected Vice-President of the Board of Education for 2025-2026.

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by Singh, that the Board of Education approve the following items:

**APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

- a. Appointment of Sheri Tyrell as District Treasurer for the 2025-2026 school year in accordance with her individual contract.
- b. Appointment of Christine Carusone as Deputy Treasurer of the School District for the 2025-2026 school year in accordance with her individual contract.

- c. Appointment of Cathleen Smith as School District Clerk for the 2025-2026 school year in accordance with her individual contract.
- d. Resolved that the school taxes for the portion of the school district situated in the Town of Glenville be collected by the Town Receiver of Taxes, as provided by the Town Law.
- e. Appointment of Andrew Giaquinto as the Receiver of School Taxes for the portion of the school district situated in the Town of Amsterdam, Montgomery County, and the Town of Charlton, Saratoga County.
- f. Appointment of Andrew Giaquinto as School District Purchasing Agent for the 2025-2026 school year with no additional remuneration.
- g. Appointment of Susan Swartz and Rick Arket as Sexual Harassment Compliance Officers and Title IX/EEOC Hearing Officers for the 2025-2026 school year, with no additional remuneration.
- h. Appointment of Rick Arket as Districtwide DASA Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year, with no additional remuneration.
- i. Appointment of Jill Bush as Districtwide Workplace Violence Prevention Coordinator for the 2025-2026 school year, with no additional remuneration.
- j. Appointment of Andrew Giaquinto as Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPA) Compliance Officer and Medicaid Compliance Officer for the 2025-2026 school year with no additional remuneration.
- k. Appointment of Catie Magil as Section 504 Rehabilitation Officer for the 2025-2026 school year with no additional remuneration.
- l. Appointment of Andrew Giaquinto, School Business Manager, as Trustee for the Schoharie Area Workers' Compensation Plan and designate the District Treasurer, Sheri Tyrell, as Alternate Trustee for the Schoharie Area Workers' Compensation Board.
- m. Appointment of Andrew Giaquinto as Trustee for the Capital Area School Health Insurance Consortium, and designate Christine Carusone as Alternate Trustee for the Capital Area School Health Insurance Consortium.
- n. Appointment of Doris Munro as Internal Claims Auditor at the hourly rate of \$41.35 an hour for the 2025-2026 school year.
- o. Appointment of Trevor Cooper as LEA Asbestos Designee (AHERA).
- p. Appointment of Dr. Audra Hanley as AED Medical Coordinator.
- q. Appointment of Christopher Maher and Martin Bailey as District Residency Officers at the hourly rate of \$32.00 an hour for the 2025-2026 school year.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6  
NOES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by K. Talbot, that the Board of Education approve the following items:

Ms. Boucher Furnish mentioned she would approve b. and c. as the appointments for the district during the organizational meeting, but she was going to have questions about the agreement themselves at the regular meeting, the board proceeded with the approval of the following items:

- a. Appointment of Saratoga Hospital, specifically, Dr. Christopher Buff, Dr. Audra Hanley and Dr. Robert Halbig as Chief Medical Inspectors and School District Physicians, for the 2025-2026 school year at an annual stipend of \$37,800, in accordance with the agreement dated 7/1/2025 and further authorize the Superintendent of Schools and President of the Board to sign said agreement.
- b. Appointment of Girvin & Ferlazzo, P. C. as School District Attorneys for the 20254-20265 school year as per the agreement effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
- c. Appointment of Honeywell Law Firm, PLLC, as School District Attorneys for the 2025-2026 school year as per the agreement effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
- d. Appointment of West & Co. to conduct the annual independent audit of the school district's records and accounts.
- e. Appointment of Cathleen Smith as Records Management Officer and Records Access Officer for purposes of the New York State Access to Records Law at no additional remuneration.
- f. Appointment of Rick Arket as Student Records Access Officer for purposes of complying with the Buckley Amendment at no additional remuneration.
- g. Appointment of Susan Swartz and Rick Arket as Administrative Residency Officers at no additional remuneration.
- h. Appointment of Megan Johnson as Data Protection Officer, in accordance with the implementation of Education Law 2-d, with no additional remuneration.
- i. Appointment of Voting Delegate to the Scotia-Glenville PTA (Parent Teachers Association) Council and alternate:

Chad Roberts – delegate

Karnjit Singh – alternate

- j. Appointment of Extraclassroom Activity Fund Treasurers and Auditors for the 2025-2026 school year, as follows, with no additional remuneration:

School \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer

Auditor

High School  
Middle School

Francesca Cowdry  
Terri McKenzie

Ryan Fedele  
Liesl Falcon

Alternate Extraclassroom Activity Fund Treasurer for the Senior High School and Middle School  
– Sheri Tyrell

- k. Appointment of Karnjit Singh as Board of Education representative to the District's Health & Safety Committee.
- l. Appointment of Asset Coordinators for the 2025-2026 school year, with no additional remuneration:

District Coordinator- Bobbie DeLong  
District Office/Buildings & Grounds- Kyle Garcelon  
Bus Garage- Clara Bisailon  
Senior High School- Peter Bednarek  
Middle School- Robert Cosmer  
Glendaal Elementary- Tom Eagan  
Glen-Worden Elementary- Andrea Polikoski  
Lincoln Elementary- John Geniti  
Sacandaga Elementary- Tonya Federico

- m. Appointment of AED Coordinators for the 2025-2026 school year, with no additional remuneration:

Districtwide AED Coordinator- Lori DeSio  
Senior High School- Caitlin Cerny  
Middle School- Lyndsey Gannon  
Glendaal- Bonnie Lange  
Glen-Worden- Lori DeSio  
Lincoln- Kim Mastroianni  
Sacandaga- Nicole Stuart  
B & G/Transportation/District Office- Kyle Garcelon

- n. Appointment of DASA (Dignity for All Students Act) Coordinators for the 2025-2026 school year with no additional remuneration.

