

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 March 24, 2025.

President Talbot called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Boucher Furnish, Carbone, Orr, Roberts, Singh, H. Talbot, K. Talbot, Superintendent Swartz

Absent: None

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Roberts, that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session in order to discuss a personnel matter.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 7:07 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Arket, Business Manager Giaquinto and District Clerk Busman were present for Open Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

HEARING/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

None

BUDGET DISCUSSION: 2025-2026 BUDGET WORK SESSION – SUSAN SWARTZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Swartz clarified a few items. The percentage of students with disabilities for New York State and at Scotia-Glenville CSD are both around 15%. About 1% of our students are English as a New Language learners and in 2023-2024 the State Education Department considered our Economically Disadvantaged students at 35%.

Business Manager Giaquinto discussed how the Fund Balance works itself into the budget. Mr. Giaquinto then reviewed previous drafts and three detailed scenarios for budget impacts. The first scenario reduces expenses by \$1,649,169, a tax levy increase of 6.75% and a tax rate increase of 5.08%. The second scenario reduces expenses by \$2,409,226, a tax levy increase of 4.47% and a tax rate increase of 2.84%. The third scenario is the Superintendent's final draft with reductions totaling \$2,688,371 through restructuring, retirements and other adjustments. The scenario would have the tax levy increase of 3.25% and a tax rate increase of 1.63%. This draft would include

savings from retirements, reading and library restructuring, administration restructuring, secretarial and clerical reductions, building and grounds reductions and other adjustments bringing the budget \$849 under the tax cap.

After discussion on the reduction of two reading teachers and a librarian, the Board requested an option if they were to choose to go out over the tax cap. A special meeting will be held on March 31, where options will be discussed, and the board will adopt the final spending limit. (This presentation is contained as Appendix A to these minutes.)

RESOLUTION: APPROVE THE PROPOSED ACTION IS A TYPE I ACTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (SEQRA) FOR THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE PROJECT FOR SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by K. Talbot, that the Board of Education finds and concludes that the proposed Project is a Type I action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.4(b)(9); and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon consideration of the foregoing, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed Project will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed Project. (This resolution is contained as Appendix B to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION: ADOPT THE PROPOSITION FOR THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE PROJECT TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING ON MAY 20, 2025

MOVED by Orr, SECONDED by Roberts, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution dated March 24, 2025, of the Board of Education of the Scotia-Glenville School District authorizing a proposition to be presented to the voters at the Annual Meeting on May 20, 2025, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix C to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

LEGAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL DISTRICT ELECTION – MAY 20, 2025

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by Carbone, that the Board of Education approve the Legal Notice of the Annual District Election to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, as submitted. (This notice is contained as Appendix D to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE CHIEF INSPECTOR FOR THE SCOTIA-GLENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL DISTRICT ELECTION

MOVED by Carbone, SECONDED by Singh, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Robert Hanlon as Chief Inspector of the Annual District Election on May 20, 2025.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINT CHAIRPERSON OF THE SCOTIA-GLENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL DISTRICT ELECTION

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Singh, that the Board of Education appoint Kimberly Boucher Furnish as Chairperson of the Annual District Election on May 20, 2025.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION: ENTER INTO AN ARTICLE 5 GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW ARRANGEMENT

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Roberts, that the Board of Education approve the collaboration with four BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) to enter into an Article 5 General Municipal Law Arrangement for vetting Ed Law 2-d Agreements and Software used by districts in the aforementioned Consortia. (This resolution is contained as Appendix E to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GIFT AND DONATIONS FOR VARIOUS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

MOVED by Boucher Furnish, SECONDED by Orr, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution dated March 24, 2025, regarding accepting and appropriating the Gift and Donations to be applied to various High School Award Scholarships, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix F to these minutes).

ROLL CALL
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence for Lisa DeLorenzo, Teacher Aide (Middle School, effective February 28, 2025 through April 20, 2025.
- b. Accept the letter of resignation of Jonas DiSorbo (Modified Softball Coach), effective c.o.b. March 13, 2025, with appreciation for his service to the district, as submitted. (This resignation is contained as Appendix G to these minutes).
- c. Accept the letter of resignation of Marla Cox, Teacher Aide (Middle School), effective c.o.b. March 21, 2025, with appreciation for her service to the district, as submitted. (This resignation is contained as Appendix H to these minutes).
- d. Approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence for Mike Revette, Monitor (Senior High School), effective April 21, 2025 through April 25, 2025.
- e. Approve the letter of resignation of Betsy Williams, School Nurse (Glendaal Elementary), effective c.o.b. June 27, 2025, with appreciation for her service to the district, as submitted. (This resignation is contained as Appendix I to these minutes).

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

a. Staffing

1. Retroactively approve the following individuals and the stipends (if any) set

forth in their collective bargaining units as chaperones for the Senior High School Dance:

John Connolly
Athena Ladd

Kathy Curtiss
Nicole Rausch

Katrina Francis
Linda Warner

2. Approve the following 2024-2025 spring coaching appointments:

Varsity Girls' Lacrosse Volunteer	Mirlinda Schreiner	Step 0	\$ -0-
Modified Softball	Becky Penn*	Step 1	\$2,320
Modified Softball Volunteer	Glenn Warnock*	Step 0	\$ -0-

**Approval dependent on verification of NYS Coaching License.*

3. Approve the attached list of individuals as substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year, as submitted. (This list is contained as Appendix J to these minutes).

ROUTINE BUSINESS

a. Placement 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 March 24, 2025.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

(Mr. Roberts abstained on item #2 under Staffing)

b. Budget Transfers – February 2025

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

c. Treasurer's Report – February 2025

President Talbot noted receipt of the Treasurer's Report. (This report is contained as Appendix L to these minutes).

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

d. Minutes: Regular Meeting – February 10, 2025

e. Bid

1. Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board of Education approve the bid results from Auctions International for three buses, as submitted. (This bid is contained as Appendix M to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS**a. Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes: March 2025**

Mr. Talbot thanked all that were involved with a successful Founders Day event and shared his congratulations to all that were honored.

Mr. Roberts thanked the staff for their feedback during the budget process.

HEARING/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Sarah Hoffmann, President of SGTA, spoke of her concerns with the proposed budget plan that reduces staff in reading and library program. Another community member spoke of their concern of a cut in reading teachers and department heads that are not teaching. One other community member thought closing a school should have been a priority.

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Jill Busman, District Clerk