Regular Meeting Minutes

A 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 9, 2026.

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

Present: Boucher Furnish, Roberts, H.Talbot, K. Talbot, Torelli, Singh, Superintendent Swartz and Business Manager Giaquinto.

Absent: None

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Roberts, that the Board adjourn to Executive Session in order to discuss matters related to negotiations.

ROLL CALL
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 7:17 p.m.

Carbone joined exec at 6:35 pm via phone conference and moved into Open Session virtually.

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Arket, Student Board Member Lape and District Clerk Smith were present during the Open Session

Pledge of Allegiance

Fine Arts and Athletic Department Accomplishment Recognition

Students were recognized with awards for specific students in sports and music and a Proclamation for our Tennis team for their accomplishments at a high level. This was followed by a quick recess to honor them.

Presentation: Rick Arket and John Geniti presented the findings from the RoS work groups and answered some of the questions that have been brought forward. These decisions have been made through the lens of curriculum and instruction. They also showed how redistricting would look if it was done district wide compared to closing one school and placing those students within the remaining three schools.

Superintendent's Comments (Susan M. Swartz, Superintendent of Schools)

Presentation: Carry-Forward Budget, and Tax Cap Calculation
Discussion: School Bus Proposition

Superintendent Swartz and Business Manager Giaquinto spoke about the District strategic and annual goals, helped develop an understanding of the carry-forward budget, and tax levy cap, as well as review the Superintendent's budget development strategy.

Hearing/Privilege of the Floor for the Board of Education Meeting

Karen Bradley thanked Rick and John for their presentation and information.

Amy Marlette thanked the Board for the plan.

Heather McCord asked why the board did not have this information prior to the presentation tonight. She also asked for a clear plan moving forward.

Tom Decker asked why we didn't have the answers before today. Asked for resources for families and students during this move.

Danielle Murray Huba asked about a fence and a school zone for Glendaal if the DS classroom at Glen-Worden is moved there if G-W is closed.

Lisa Ranado was confused about the ever evolving information.

Reports/Updates: Legislative Liaison Boucher Furnish spoke about the EV bus plan during the presentation ◆ **PTA Council** Roberts listed upcoming events. ◆ **Audit Committee** Nothing at this time. **Board of Education Policy Committee** Torelli asked Superintendent Swartz to meet about Board Docs after the break ◆ **Student Board Member Report** Lape noted many of his items were already spoken about. Mentioned two track Varsity players that broke district records. Spoke about upcoming events and programs for students. ◆ **Board of Education Goals** Roberts spoke about the BOE newsletter ◆ **Budget** Presented earlier

Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation to Close or Repurpose Glen-Worden Elementary

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Boucher Furnish, that the Board of Education approve the closing or repurposing of Glen-Worden school effective the 2026-2027 school year.

ROLL CALL
AYES: 5 (Carbone, K. Talbot, H. Talbot, Torelli, Boucher Furnish)
NOES: 2 (Singh, Roberts)
ABSTAIN: 0
MOTION CARRIED

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

Resolution: Accept a Donation to be applied to The Glen Stopera Memorial Scholarship

Approve the Resolution dated February 9. 2026, to accept the donation of $1000 from the Tartan Youth Basketball Club, to be applied to The Glen Stopera Memorial Scholarship, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix A to these minutes).

Resolution: Accept and Appropriate Gift and Donation from Darlene Stamour

Adopt the Resolution, dated February 9, 2026, regarding accepting and appropriating a donation of a Jupiter brand piccolo (serial number 54223) in a case, valued at approximately $850 to the Scotia-Glenville CSD music program, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix B to these minutes).

ROLL CALL
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Request to Establish a Student Club at the Scotia-Glenville Middle School Crochet Club

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by K. Talbot, that the Board of Education approve the request to establish the Crochet Club at the Scotia-Glenville Middle School, as submitted. (This request is contained as Appendix C to these minutes).

ROLL CALL
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Review and Adopt the 2026-2027 School Calendar

MOVED by Singh, SECONDED by Roberts, that the Board of Education adopt the 2026-2027 school calendar, as submitted. (This calendar is contained as Appendix D to these minutes).

ROLL CALL
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
MOTION CARRIED

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

Communications

a. Accept the letter of resignation of John Sawyer, Physics' Teacher (High School), effective c.o.b. June 30, 2026, with appreciation to his service to the district, as submitted. (This letter is contained as Appendix E to these minutes).

b. Accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes of Susan Weisman, Music Teacher (Middle School), effective c.o.b. June 30, 2026, with appreciation to her service to the district, as submitted. (This letter is contained as Appendix F to these minutes).

c. Accept the letter of resignation of Renata Reynolds, Teacher Aide (High School), effective c.o.b. February 2, 2026, with appreciation to her service to the district. (This letter is contained as Appendix G to these minutes).

d. Accept the letter of resignation of Kathleen Lesiuk, Teacher Aide (Glendaal), effective c.o.b. February 2, 2026, with appreciation to her service to the district. (This letter is contained as Appendix H to these minutes).

Report of Superintendent

a. Tenure

1) That Johenia Valle Perez (Middle School), with Level III Teaching Assistant Certification, be granted tenure as a Special Education Teaching Assistant, effective February 14, 2026.

b. Staffing

1) Approve the probationary appointment of Leah Lapczenski as Special Education Teacher (Middle school), effective December 11, 2025, through December 10, 2029, with the 2025- 2026 salary to be at the rate of $53,363 (Step 6).

2) Approve the probationary appointment of John (Jack) Callender, as Teaching Assistant (Middle School), effective February 9, 2026 through

February 8, 2030 with the 2025-2026 salary to be at the rate of $20.03/hr (Step 3). John holds Initial certification in Physical Education.

3) Approve Muhannad Abu Zahra as School Bus Driver, 3 hrs/day, Step 1, $26.32/hr, effective 2/14/2026 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted.

4) Approve the following list of 2025-2026 Spring Sports coaching appointments:

<u>Lacrosse – Girls'</u>

Varsity	Volunteer	Melody Kot	Step 0	$ -0-

<u>Lacrosse – Boys'</u>

Program Volunteer	Rick Frederick	Step 0	$ -0-

5) Approve the following individuals as Unified Sports Chaperones for the 2025-2026 school year, effective January 20, 2026, at the rate set forth in collective bargaining contracts:

David Aldi Joyce Semerad Andrew Swayne
Katrina Vedder

6) Approve the attached list of substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted. (This list is contained as Appendix I to these minutes).

<u>Routine Business</u>

a. Placements of Children with Disabilities

Approve the Placements of Children with Disabilities as recommended by the Committee on Special Education in their report dated February 9, 2026.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
MOTION CARRIED

b. Budget Transfers – January 2026

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

Other Business

K. Talbot mentioned Teen Town was a success.

K. Singh spoke about the amount of families that were at the basketball game that day.

Hearing/Privilege of the Floor

Karen Bradley spoke about being part of the move forward process now that the decision has been made to close Glen-Worden.

Mark Ryan was not impressed by what he has seen and is looking for professionalism and information. He also mentioned administration should have their own bathroom and meetings in a more comfortable setting.

Steve Sweeney brought up the wrestling team and their accomplishments

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

ROLL CALL
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Cathleen Smith, District Clerk