Senior High School- Peter Bednarek, Ryan Fedele  
Middle School- Robert Cosmer, Mark McCarthy  
Glendaal Elementary- Tom Eagan, Tracy Clark  
Glen-Worden Elementary- Andrea Polikoski, Kelly Marsh  
Lincoln Elementary- John Geniti, Erica Cullen  
Sacandaga Elementary- Tonya Federico, Lindsay Seager

- o. Appointment of Mike Torelli, Pam Carbone and Chad Roberts as the Board representatives to work on Board Policies with the Superintendent, the District legal team and Erie BOCES Board Policy Service and to also be the Legislative Advocates for the Board.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Torelli, that the Board of Education approve the following times:

**DESIGNATIONS**

- a. Designate the below as the official depositories for the deposit of all monies received by the School District.

- 1. Depositories:

- J.P. Morgan Chase:

- Concentration Account
    - General Fund Checking
    - General Fund-Premier Money Market
    - Payroll Account
    - Capital Fund-Premier Account

- Class-MBIA Asset Management:

- Capital Fund
    - General Fund
    - Scholarship & Award
    - Unemployment Reserve
    - Tax Certification
    - Retirement Reserve
    - Workers Compensations
    - Reserve for Debt
    - Employee Benefit Reserve
    - Repair Reserve

- Metropolitan Commercial Bank:

- General Fund
    - Scholarship & Award
    - Unemployment Reserve
    - Tax Certification
    - Retirement Reserve
    - Workers Compensations
    - Reserve for Debt
    - Employee Benefit Reserve
    - Repair Reserve

- 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Scotia:

- Business Checking
    - Municipal NOW Account
    - Municipal Money Market

High School-Extra Classroom Activity Fund-two accounts  
Middle School-Extra Classroom Activity Fund-one account  
School Lunch

Certificates of Deposit and Money Market Accounts

(Board Approved Banks)  
1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Scotia  
JP Morgan Chase  
Bank of Greene County  
Metropolitan Commercial Bank

- b. Designate Andrew Giaquinto as the school district official responsible for certification of payrolls.
- c. Designate the Daily Gazette as the official newspaper of the district for the 2025-2026 school year.
- d. Designate Kimberly Boucher Furnish as Legislative Liaison for the 2025-2026 school year.
- e. Designate the following board members to serve on the Audit Committee:

Hal Talbot                      M. Torelli                      K. Talbot

Designate Hal Talbot as Chairperson for the Audit Committee.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Singh, that the Board of Education approve the following items:

**AUTHORIZATIONS**

- a. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager to sign agreements with the State of New York in connection with the operation of the Child Nutrition Program in the schools of this district and that the Business Manager be designated the authorized signatory for reports and the annual renewal agreement and authorize the District Treasurer to be the authorized signatory for claims.
- b. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager to sign applications and reports for the Federal School Meals Programs.
- c. Authorize either the Superintendent of Schools or the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction to approve the attendance of staff members at professional conferences and meetings in accordance with provisions of the budget or as otherwise authorized by Board of Education resolution. Authorize the Business Manager to approve the attendance of non-instructional staff members at professional conferences and meetings in accordance with the provisions of the budget or as otherwise authorized by Board of Education resolution.

- d. Authorize the President and Clerk of the Board of Education to sign contracts with other districts for the instruction of nonresident pupils in the schools of this district.
- e. Authorize the payment of tuition and transportation charges for pupils from this district who attend other schools as permitted by state laws and regulations of the Board of Regents.
- f. Authorize the President and Clerk of the Board of Education to sign contracts for transportation of pupils by private contractors as needed.
- g. Authorize the District Clerk to sign an agreement with the Schenectady County Board of Elections for the use of digitized poll books for the annual district election and budget vote.
- h. Authorize the School District to participate in CASHIC (Capital Area School Health Consortium) for the 2025-2026 school year.
- i. Authorize the School District to participate in the Schoharie Area Worker’s Compensation Plan for the 2025-2026 school year.
- j. Authorize the establishment of School Lunch Cash Register Change as follows (to be funded by Food Service Company at the beginning of each school year):

High School	\$100
Middle School	\$60
Lincoln	\$30
Sacandaga	\$30
Glen-Worden	\$30
Glendaal	\$30

- k. Authorize the establishment of Petty Cash Funds for the Athletic Department and Library Department for the purposes of providing start up cash for ticket sales for games and the Districtwide Book Fair:

Athletics - \$700  
 Library - \$150

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Singh, SECONDED by Roberts, that the Board of Education accept/approve the following items:

**MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS**

- a. Approve the issuance of a district credit card to the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with Board of Education Policy #6782.
- b. Approve the cell phone allowance by job title in accordance with

Board of Education Policy #8331. (See attached)

- c. Approve the use of purchasing cards for Home Depot and Lowes and authorize issuance by employee. (See attached)

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED



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Cathleen Smith, District Clerk