

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 May 22, 2025.

Vice-President Talbot called the meeting in order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Boucher Furnish, Carbone, Orr, Roberts, K. Talbot, Superintendent Swartz, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Arket, Business Manager and District Clerk Busman

Absent: H. Talbot

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-President Talbot reminded everyone that this meeting was a work session only, and there would be no hearing and privilege of the floor. Ms. Talbot thanked the Teacher's Union for their calls and flyers to promote the budget.

2025-2026 BUDGET DISCUSSION (SUSAN SWARTZ – SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS)

Superintendent Swartz and Business Manager Giaquinto guided the Board through a re-vote presentation which included four scenarios. Scenarios 1 and 2 both present revised options for a budget proposition under the tax cap of 3.25% and with an estimated tax rate increase of 1.63%. Scenario 3 is a re-vote with the same budget that was presented to the public on May 20th with a 5.09% tax cap and a tax rate increase of 3.44%. Scenario 4 is to go directly to a contingent budget that would not need a re-vote. (This presentation is contained as Appendix A to these minutes).

Options 1 and 2 fall \$849 below the cap through different reductions. Option 1 shows considerable cuts for B&G, transportation and Central Office staff. Savings were also reached with reductions in professional fees, a one-year financial reduction for an SRO. Option 2 was the original option put forward on March 31st.

All members of the Board agreed to not go forward with Scenario 3 and Scenario 4. After much discussion, the decision to bring a resolution to the May 27th Board meeting that proposes the spending limit at our tax levy limit.

OTHER BUSINESS

Superintendent Swartz announced that Angela Cerrone, High School and Middle School Assistant Principal, has accepted another position as principal in a different school district starting July 1, 2025.

Ms. Boucher Furnish proposed a discussion at the next meeting on proceeding with a waiver for the EV Infrastructure after it was voted down.

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by Carbone that the meeting be adjourned.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Jill Busman, District Clerk