

Regular Meeting Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Scotia-Glenville Central School was held in the Cafeteria of the Middle School, in said district on February 12, 2024.

President Talbot called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Boucher Furnish, Massaro, Orr, Singh, H. Talbot, K. Talbot, Superintendent Swartz, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Arket, Business Manager Giaquinto and District Clerk DeLong

Absent: Carbone

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

HEARING/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Chad Roberts, 42 Holly Blvd., spoke to the Board regarding class sizes at Glen-Worden.

Mayor Bucciferro spoke to the Board about the SRO positions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS (SUSAN M. SWARTZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS)

Superintendent Swartz turned the floor over to Mr. Arket who reported to the Board on what is being taught in regard to grammar. He explained that teachers are doing mini lessons on grammar, but the district is working on teachers' mapping out course content to ensure that grammar is being taught on a consistent basis throughout the district.

DISCUSSION: BUILDING PROPOSITION

The Board discussed the proposed building proposition and all were in favor of moving forward with the proposition for the May vote. (This information is contained as Appendix A to these minutes).

DISCUSSION: SCHOOL BUS PROPOSITION

The Board discussed the two bus propositions and all were in favor of moving forward with these propositions for the May vote. (This information is contained as Appendix B to these minutes).

DISCUSSION: TAX CAP CALCULATION

Business Manager Giaquinto explained the 2.86% tax cap to the Board. He detailed how the district arrived at this number and asked that the Board be prepared to make a decision on either exceeding the cap or staying at or under the cap at the meeting on February 26th. (This information is contained as Appendix C to these minutes).

REPORTS/UPDATE: CAPSBA ♦ LEGISLATIVE LIAISON ♦ PTA COUNCIL ♦ AUDIT COMMITTEE ♦ BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE ♦ BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS ♦ BUDGET

CAPSBA- President Talbot has a meeting on Thursday with NYSSBA.

Legislative Liaison- Ms. Boucher Furnish briefly discussed the new labor law on workplace violence that has recently been enacted.

PTA Council- Founder's Day is March 12th. The Districtwide Science Fair is March 5th- over 100 students have signed up.

Audit Committee- The transportation audit is complete.

Policy Committee- They have met and have been working on mandatory policies. They will meet with Superintendent Swartz on Friday.

Board Goals- Superintendent Swartz reported that committees are being set up and they will have their charges ready at the 1st Business Meeting in March.

Budget- Budget discussions will start on February 26th.

NON-RESIDENT STUDENT TUITION RATES FOR 2023-2024

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Massaro, that the Board of Education approve the Non Resident Student Tuition Rates, as established by SED, for the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted, as follows:

Regular Education

- Grades K-6 \$11,537 (up 4% from previous year)
- Grades 7-12 \$ 9,478 (down 1.5% from previous year)

Charges for students with disabilities who are eligible for public excess cost aid:

- Grades K-6 \$45,551 (up 5% from previous year)
- Grades 7-12 \$43,492 (up 3.9% from previous year)

(This information is contained as Appendix D to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION: INCREASE THE MAXIMUM INCOME LEVEL FOR GRANTING A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES TO CERTAIN PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER PURSUANT TO SECTION 467 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

MOVED by Singh, SECONDED by Boucher Furnish, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution, dated February 12, 2024, to increase the maximum income level by \$500 for partial exemption from real property taxes for school purposes to certain persons sixty-five years of age or over, pursuant to Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix E to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS

MOVED by Massaro, SECONDED by K. Talbot, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution, dated February 12, 2024, to offer a school tax exemption in the amount of 10% for eligible volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers residing in the School District pursuant to Section 466a of the Real Property Tax Law, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix F to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION: WITHDRAW AND AMEND SCHOOL TAX ROLLS - 2023

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Singh, that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution, dated February 12, 2024, to withdraw and amend the 2023 School Tax Rolls, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix G to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT GIFT AND DONATION FROM NORTH COLONIE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

MOVED by Orr, SECONDED by Massaro, approve the Resolution regarding accepting and appropriating the Gift and Donation from North Colonie School District of three instrument cabinets for the Fine Arts Department to be used for storage at the Middle School, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix H to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT GIFT AND DONATION FROM RITA COWELL TO LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Boucher Furnish, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution regarding accepting and appropriating the Gift and Donation from Rita Cowell in the amount of \$750.00 to be used for new tumbling mats for the Physical Education classes, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix I to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION: REVISION TO THE KENNETH E. BUHRMASTER

MOVED by Boucher Furnish, SECONDED by K. Talbot, that the Board of Education accept the revision to the Kenneth Buhrmaster Scholarship in the governing of the administration of the Funds, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix J to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

REVIEW AND ADOPT THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Singh, that the Board of Education adopt the 2024-2025 school calendar, as submitted. (This calendar is contained as Appendix K to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Accept the resignation of Debra Timperlake, Lunch/Recess Monitor (Glendaal Elementary), effective January 29, 2024, with appreciation for her service to the district.
- b. Accept the letter of resignation of Amber Szady, Account Clerk/Secretary (Senior High School), effective February 29, 2024, with appreciation for her service to the district, as submitted. (This resignation is contained as Appendix L to these minutes).
- c. Accept the request for an unpaid leave of absence for Tanya Gambill, Teacher Aide (Lincoln Elementary), effective March 7, 2024 through March 15, 2024. (This request is contained as Appendix M to these minutes).

