

GLEN ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Glen Rock, New Jersey 07452
DARIO VALCARCEL, JR. MEDIA CENTER
January 16, 2017
- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES -

President Torsiello called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, the Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting has been sent to all school offices, officially designated newspapers, filed with the Borough Clerk and posted in the Board of Education office, forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Brennan, Ms. Carr, Ms. Hillock, Mr. Jadick,
Ms. McNabola, Mr. Ohri, Ms. Scarpelli, Mr. Torsiello

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Hirschberg

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Paula Valenti, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael Rinderknecht, Business Administrator/
Board Secretary
12 Members of the Public
1 Press Representative(s)

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: 7:05 PM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GLEN ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION that

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Glen Rock must discuss personnel and legal matters; and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid subjects are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid subjects to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975 Chapter 231; it is therefore,

RESOLVED, That the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in private session by this Board at the conclusion of the public segment of this meeting, and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public at the next regularly scheduled meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible but no later than February 27, 2017, if reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

WORK / REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER:
Immediately following Closed Session – 8:12 PM

	Dr. Brennan	Ms. Carr	Ms. Hillock	Mr. Hirschberg	Mr. Jadick	Ms. McNabola	Mr. Ohri	Ms. Scarpelli	Mr. Torsiello
PRESENT	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√
ABSENT				√					

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING

In accordance with P.L. 1975 Chapter 231, notice of tonight's meeting was mailed to The Record and The Ridgewood News on January 10, 2017. Notice of this meeting was also mailed to the Borough Clerk and was posted on the bulletin board of the Board of Education Office in the Administration Building on the same date. Copies of the procedures in effect for Regular Board Meetings are available for the public at tonight's meeting.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Glen Rock School District, an integral part of a supportive community founded on the principles of education, embraces its students as its highest priority by providing an exceptional education and opportunities for personal development of the whole child in a secure environment through a comprehensive, innovative and rigorous curriculum and co-curricular activities to foster productive and responsible citizens of the globally connected society.

STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

Often times it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases by unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. If the Superintendent of Schools is satisfied and the Board of Education President concurs that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then placed on the agenda at the next Board of Education meeting. The members of the Board work with the administration and the Superintendent of Schools to assure that they fully understand the matter. After the Committee of the Whole approves the matter, it is placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting. In rare instances, matters are presented to the Board of Education for discussion at the same meeting that final action may be taken.

PRESENTATIONS

- ESEA District/Schools Corrective Action Plans (PARCC)

Dr. Valenti reviewed the action plan that will be submitted to the state.

- New Jersey School Boards BoardDocs Demonstration – Webinar

The Board discussed the demonstration and is in favor of purchasing the software.

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Dr. Valenti shared the Hamilton School newspaper and circulated it among the Board members.
- Dr. Valenti attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony this morning and noted it was the 35th year of remembrance.
- Dr. Valenti attended the most recent Community Based Instruction program.
- Dr. Valenti advised 160 Kindergarten students were registered during last week's registration days.
- Dr. Valenti spoke about her recent book study programs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The rules for public input at board meetings are contained in Glen Rock Regulation 1120 - copies are available at each meeting.

Meeting opened to public comments at 9:10 PM.

A student spoke in favor of Mr. Manziano and noted the DECA competition went very well under his instruction.

A resident spoke about the district's homework policy and noted the inconsistency in the amount and timing of homework given. He suggested black out days where nothing is done; resulting in less stress and IEP's for children. He referenced Ridgewood's homework policy.

A resident asked a question about the homework policy as it relates to religious holidays. She referenced an insensitive situation her daughter recently had to deal with due to the current homework policy. She stated the Boards' policies should reflect what the people of Glen Rock believe; if schools are closed then the students should be off from homework and activities.

A resident spoke about sports and religious holidays; she noted that her son had missed a practice due to a religious holiday and said the coach was understanding and allowed him to play in the next game. She stated if school is closed, there should be no homework. She questioned the meaningfulness of some homework assignments; she referenced specific assignments that are in no way meaningful. She suggested a summer reading program that institutes reading for pleasure.

