

July 20, 2009
Date

6:30 PM
Time

Regular Meeting
Type of Mtg.

Central Office Board of
Education Meeting Room
Where Held

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Mr. Semione
Presiding

Members Present:

Ms. Brown
Mr. Carangelo
Mr. DeVoe
Mrs. LaPorta
Mrs. Pike
Mr. Semione
Mrs. Simek
Mr. Wiggins
Ms. Young

Members Absent:

Administrators Present:

Robert DeLilli, Superintendent of Schools
Steve Schloicka, Business Manager
Mike DeMagistris, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics
Mark Batty, Assistant Principal, Gloversville High School
Jim Christopher, Principal, Gloversville Middle School

Others Present:

Kayliegh Karutis, *The Leader-Herald*; Tom Roehl, *WENT*; Maria Hallenbeck, Rick Douglas and Jessie George, GMS Teachers; Kevin Kucel; Marie Wicklund

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:35 PM, Mr. Semione called the regular meeting to order.

PRESENTATION – GMS MATH AND SCIENCE CURRICULUM FOLLOW-UP – Maria Hallenbeck and Rick Douglas, GMS Math and Science Teachers

Mr. Douglas and Mrs. Hallenbeck gave the Board information regarding the accelerated Math and Science curriculum. A copy of the information is attached to these minutes. They thanked the Board for allowing them to give the Board an update on the two successful programs.

Mrs. Hallenbeck addressed the Board regarding Grade 8 Algebra, which is an accelerated math course at the middle school. Criteria for student selection was presented to the Board in February 2008 for approval of implementation. Ms. Hallenbeck reviewed the criteria and informed the Board of the success of the program. She told the Board that 25 students took the Algebra Regents and passed. She also told the Board that she felt the program was successful, however, she would like to eliminate the Grade 7 Math final as part of the criteria for admittance into this program. She then noted that she felt the word "criteria" should be changed to "areas of consideration." Thus, giving teachers more lee-way for recommending students to the program.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the students who succeeded and the students who had difficulty with the program.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATION – GMS MATH AND SCIENCE CURRICULUM FOLLOW-UP

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Douglas addressed the Board regarding Grade 8 Earth Science, which is an accelerated science course at the middle school. Mr. Douglas explained that the program worked very well for everyone involved, i.e., faculty, students, parents, and that he would like to keep the program exactly the way it is, with no changes in the criteria.

A brief discussion ensued.

The Board thanked Mr. Douglas and Mrs. Hallenbeck for their informative presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

Mr. Semione asked if there were questions or concerns regarding items under Board of Education. There was a lengthy discussion regarding Item B, Approval of new positions from Federal Stimulus Title I ARRA Funds. Board members had questions and Mr. DeLilli explained each answer. He emphasized that Title I has very specific guidelines as to how money can be spent.

Mr. Carangelo asked why the district did not have a Deputy Treasurer, Audit Committee and Claims Auditor. Mr. DeLilli and Mr. Schloicka told the Board that they would look into appointments of those positions.

Mr. Semione asked if the list of persons authorized to use district credit cards could be reduced. Mr. DeLilli and Mr. Schloicka told the Board they would look into it and get back to them.

Mr. Semione asked that a motion be made to **Table** Item C, Approval of District Policy #5321 – Use of District Credit Cards – Tabled Item from Organizational Meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Simek and seconded by Ms. Young to Table Item C, Approval of District Policy #5321 – Use of District Credit Cards – Tabled Item from Organizational Meeting.

Motion carried: Ayes: 9 Nays: 0

Mr. Semione asked that a motion be made to approve IV, Board of Education excluding Item C and to approve V, Programs/Pupil Services. A brief discussion ensued regarding the price of the textbook. The Board agreed they would approve the use of the textbook but not the purchase.

Mr. Semione asked that a motion be made to **Table** the purchase of the textbook. A motion was made by Mrs. Simek and seconded by Mr. DeVoe to Table the purchase of the textbook.

Motion carried: Ayes: 9 Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to **TABLE** Item C, Approval of District Policy #5321-use of District Credit Cards-Tabled Item from Organizational Meeting

Motion to approve IV, Board of Education excluding Item C and to also approve V, Programs/Pupil Services

Motion to **TABLE** the purchase of the textbook

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Mr. Semione asked that a motion be made to approve the use of the textbook, The Color Purple. A motion was made by Mrs. Pike and seconded by Mrs. LaPorta to approve the use of the textbook, The Color Purple.

Motion to approve the use of the textbook – The Color Purple

Motion carried: Ayes: 9 Nays: 0

Mr. Semione asked that a motion be made to approve Items A and B under Board of Education. A motion was made by Mr. DeVoe and seconded by Ms. Young to approve Items A and B under board of Education.

Motion to approve Items A and B under Board of Education

Motion carried: Ayes: 9 Nays: 0

Mr. Wiggins noted that the district might want to look into appointing a purchasing agent. Mr. DeLilli told the Board he would check on it.

A APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

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Organizational Meeting July 6, 2009 (enclosure)
Regular Meeting July 6, 2009 (enclosure)

B APPROVAL OF NEW POSITIONS FROM FEDERAL STIMULUS TITLE I ARRA FUNDS

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It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following new positions to be funded by Federal Stimulus Title I ARRA Funds for the 2009-2010 school year only:

Two (2) Parent Involvement Coordinators at GMS and GHS with a salary of \$16,000 each with full benefits for a total of up to \$31,557.40 each

AIS Coordinator at GHS to organize and monitor after-school AIS offerings at \$1,200

Four (4) elementary math leaders at \$1,200 each

Title I Parent Information Specialist employed through BOCES three days per week at \$57,780

K-12 Parent Involvement Coordinator stipend at \$3,000

C APPROVAL OF DISTRICT POLICY #5321 – USE OF DISTRICT CREDIT CARDS – **TABLED ITEM FROM ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT POLICY #5321 – USE OF DISTRICT CREDIT CARDS – **TABLED ITEM FROM ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve District Policy #5321 – Use of District Credit Cards along with the enclosed list of authorized users as requested (enclosure)

PROGRAMS/PUPIL SERVICES

A APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following textbook for the 2009-2010 school year:

The Color Purple, Author: Alice Walker; Publisher: Harcourt; Copyright: 1982; Grade: 9; Cost: \$16.44/copy X 40 copies = \$657.60

Mr. Semione asked if there were questions or concerns regarding items under Finance. There was a brief discussion regarding Warrant items and the Memorandum of Agreement with Family Counseling Center.

Mr. Schloicka gave the Board an additional resolution regarding approval of Transfers to Debt Service Reserve Fund. Mrs. Simek suggested the resolution be labeled Item E under Finance.

Mr. Semione asked that a motion be made to approve items under Finance including Item E, Approval of Transfers to Debt Service Reserve Fund. A motion was made by Ms. Brown and seconded by Mrs. LaPorta to approve items under Finance including Item E, Approval of Transfers to Debt Service Reserve Fund.

Motion carried: Ayes: 9 Nays: 0

FINANCE

A APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

RESOLVED, that the bills herewith listed and presented in the sum \$1,653,238.10 be approved as follows:

Regular Audit	\$1,115,593.57
Federal Audit	\$ 278,181.65
School Lunch Audit	\$
Capital Project I Audit	\$ 6,336.00
Capital Project II Audit	\$ 253,126.88

GRAND TOTAL OF COMBINED AUDITS \$1,653,238.10 and the same are directed paid by the Board of Education. (enclosures)

B ACCEPTANCE OF TRIAL BALANCE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION REPORT – MAY 2009

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the Trial Balance Revenue and Appropriation Report for the month of May, 2009 (enclosure)

PROGRAMS/PUPIL SERVICES

APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK

Mr. Schloicka adds resolution for Transfers to Debt Service Reserve Fund

Motion to approve Finance items including Transfers to Debt Service Reserve

FINANCE

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

ACCEPTANCE OF TRIAL BALANCE APPROPRIATION REPORT – MAY 2009

C APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER OF FULTON COUNTY, INC.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Family Counseling Center of Fulton County, Inc. for the Gloversville Youth At Risk Program for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$95,587 and further agrees to a 2% increase each year for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 as outline in the enclosed agreement. (enclosure)

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

D APPROVAL OF BID

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the bid award for bread and rolls to Freihofer Sales Company in the amount of \$45,818.30 for the 2009-2010 as outlined in the enclosed bid analysis. (enclosure)

APPROVAL OF BID

E APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS TO DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$450,000 (as appropriated) from the general fund transfer to debt service to the debt service reserve fund as of June 30, 2009.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS TO DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND

It is further recommended that the Board of Education approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$1,650,000 from the general fund transfer to debt service to the debt service reserve fund as of June 30, 2009.

Mr. Semione asked that a motion be made to approve the item under Facilities. A motion was made by Mrs. Laporta and seconded by Mr. Carangelo to approve the item under Facilities.

Motion to approve item under Facilities

Motion carried: Ayes: 9 Nays: 0

FACILITIES

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REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES

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It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the following Requests for Use of Facilities: (enclosures)

Organization	Dates	Facility
Adult Basketball	10/15/09-1/3/10 6:30-8:30 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays	GMS Gym

Mr. Semione asked if there were questions or concerns regarding items under Staff Personnel. Mr. Carangelo asked that the Board adjourn to Executive Session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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--Mr. DeLilli told that Board that the Gloversville Police Department was conducting a Training Session at GHS

--Mr. DeLilli gave the Board information regarding Substitute Teachers. A copy of the information is attached to these minutes. He noted that a committee consisting of Mrs. LaPorta and Mr. Carangelo, along with Ms. Raneri, GMS teacher and an administrator would be taking a look at the district use of Substitute Teachers. There was a brief discussion regarding this item.

--Mr. DeLilli informed the Board that the letters to parents explaining the consolidated bus stops would be going out this week. He noted that the "Swing Zone" letters would also be going out this week.

--Mr. DeLilli told the Board that the Gloversville Police Department seems to be open to providing the district with a "truant officer" through the IDEA program.

At 8:45 PM, Mr. Semione asked that a motion be made to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular person or personnel, student matters and collective negotiations, if applicable. A motion was made by Ms. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Simek to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular person or personnel, student matters and collective negotiations, if applicable.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session

Motion carried: Ayes: 9 Nays: 0

Discussion ensued.

At 9:44 PM, Mr. Semione asked that a motion be made to adjourn the Executive Session. A motion was made by Mrs. Simek and seconded by Ms. Brown to adjourn the Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn the Executive Session

Motion carried: Ayes: 9 Nays: 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A PARTICULAR PERSON OR PERSONNEL, STUDENT MATTERS AND COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS, IF APPLICABLE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:44 PM, Mr. Semione asked that a motion be made to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Young and seconded by Mr. Carangelo to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion carried: Ayes: 9 Nays: 0

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Enclosures:

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- List of Authorized District Credit Card Users
- Warrant Information
- Trial Balance Revenue and Appropriation Report
- Family Counseling Center Memorandum of Agreement
- Bid Information
- Use of Facility Information
- OACM Minutes

Enclosures

Robert DeLilli, District Clerk