

## **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 October 28, 2024.

President Talbot called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Carbone

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

A number of community members addressed the Board with their concerns with athletics at Scotia-Glenville. Frustrations ranged from communication, coaching staff and team numbers.

**PRESENTATION: SUMMER SCHOOL – MIDDLE SCHOOL/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (MARCELLA TEBBANO, MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AND ANGELA CERRONE, SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL)** (This report is contained as Appendix A to these minutes).

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS (SUSAN M. SWARTZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS)**

Superintendent Swartz asked the Board if they were all in agreement with the Board of Education Goals for 2024-2025 that were included. With the Board in full agreement, Superintendent Swartz turned the floor over to Business Manager Giaquinto to talk about the presentation for the following meeting. Mr. Giaquinto spoke about how they have been working on a proposal to transition the current transportation facility to accommodate electric buses and implementation. SEI Architects and Fiscal Advisors will provide information on the cost and how it will be paid for with a presentation at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

President Talbot then spoke about Community Forums being one of the Board's goals for this year. The first forum will be held soon to address School Safety at Scotia-Glenville. The second forum will focus on what a School Board really does. With the help of New York State School Boards Association, the forum will hopefully provide information to the community on what the Board's responsibilities are and what they can and cannot do.

**REPORT OF VOTING DELEGATE TO NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION: KIMBERLY BOUCHER FURNISH** Ms. Boucher Furnish reported on the school board convention voting results. (This report and the NYSSBA's proposed resolutions are contained as Appendix B to these minutes).

**APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SCOTIA-GLENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCOTIA-GLENVILLE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by K. Talbot, that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between Scotia-Glenville Central School District and Scotia-Glenville Teachers' Association regarding the authorization of a \$3,300 stipend be paid to the Mentor Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year with the expectation the Mentor Coordinator will continue to meet all duties as outlined in article 5.1 of the District Mentoring Plan and the new responsibilities listed on this agreement, as submitted. (This memorandum is contained as Appendix C to these minutes).

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP – SPANISH TRAVEL CLUB TO COSTA RICA – FEBRUARY 14, 2026 – FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

MOVED by Boucher Furnish, SECONDED by Roberts, that the Board of Education approve the request for the overnight field trip for the Spanish Travel Club members and chaperones to Costa Rica February 14, 2026 to February 21, 2026, as submitted. (This request is contained as Appendix D to these minutes).

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION: ACCEPT GIFT AND DONATION IN MEMORY OF NICHOLAS CRISCONE**

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by Singh, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution, dated October 15, 2024, regarding accepting and appropriating a donation from Joseph Slowey in memory of Nicholas Criscone for the purpose of supporting Odyssey of the Mind, in the amount of \$50.00, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix E to these minutes).

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION: ACCEPT GIFT AND DONATION OF A RED OAK TREE TO LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

MOVED by Orr, SECONDED by Roberts, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution dated October 25, 2024, regarding accepting and appropriating a donation from Scotia Rotary and the Schenectady County Soil & Water Conservation District of a two-inch Red Oak tree, mulch, and assistance in planting for Lincoln Elementary School, at an approximate value of \$300.00, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix F to these minutes).

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

MOTION CARRIED

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Accept the resignation of Denisia Iacovitti, Teaching Assistant (High School), effective c.o.b. October 31, 2024, with appreciation for her service to the district.

**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT****a. Staffing**

- 1) Approve the appointment of Lilianna Matala as Substitute Math Teacher (Senior High School), effective on or about December 6, 2024 through June 30, 2025, with the 2024-2025 salary to be at the rate of \$52,520 (Step 5 +M), prorated.
- 2) Approve the appointment of Jessica Serrano\* as Teacher Aide (Sacandaga Elementary), in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, effective October 28, 2024 through June 26, 2025, 6.25 hours/day, plus .5 hours/week for planning, 31.75 total hours/week at the rate of \$15.00/hour.
- 3) Approve the appointment of Marla Cox as Teacher Aide (Middle School), in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, effective October 28, 2024 through June 26, 2025, 6.5 hours/day, 32.5 hours/week at the rate of \$15.00/hour.
- 4) Retroactively approve the probationary appointment of Kyle Garcelon as General Mechanic (Buildings and Grounds), in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, effective August 5, 2024, with the 2024-2025 salary to be at the rate of \$26.85/hour, 8 hours/day, 12 month.

