

**GLEN ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Glen Rock, New Jersey 07452**  
**DARIO VALCARCEL, JR. MEDIA CENTER**  
**March 6, 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. Hillock, Mr. Jadick, Ms. McNabola, Mr. Ohri (at 8:06 PM), Ms. Scarpelli, Mr. Torsiello

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Carr, Mr. Hirschberg

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

**WORK / REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER: 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 8:02 PM.**

None

**Meeting closed to public comments at 8:02 PM.**

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

**PERSONNEL**

**Motion made by Ms. Scarpelli Seconded by Ms. Hillock to approve Resolutions P1 through 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, accepts the resignation of the following staff member for retirement reasons, in accordance with the provisions of the GRBOE/GREA negotiated agreements:

Name	Position	Effective Date
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Joanne Brown	Teacher - Middle School	7/1/2017
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**P2.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the following Travel and Conference for professional development and training purposes as specified below:

Attendee	School/Dep't	Program	Location	Date	Cost	Account
L. Wolff	Guidance	Mental Health Issues Facing 21st Century Learners	South Orange, NJ	3/16/17	No Cost	N/A
J. Falkenstern	Guidance	Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction	Hackensack, NJ	3/21/17	No Cost	N/A

**NOTE:** All conference expenses to include Travel (mileage/tolls/parking) unless otherwise noted. Regular Travel Reimbursement requires the submission of a requisition and completed Professional Development Report no later than 30 days after the completion of the travel. The costs for substitute teachers will be in addition to travel costs.

## GENERAL

### ➤ Governance

- Discussion
- Old Business

Ms. McNabola referenced the policy and bylaw listed below; she noted the change in setup as they are now done by NJSBA and they have combined many of the Board's previous travel policies into one comprehensive policy and bylaw. Dr. Valenti noted she included her recommendations in the Board's packet a few weeks ago as requested; she reviewed them with the Board. At the Board's request, Dr. Valenti will request clarification of travel reimbursement regulation from NJSBA. Dr. Valenti will forward her recommendations to NJSBA for inclusion in the policies.

- Policy 9250
  - Bylaw 9250
- New Business/Regular Public meeting items
- Actionable items

**Motion made by Ms. Hillock Seconded by Ms. Scarpelli to approve Resolutions G1 through G2 as listed below.**

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

**G1.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the following field trip for students which will occur at no district expense, except for the cost of substitute teachers and overnight stipends, if any for the chaperones accompanying the students:

Class/Grade	School	Teacher(s)	Location
Choir	High	C. Helder T. Kroft A. Lilikas	Metropolitan Opera New York, NY

**G2.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the acceptance of the following donations:

Item/Purpose	To	From
\$2,500	Hamilton School Special Education Technology Needs	Jim & Erica Song

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**BUSINESS**

➤ **Fiscal Management**

○ Discussion

- Review of draft 2017/18 budget adjustments necessary to achieve a not to exceed General Fund Tax Levy of 3.25%

Mr. Rinderknecht reviewed the revised documents provided to the Board; which includes the reestablishment of Middle School sports and noted the



**B1.** Whereas, the contract for teacher’s assistants with Mission One Educational Staffing, LLC expires on June 30, 2017; and

Whereas, the Board of Education is desirous of advertising for bids to provide the services for teacher’s assistants for the 2017-2018 school year and two one year options for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years;

Be it resolved that the Board of Education approves the specifications for teacher’s assistants and authorizes the business administrator to publish a notice of bidders with an April 18, 2017 bid opening date.

**OTHER**

➤ Athletic Conference discussion

Dr. Valenti spoke of her meeting with the coaches and assistant coaches; she is awaiting comments those coaches that were unable to attend her meeting this afternoon. Ms. McNabola provided a brief historical overview of how the hockey team came about.

➤ Liaisons

Mr. Torsiello advised the joint Board/Borough meeting will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Media Center; and asked if two additional Board members would be interested in participating.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Ms. Scarpelli Seconded by Mr. Jadick to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 6, 2017 at 10:29 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