Meeting closed to public comments at 9:27 PM.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAME
NO MORE THAN 20 MINUTES PER CONTENT AREA

GENERAL

➤ **Governance**

- Discussion
 - Review of Bylaw 9326 – Minutes

Ms. Carr spoke of her research on other district’s policies on Board minutes; none of which had any time restraint on submittal of minutes. She referenced a recent meeting she had with some Central Office staff members with regards to their responsibilities. Ms. McNabola noted any Board member may also view the meeting video once posted. Ms. Carr contacted NJSBA and was advised there is no state policy on the timeframe on the completion of minutes; there was only one case law that allowed for a minimum of two weeks. She was advised the minutes are the recollection of the Board Secretary and not verbatim; it is each Board member’s responsibilities to keep their own notes. Ms. McNabola noted minutes are required to record actions taken and the vote and that comments were made.

Motion made by Ms. Carr Seconded by Ms. Hillock to pull any discussion regarding Bylaw 9326 until the Board decides on whether or not to move forward with the BoardDocs software program.

	Dr. Brennan	Ms. Carr	Ms. Hillock	Mr. Hirschberg	Mr. Jadick	Ms. McNabola	Mr. Ohri	Ms. Scarpelli	Mr. Torsiello
YES	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√
NO									
ABSENT				√					
ABSTAIN									

- Old Business
- New Business/Regular Public meeting items
- Actionable items

Ms. Carr reviewed the following policies and the changes that were made mainly with regards to State Mandates:

- G1.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, reads for the second time and adopts the policy listed below which was read for the first time at the December 12, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting. (Attached as Appendix A)

Policy 3516	Safety
Policy 4131/4131.1	Staff Development: Inservice Education/ Visitations/Conferences - Certified Personnel

- G2.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, reads the policy listed below for the first time, with the second reading and adoption to take place at the Regular Board Meeting on January 30, 2017. (Attached as Appendix B)

It was noted that Policy 6154-Homework/Make-up Work will be tabled for further discussion at upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings.

6114	Emergencies & Disaster Preparedness
6154	Homework/Make-up Work
6161.1	Guidelines for Evaluation & Selection of Primary Instructional Texts & Resources
6161.4	Animal Dissection
6162.5	Research/Surveys

Ms. Carr stated with the exception of Policy 6154-Homework/Make-up Work, all of the above policies will be brought forth for first read or adoption at the January 30, 2017.

- G3.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, acknowledges receipt of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) 2016 Accountability Results and approves the Corrective Action Plans for submission to the Interim Executive County Superintendent. (Attached as Appendix C)
- G4.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator approves Spectrum Consulting to provide 1:1 behavioral support for seven (7) hours per day for Student #214733 during the 2016-2017 school year not to exceed \$25,000.00 from account #11.219.100.320.30.16.437.

➤ **Instruction and Program**

- Discussion
- Old Business
- New Business/Regular Public meeting items
- Actionable items

BUSINESS

➤ **Fiscal Management/Operations**

- Discussion
 - 2017/18 Budget Calendar (establish milestone dates)

Mr. Rinderknecht referenced the budget calendar previously provided to the Board. He will bring the draft budget documents to the January 23rd meeting for the Board.

- Capital projects
- Elementary school indoor air quality testing
- Old Business
 - Ms. McNabola asked about discussing elementary air conditioning.
- New Business/Regular Public meeting items
- Actionable items

OTHER

➤ Liaisons

Mr. Torsiello informed the Board of and discussed committee chair and liaison assignments.

Mr. Torsiello discussed Board member protocol with regards to questions; Board member’s questions should be sent to respective chairs and the chairs will forward to Administration.

➤ 25 Year Club Dinner

Dr. Valenti mentioned the District is at a crossroads on this event; the Board will need to further discuss whether or not to hold the event.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. Carr Seconded by Ms. Scarpelli to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 16, 2017 at 10:44 PM.

	Dr. Brennan	Ms. Carr	Ms. Hillock	Mr. Hirschberg	Mr. Jadick	Ms. McNabola	Mr. Ohri	Ms. Scarpelli	Mr. Torsiello
YES	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√
NO									
ABSENT				√					
ABSTAIN									

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rinderknecht
 Business Administrator/ Board Secretary