- 5) Approve the change in appointment for Amber Szady **from** PPS Teaching Assistant (Glen-Worden Elementary) **to** Building Teaching Assistant (Middle School), effective October 8, 2024, with no change hours or salary.
- 6) Approve the correction in appointment for Kaylie Foley **from** Teacher Aide (Glendaal Elementary) **to** Monitor (Glendaal Elementary) effective September 3, 2024, with no change in hours or salary.
- 7) Approve Abby Rodriguez as a Music Student Teacher at Sacandaga Elementary effective January 23, 2025 through March 21, 2025.
- 8) Approve the appointment of the following individuals as Music Department Chaperones for the 2024-2025 school year at the rate of \$17.77/hour set forth in the collective bargaining contract:

Jessica Crisci                      Cheryl Ferraro                      Chad Ploss                      John Prylo

- 9) Approve the following individuals as advisors for the Glendaal Elementary Student Council for the 2024-2025 school year:

Melissa Clark - \$250 Stipend                      Tana Case - \$250 Stipend

- 10) Rescind the appointment from the October 7, 2024 Board of Education Meeting of Bruce Anderson as Freshman Class Advisor and Sophomore Class Advisor.
- 11) Rescind the appointment of Amber Szady as Senior High School Ski Club Advisor.
- 12) Approve the following Senior High School supplemental appointments for collateral duties for 2024-2025 school year:

DECA	Katherine LaPorta	\$1,482.81 stipend
Freshman Class Advisor	Bruce Anderson	\$ 530.74 stipend
Sophomore Class Advisor	Bruce Anderson	\$ 743.45 stipend

- 13) Approve the following individuals as Intramural Coaches for the 2024-2025 school year at the rate of \$23.02/hour set forth in the collective bargaining contract:

Katelyn Aker	Ron Ashcraft	Brett Campbell
Sue Crary-Gracz	Jason Kritz	Robert Leto
Candra Mulligan	Sean Schreiner	John Striffler
Andrew Swayne	Mike Turgeon	

14) Approve the following list of 2023-2024 Winter Sports coaching appointments:

Boys' Basketball

Varsity Volunteer	Jeffery Paolozzi	Step 0	-0-
Varsity Volunteer	Eugene Maye	Step 0	-0-
Junior Varsity	Dominique Corker	Step 3	\$3,740
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Head Coach	Rick Arket	½ Step 5	\$2,016.50
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Coach	Neal Shapiro	½ Step 2	\$1,466.50
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	OPEN		

Girls' Basketball

Varsity Volunteer	Joseph Bodden	Step 0	-0-
Junior Varsity	Kevin Trevil*	Step 1	\$2,993
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	OPEN		
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	OPEN		

Cheerleading

Varsity Volunteer	Kaylie Pennie	Step 0	-0-
Varsity Volunteer	Sophia Iwan	Step 0	-0-

Ice Hockey

Varsity	Ryen Young – Salary split between 5 schools		
Varsity Volunteer	Andrew Swayne	Step 0	-0-

Indoor Track

Varsity Assistant	Jason Ward	Step 2	\$3,031
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Boys' Swimming

Varsity	OPEN		
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Wrestling

Varsity Volunteer	Ryan Patrie	Step 0	-0-
Junior Varsity	Steven Rumpfelt	Step 3	\$3,309
Modified	John Striffler	Step 10	\$4,216

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

*\*This appointment is conditioned on the school district's receipt of clearance for the employee from the State Education Department following a criminal history records check in accordance with the provision of Education Law §3035.*

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

**a. Placements 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 October 21, 2024.

**b. Minutes:                   Regular Meeting 09/23/2024  
                                      Regular Meeting 10/07/2024**

ROLL CALL  
AYES: 6  
NOES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**c. Treasurer’s Report:       August 2024  
                                      September 2024**

**d. Internal Claims Auditor’s Report/Warrants/Warrant Report Exceptions:**

Payroll Warrants

#13	09/06/2024	\$ 370,874.31
#16	09/13/2024	\$ 851,117.11
#18	09/27/2024	\$1,260,140.81

Check Warrants

A-12	09/04/2024	\$1,494,242.59
A-15	09/13/2024	\$ 187,514.36
A-17	09/27/2024	\$1,825,064.14

**OTHER BUSINESS**

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by Singh, that the Board of Education approve the following:

- a. **Audit Committee Meeting Minutes: 10/07/2024** (These minutes are contained as Appendix H to these minutes).
- b. **Health and Safety Meeting Minutes: 10/16/2024** (These minutes are contained as Appendix I to these minutes).

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Talbot commended the 2024 Girls' Tennis Team for their Section 2 Championship and the Fall Cheerleaders who have won the last two competitions they have competed in.

Ms. Boucher Furnish and Ms. Talbot are proposing a meeting with Superintendent Swartz, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Arket and Senior High School Principal Bednarek to discuss coordinating a job fair/career con for our students.

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

In accordance with Policy #1230, privilege of the floor will be extended at this time to any person in attendance. The time allowed, protocol and procedures are outlined in the "Welcome to a Meeting of the Board of Education" brochure.

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

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Jill Busman, District Clerk