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**a. Staffing**

- 1) Approve the appointment of Lyndsey Gannon, School Nurse (Middle School), effective February 29, 2024, with the 2023-2024 salary to be prorated at the rate of \$50,800. Ms. Gannon has a Bachelor of Science degree and is a Registered Nurse.

- 2) Approve the following supplemental appointments for mentors for the 2023-2024 school year:
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| Katelyn Aker | Stipend \$250.00 |
| Anita Bruinsma | Stipend \$250.00 |
| Christine DeCarlo | Stipend \$250.00 |
- 3) Approve the change in location for Danielle Winning, Teacher Assistant **from** Glen-Worden Elementary **to** Scotia-Glenville Middle School, effective February 7, 2024, with no change in salary.
- 4) Approve the appointment of Kathleen Powers as Elementary Substitute Teacher (Sacandaga Elementary), effective February 16, 2024 through June 26, 2024, with the pro-rated 2023-2024 salary to be at the rate of \$96,458.00 (Step 23). Ms. Powers holds Permanent certification in Nurse, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6.
- 5) Rescind the supplemental appointment of Kathleen Curtiss as Co-Advisor to the Young Entrepreneur Club at the Senior High School, effective January 19, 2024.
- 6) Rescind the supplemental appointment of Lauren Capuano as Advisor for Preparation for Lincoln Elementary Talent Show, effective February 5, 2024.
- 7) Approve the supplemental appointment of Liz O'Neill as Advisor for Preparation for Lincoln Elementary Talent Show, effective February 6, 2024.
- 8) Approve Akra Scott as Lego Club Advisor for Glen-Worden Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 9) Approve the probationary appointment of Don Baker as Cleaner (Middle School), in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, effective February 13, 2024 with the 2023-2024 salary to be at the rate of \$16.82/hour, 8 hours/day, 40 hours per week.
- 10) Approve the change in hours for Kari Miller, School Monitor (Middle School) **from** 2.75 hours/day, 13.75 hours per week **to** 6 hours/day, 30 hours per week, effective January 29, 2024, with no change in hourly rate.
- 11) Approve the change in appointment for Angelo Cremona **from** Substitute Bus Driver **to** Temporary Bus Driver, effective January 22, 2024 through June 25, 2024, with 2023-2024 salary to be at the rate of \$24.34/hour, 6 hours/day, 30 hours per week.
- 12) Approve the change in hours for Lori Kling, Bus Driver (Transportation Department) **from** 5.5 hours/day, 27.5 hours per week **to** 6 hours/day, 30 hours per week, effective February 12, 2024, with no change in hourly rate.
- 13) Approve the change in stipend for Candra Mulligan as Unified Bowling Coach **from** \$300.00 **to** \$400.00 for the 2023-2024 season.
- 14) Approve Katelyn Aker as YAC (Youth Activation Committee) Advisor for the 2023-2024 school year, effective February 13, 2024, with the yearly stipend to be \$300.00.

- 15) Approve the attached list of substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted. (This list is contained as Appendix N to these minutes).

ROUTINE BUSINESS

a. Placements of Children with Disabilities

Accept the Placement of Children with Disabilities as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-school Special Education in their reports dated February 12, 2024.

ROLL CALL
 AYES: 6
 NOES: 0
 MOTION CARRIED

b. Treasurer's Reports: November 30, 2023

President Talbot noted receipt of the Treasurer's Reports. (These reports are contained as Appendix O to these minutes).

c. Budget Transfers: November 2023 and December 2023

President Talbot noted receipt of the Budget Transfers. (These reports are contained as Appendix P to these minutes).

d. Internal Claims Auditor's Report/Warrants/Warrant Report Exceptions:

Payroll Warrants

A-31	12/08/2023	\$1,170,414.04
A-34	12/22/2023	\$1,291,530.78
A-36	12/23/2023	\$ 1,442.21
A-37	01/05/2024	\$1,190,993.94
A-40	01/19/2024	\$1,244,605.19

Check Warrants

A-30	12/08/2023	\$1,263,710.02
A-33	12/22/2023	\$ 910,628.16
A-35	01/05/2024	\$1,170,279.33
A-39	01/19/2024	\$ 834,714.92

President Talbot noted receipt of the Internal Claims Auditor's Report/Warrants/Warrant Report Exceptions. (These reports are contained as Appendix Q to these minutes).

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Boucher Furnish asked some questions regarding Mr. Arket's report on grammar being taught within the district curriculum.

HEARING/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Sarah Hoffman spoke regarding the new mapping process being done by teachers for their curriculum.

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Boucher Furnish, that the meeting be adjourned.

ROLL CALL
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Bobbie DeLong, District Clerk