

### **Special Meeting Minutes**

A Special 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 31, 2025.

President Talbot called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Boucher Furnish, Carbone, Roberts, Singh, H. Talbot, K. Talbot, Superintendent Swartz, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Arket and Business Manager Giaquinto.

Absent: Orr

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 7:14 p.m.

District Clerk Busman was present for Open Session.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **2025-2026 BUDGET WORK SESSION – SUSAN SWARTZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Two budget scenarios were presented. The first was the Superintendent's budget plan proposing a \$2.7 million reduction in expenses featuring a tax levy of \$34,492,843 or an increase of 3.25%. The spending limit would be set at \$66,513,694 (2.19% increase). The estimated tax rate increase would be 1.63%.

The second budget scenario, requested by the board, restores two reading teachers, an elementary school librarian position, and some of the proposed non-staffing reductions which were in the superintendent's budget. This scenario exceeds the tax cap and reflects a tax levy of \$35,107,807 (5.09% increase) and a spending limit of \$67,128,658 (3.14% increase). The estimated tax rate increase would be 3.44%.

After discussing the plans, the board would like to proceed in adopting the budget which will exceed the tax cap which includes a tax levy increase of 5.09% with the estimated tax rate increase of 3.44%

**ADOPTION OF 2025-2026 BUDGET**

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by Singh, that the Board of Education submit the following proposition at the Annual District Election on May 20, 2025:

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Education of Scotia-Glenville School District be authorized to expend the sums set for the in the total amount of \$67,128,658 during the school year 2025-2026, and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Talbot asked if budget materials could be shared sooner next year, and the budget process start earlier in February.

Mr. Roberts congratulated the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Team for their undefeated season.

Ms. Talbot congratulated the Middle School Drama Club with their production of Newsies and a reminder that the Senior High School Drama Club will put on their production of The Addams Family this coming weekend.

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

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Jill Busman, District Clerk