

GLEN ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Glen Rock, New Jersey 07452
DARIO VALCARCEL, JR. MEDIA CENTER
February 25, 2017
- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES -

President Torsiello called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. 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 (at 8:34 AM), Ms. Carr, Ms. Hillock, Mr. Hirschberg, Mr. Jadick, Ms. McNabola, Mr. Ohri (at 8:39 AM), Ms. Scarpelli, Mr. Torsiello

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

WORK / REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER: 8:30 AM

	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 today's meeting was mailed to The Record and The Ridgewood News on February 14, 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 today'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 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.

BUSINESS

> Fiscal Management

o Discussion

Mr. Rinderknecht reviewed the budget documents in detail with the Board and entertained questions from the Board. The Board discussed cost savings for future budgets, as well as revenue generation and efficiencies.

- Continued Discussion of Recommended Administrative Budgetary Adds/Adjustments - Review of Draft Budget Adjustments Document Updated 2/21/17
- Review of Updated Draft Budget Documents
 - Sources of Revenue
 - Summary of Appropriations
 - Bar Chart Comparisons 16-17 vs. 17-18
 - Appropriation Detail
 - Appropriation Detail w/ZBB

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 9:57 AM.

A resident spoke about not cutting Middle School sports; she expressed concern about children getting into trouble after school without the Middle School sports program.

A resident spoke about the need to look for efficiencies and revenue.

A resident noted he is not in favor of the elimination of Middle School sports.

A resident noted recreation and travel programs are not the same as the Middle School sports program; they are more political. Sponsorships are a viable option and should be explored further.

A student stated he learned a lot from the Middle School sports program i.e. responsibility and how to handle adversity and disappointment.

A resident stated the Middle School sports program is important as it is the first time that children are not being coached by their parents, but rather coaches and that gives them a sense of school pride. The Middle School delivers its' student athletes ready to play to the High School program.

A resident referenced the activity fees revenue and asked to see the revenue from the last 2 years as a comparison.

Two students spoke of their experiences in Middle School sports and noted they are nothing like recreation and travel programs.

A resident stated the eliminating Middle School sports are a bad idea; there are many people looking to help. The district needs to do like everyone else, do more with less.

A resident suggested a higher activity fee; sports are important to the children especially in this time of social media. She stated Glen Rock needs to stay competitive with their rankings among peer communities.

A student expressed his concern about eliminating Middle School sports; he said the recreation program is one day per week, whereas Middle School practice is every day.

A resident referenced his Middle School coaching experiences and the positive effect the programs had on the students. Middle School sports are a direct pipeline to the High School program.

A resident stated the elimination of Middle School sports will have a negative impact at the High School level. It is also important to develop character and leadership. During their respective seasons the coaches spend as much time with the students as the teachers do.

Meeting closed to public comments at 10:28 AM.

BUSINESS

- **Fiscal Management**
 - Discussion

Ms. Hillock requested the sports by sports updated analysis for this coming Monday's meeting; Mr. Rinderknecht and Dr. Valenti commented that the report would not be ready for Monday's meeting as it is time consuming to gather the data. Board members

suggested using the previous sports by sports analysis until the updated report is completed.

- Continued Discussion of Activity Fees - *tabled*
- Other

GENERAL

➤ **Governance**

- 2017/18 Draft School Calendar

Dr. Valenti reviewed the draft calendars with the Board; the selected version will be on the agenda for Monday evening. Mr. Torsiello stated any suggestions or changes should be sent to him via email for forwarding to the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS


- Next Meeting Date: February 27, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. Carr Seconded by Ms. Scarpelli to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 25, 2017 at 11:30 AM.

	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