

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 March 16, 2026.

President Talbot called the meeting to order at 6:15 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 6:15 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 7:00 pm.

Carbone joined exec at 6:18pm 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

Hearing/Privilege of the Floor

Katie Walters spoke about the presentation from the last Regular meeting and her thoughts on it as well as her discussion with Assistant Superintendent Arket and Principal Geniti. She spoke about her cautious optimism based on recent correspondence from the district. She is encouraged that Transpar will be working with us on these changes.

Jason McCord asked what will be done to reorganize and reduce administration. Mr. McCord asked for a summary of our meetings the day after each board meeting.

Scarlett Friot spoke about making a policy change and talk about why Varsity athletes should be exempt from participating in physical education during their sports season.

Kimberly Boucher Furnish read a Letter from John Ritter. His letter was to acknowledge and encourage Scarlett Friot for speaking up for her peers and for her courage. He thanked the Board, the community, as well as Marci and Susan for being able to continue coaching.

Danielle Murray Huba spoke about being confused about the registration process for incoming kindergarten students if they have a sibling going to Glendaal for the DS classroom. Superintendent Swartz said she would call her about it. She also asked about the date the fence will be installed.

Budget Discussion: 2026-2027 Budget Work Session – Susan Swartz, Superintendent of Schools

Drew and Susan presented their Budget Work Session. Drew showed how they planned to make reductions and stay at the tax cap and a look at the Superintendent's budget, including the programs and services that will stay even with these cuts. At the end of the presentation the Board will have Susan's budget recommendation and will be able to review and digest it before the next meeting.

Reports/Updates: Legislative Liaison - Boucher Furnish spoke about legislation being put forward to allow districts to opt out of EV buses. There are Mental Health grants that are being cancelled, although still funding Mental Health for NY schools. **♦ PTA Council** – Roberts announced Founders Day was taking place this week, congrats to the awardees. Fun Fridays are back at Glen-Worden. Other school events, especially the year end event. **♦ Audit Committee** - Next Audit Meeting is May 26th **♦ Board of Education Policy Committee** No update, Roberts asked about Board Docs and Susan gave an update that we are moving forward **♦ Student Board Member Report** – Lape reported on current effort to connect with Middle School liaison to have a better idea of what is going on there. Spoke about upcoming events at both MS and HS and their prospective Drama productions. **♦ Board of Education Goals** - Roberts is excited about upcoming newsletter from the Board **♦ Budget** Already took place earlier

Resolution: Adopt the Proposition for the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Upgrade Project to be Presented to the Voters at the Annual District Meeting on May 19, 2026

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Roberts, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution dated March 16, 2026, 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 16, 2026, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix A to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Approve Memorandum of Agreement By and Between the Scotia-Glenville Central School District and Scotia-Glenville Employees Local 766 Union

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by Singh, that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement By and Between the Scotia-Glenville Central School District and Scotia-Glenville Employees Local 766 Union regarding Article 14, Section 3, Appendix B, based on Mr. Zwack's years of service with the District as of July 1, 2026 (20 years), the employee would pay a contribution rate of 15% of the health insurance if he were to retire on or about February 28, 2026, as submitted. (This agreement is contained as Appendix B to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4 (Carbone, H. Talbot, K. Talbot, Singh)

NOES: 3 (Boucher Furnish, Roberts, Torelli)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Boucher Furnish, SECONDED by K. Talbot, to approve the following items:

Resolution: Accept Donations for various Senior High School Award Scholarships

That the Board of Education accept the attached donations to be applied to various Senior High School Scholarship Awards, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix C to these minutes).

Resolution: Accept Gift and Donation from the Scotia-Glenville Booster Club

That the Board of Education approve the Resolution, dated March 9, 2026, regarding accepting and appropriating the gift and donation of \$1,750.00 from the Scotia-Glenville Booster Club, to be used for the new Hall of Fame sign to surround the 75" ViewSonic in the High School main gym lobby, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix D 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 medical leave of absence for Praxcedes Williams, from March 26, 2026 – June 30, 2026.

- b. Approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence for Lyndsey Gerke, School Nurse (Middle School), for childcare purposes for the 2026-2027 school year.
- c. Accept the resignation of Lisa Albertin, Bus Monitor (Transportation), effective February 25, 2026, with appreciation for her service to the district. (This resignation is contained as Appendix E to these minutes).
- d. Accept the resignation of Dominga Callahan, Cleaner (High School), effective c.o.b. March 6, 2026, with appreciation for her service to the district, as submitted. (This resignation is contained as Appendix F to these minutes).
- e. Rescind the appointment of John Ritter as Assistant Coach for Modified Track (Athletic Department) in order to step down into a volunteer role for the 2026 Spring season, with appreciation for his service to the district.
- f. Rescind the appointment of Amanda Bergen as Bus Aide (Transportation), she will stay on the substitute list, with appreciation for her service to the district.
- g. Accept the resignation of Martinica Alton, Typist (Glendaal), effective c.o.b. April 2, 2026, with appreciation for her service to the district. (This resignation is contained as Appendix G to these minutes).

Report of Superintendent

a. Staffing

- 1) Extend the appointment of Caitlyn Burns as a long-term Substitute Teacher with a change in location from Lincoln to Glen-Worden, through April 30, 2026.
- 2) Approve the following individuals for Honors Writing Sample Supervision on March 4 and March 5, 2026, with a stipend of \$23.02/hour for up to 1.5 hours each day:

Sophia Caprara
Lexie Marquis

Rebecca Penn
Dave Gildersleeve

Lucia Dixon

- 3) Approve the following 2026-2027 Fall coaching appointments:

Boys' Soccer

Varsity Head Coach Tucker Sheely	Step 1	\$3,346
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Cheerleading

Varsity Head Coach	Kaylie Pennie	½ of Step 5	\$1551
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Varsity Head Coach	Sophia Iwan	½ of Step 5	\$1551
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Varsity Volunteer Coach Kristen Roddy Step 5 \$ -0-

Cross Country

Varsity Head Coach James Krogh Step 10 \$3,914

Field Hockey

Varsity Head Coach Katherine LaPorta Step 5 \$4,431

Football

Varsity Head Coach Jason Coons Step 4 \$5,401

Girls' Tennis

Varsity Head Coach Geoffrey Olson Step 10 \$3,180

Girls' Soccer

Varsity Head Coach Jay Pokines Step 5 \$5,152

Golf

Varsity Head Coach Brett Daley Step 5 \$2,770

Volleyball

Varsity Head Coach Glenn Warnock Step 5 \$3,878

- 4) Approve the following 2025-2026 updated Spring coaching appointments:

Track and Field

Volunteer Coach John Ritter Step 0 \$ -0-

Mod. Asst. Coach Mirlinda Schreiner Step 5 \$3,800

Baseball

JV Volunteer Coach Matt Cater Step 0 \$ -0-

- 5) Approve the change in hours for Allison Bearga, Bus Aide (Transportation), from 2.75 hours/day to 3.25 hours/day, effective March 9, 2026, with no change in hourly rate.
- 6) Approve the change of assignment of Lois Hendrickson from Monitor (High School) to Bus Aide (Transportation), 6 hours/day, effective March 9, 2026, with no change in hourly rate.
- 7) Approve the attached list of a substitute for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted. (This list is contained as Appendix H to these minutes).

Routine Business

a. Placements of Children with Disabilities

Accept the Placements of Children with Disabilities as recommended by the Committee on Special Education in their reports dated March 16, 2026.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

b. Budget Transfers - Feb 2026

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

Other Business

Roberts asked about the communication for Glen-Worden families. Susan gave the current timeline.

Singh asked about the school zone for Glendaal.

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

Karen Bradley asked a question about the budget. She is requesting information about the reduction in a reading teacher. Is the district looking at reducing or tightening programs at the high school because of declining enrollment across the district.

Jason McCord forgot to thank Assistant Superintendent for the Science Fair. Jason wants to hear that there will not be an impact on children with these cuts. He also stated that the EV project will not be approved this year either.

Danielle Murray Huba asked about specific cuts and got clarification from Superintendent Swartz.

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 8:25 p.m.



Cathleen Smith, District Clerk