

**GLEN ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Glen Rock, New Jersey 07452**  
**DARIO VALCARCEL, JR. MEDIA CENTER**  
**February 6, 2017**  
**- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES -**

President Torsiello called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Hirschberg, Mr. Jadick, Ms. McNabola (at 7:52 PM), Mr. Ohri, Ms. Scarpelli, Mr. Torsiello

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**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: 7:06 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 March 27, 2017, if reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

**WORK / REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER:**  
**Immediately following Closed Session – 8:00 PM**

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

**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.

**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 8:08 PM.**

None

**Meeting closed to public comments at 8:08 PM.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

VFW Student Essay Contest Results

Presenters: Dr. Paula Valenti and Mr. Robert Steinberg, Commander -  
 Thomas D. Egan Glen Rock Post #850 Veterans of Foreign Wars

Patriot’s Pen results:

First Place Post Level: Mallika Sinha - GRMS

Voice of Democracy Results:

First Place Post Level and Third Place District Level: Jake Kenney - GRHS 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Second Place Post Level and Second Place District Level: Deirdre Meaney - GRHS 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Third Place Post Level: Katherine Grochan - GRHS 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAME**  
**NO MORE THAN 20 MINUTES PER CONTENT AREA**

**PERSONNEL**

➤ **Personnel**

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

**Motion made by Ms. Scarpelli Seconded by Mr. Hirschberg to approve Resolutions P1 and P2 as listed below.**

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

**P1.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the appointment of the following long-term replacement teacher for the 2016-2017 school year:

Name	School	Position	Start/End Date	Step (Salary)	Account Number
Kristen Graham	Byrd	Grade 4	3/1/2017 - 6/30/2017	MA/Step 1 \$54,814 prorated to start date	11.120.100.101.10.03.213

P2. Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the appointment of the following lunchroom aide for the 2016-2017 school year:

School	Name	Step	Salary per Hour	Days per Week	Account #
Byrd	Maria Gradski	1	\$18.50	5	11.000.262.107.10.44.216

**GENERAL**

➤ **Governance**

- Discussion
- Old Business

Ms. Hillock read a prepared statement regarding her request for travel reimbursement in response to Dr. Valenti’s email about non-reimbursement.

- New Business/Regular Public meeting items
- Actionable items

**Motion made by Ms. Hillock Seconded by Mr. Jadick to approve Resolution G1 as listed below.**

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

G1. Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the agreement with BoardDocs for the BoardDocs Pro program for the 2017-18 school year, at a one-time fee of \$1,000 and an annual recurring fee of \$9,000, to begin July 1, 2017.

**BUSINESS**

➤ **Fiscal Management**

- Discussion

Mr. Rinderknecht handed out and reviewed the budget documents with the Board.



➤ **Fiscal Management**

- General Fund tax levy increase comfort levels
- Base Budget - 5YSP committee worksheet adds
- Activity fee discussions
- Budget calendar - approval of 2017/18 tentative budget on March 13, 2017
- Other

**Motion made by Ms. Hillock Seconded by Ms. Scarpelli to extend the time for this discussion for an additional 10 minutes.**

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

○ Old Business

Ms. Hillock spoke about her request to have a meeting with the district’s auditor Mr. Lerch to further discuss the audit. Mr. Torsiello advised he is discussing her request with the administration as to the best and most financially responsible way to move forward.

- New Business/Regular Public meeting items
  - Budget Transfers for month ending January 31, 2017
  - September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016 Board Secretary/Treasurer’s Reports
  - January 31, 2017 bills list
- Actionable items

**OTHER**

➤ **Liaisons**

Ms. McNabola attended the recent SEPAC meeting and noted the group is getting larger, it was an excellent meeting.

Mr. Torsiello reported on the first joint meeting of the year with the Borough on January 18<sup>th</sup> at which they discussed field usage and a traffic study.

➤ **Community Planning debrief**

The Board discussed the recent planning session and suggested ways to improve.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Ms. Carr Seconded by Dr. Brennan to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 6, 2017 at 11:00 PM.**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Rinderknecht  
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary