

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 February 10, 2025.

President Talbot called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Carbone, Orr, Roberts, Singh, H. Talbot, Superintendent Swartz

Absent: Boucher Furnish and K. Talbot

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 6:57 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Arket, Business Manager Giaquinto and District Clerk Busman were present for open session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

A community member congratulated Mr. Bednarek and Mr. Geniti for their efforts in working with Athletics these past couple of months. There was an inquiry on the date the 2025 petitions for Board of Education seats would be available (March 3). The question was asked about the vision/mission of the Board of Education. President Talbot stated that the members of the Board were working to consolidate their answers, and that would be shared soon.

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

Superintendent Swartz and Business Manager Giaquinto moved right into addressing the Board with the presentation of the Carry-Forward Budget, State Aid Update and Tax Cap Calculation. (This presentation is contained as Appendix A to these minutes).

PRESENTATION: CARRY-FORWARD BUDGET, STATE AID UPDATE, AND TAX CAP CALCULATION

REPORTS/UPDATE: LEGISLATIVE LIAISON ♦ PTA COUNCIL ♦ AUDIT COMMITTEE ♦ BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE ♦ BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS ♦ BUDGET

Legislative Liaison – NYSED has changed their formula for figuring the percentage of students that are chronically absent. With this new formula, it has been discovered that more than a third of high school students in the state are missing more than 10% of the school year.

There is also discussion about the electric buses with a new bill being pushed through that will introduce a different timeline or other changes with regards to Governor Hochul's plan for implementing the EV buses.

PTA Council – There were PTA activities last Friday at Glen-Worden and Lincoln. The next Council meeting is February 26. The Science Fair is March 6 at the Senior High School. The Staff Basketball Game is March 13. The last day to purchase Founder's Day tickets is March 1, and a reminder that Founder's Day is March 18.

Audit Committee – The RFP (Request for Proposal) for external audit services should be going out on February 15, the proposals are due back on March 26. The recommendation will be brought to the Audit Committee in May.

Policy Committee – Policies have been corrected. Next step is to coordinate the changes/corrections and incorporate them into our existing policies.

Board Goals – The goal is to continue the conversation in promoting Career Pathways for graduation. The first Forum was last month, and it seemed to be met with good success. The next forum will be working with NYSSBA and highlighting a school board's responsibilities.

Budget – Just presented.

RESOLUTION: INCREASE THE MAXIMUM INCOME LEVEL FOR GRANTING A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES TO CERTAIN PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER PURSUANT TO SECTION 467 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by K. Talbot, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution, dated February 10, 2025, to increase the maximum income level by \$500 for partial exemption from real property taxes for school purposes to certain persons sixty-five years of age or over, pursuant to Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix B to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT GIFT AND DONATION FROM MICHAEL RIORDAN TO LINCOLN ELEMENTARY

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by K. Talbot, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution, dated January 27, 2025, regarding accepting and appropriating the gift and donation from Michael Riordan in the amount of \$500.00 to Lincoln Elementary to be used for new tumbling mats for Physical Education classes, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix C to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE SCOTIA-GLENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCOTIA-GLENVILLE ADMINISTRATOR'S ASSOCIATION

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Boucher Furnish, that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between Scotia-Glenville Central School District and Scotia-Glenville Administrator's Association regarding the appointment of Marcella Tebbano as Acting Athletic Director and an authorization of a \$5,000 stipend be paid in recognition of her duties performed as such, for the period of February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, as submitted, and further authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Memorandum of Agreement, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix D to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE REVISED CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE

MOVED by Singh, SECONDED by Boucher Furnish, that the Board of Education approve the revised cell phone allowance by job title in accordance with Board of Education Policy #8331, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix E to these minutes).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Accept the resignation of Lisa Albertin, Bus Monitor (Transportation), effective c.o.b. January 30, 2025, with appreciation for her service to the district.
- b. Accept the letter of resignation of Tahsina Khan, Executive Secretary I (PPS Office), effective c.o.b. February 21, 2025, with appreciation for her service to the district, as submitted. (This resignation is contained as Appendix F to these minutes).

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

a. Staffing

- 1) Approve the change in location for Angela Cerrone, Assistant Principal **from** the Senior High School **to** the Middle School, effective February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, with no change in salary.
- 2) Approve the appointment of Kathleen Powers as a long-term Substitute Special Education Teacher (Lincoln Elementary), effective February 17, 2025, with the 2024-2025 salary to be at the rate of \$97,905.00 (Step 23) prorated per day worked. Ms. Powers holds Permanent certification in Special Education.
- 3) Approve the appointment of Diana Shanty as a long-term Substitute Science Teacher (Senior High School), effective on or about April 13, 2025 through June 27, 2025, with the 2024-2025 salary to be at the rate of \$97,905.00 (Step 23) prorated per day worked. Ms. Shanty holds Permanent certification in Biology and General Science.
- 4) Approve Sue Lorey as a tutor, effective February 3, 2025, for the 2024-2025 school year, at the rate of \$32.00/hour.
- 5) Approve the following list of 2024-2025 Spring Sports coaching appointments:

Baseball

Modified Volunteer	Ed Haldeman*	Step 0	\$ -0-
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Lacrosse – Boys'

Junior Varsity	Christopher Hoover, Jr.	Step 1	\$2,878
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- 6) Approve the attached list of substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year, as submitted. (This list is contained as Appendix G to these minutes).

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 February 10, 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Boucher Furnish shared some recognitions within our schools:

- Middle School Band and Orchestra and High School Choraliers were chosen to participate in the Suburban Council Music Festival
- Several students from the High School Orchestra and Band and the Middle School Chorus participated in the All-County Music
- Tartan Cheerleaders won first place in Class B at Colonie Wolf Pack Competition and second place at the Shaker Sweetheart Competition
- Modified Girls' Basketball defeated Amsterdam, Glens Falls and South Glens Falls
- Lady Tartan Basketball defeated South Glens Falls, Glen Falls and Hudson Falls
- Girls' Indoor Track won the Foothills Championship
- Boy's Indoor Track placed second only missing first place by a half a point
- Varsity Boys' Basketball were victories over Schuylerville
- Varsity Wrestling took third place at the Class B/C Championship and celebrated their Senior Night last week
- Several High School Students were selected to have their art be part of the 24/25 Art and 3D dimension show

The Board would like to start recognizing the hard work of the staff, teachers and administration by implementing an Employee of the Month. A form will be available for the community to use to nominate individuals, and then the Board will select an employee from those names for acknowledgement and appreciation.

Ms. Talbot and Mr. Roberts recognized how nice it was to see high school students proudly wearing their elementary school t-shirts at the basketball game. The event was very special and will be scheduled again next year with the help from the Athletic Department, the PTA's and the Booster Club.

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

None

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

ROLL CALL
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Jill Busman, District Clerk