

GLEN ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Glen Rock, New Jersey 07452
DARIO VALCARCEL, JR. MEDIA CENTER
April 3, 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 (at 7:12 PM), Mr. Jadick, Ms. McNabola,
Mr. Ohri, Ms. Scarpelli, Mr. Torsiello

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: 7:00 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 which includes an HIB report and the Superintendent vacancy; 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 June 26, 2017, if reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

Motion made by Ms. Hillock Seconded by Ms. Scarpelli that the April 3, 2017 Regular Session Meeting be adjourned to Closed Session at 7:00 PM.

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

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
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

- Ice Hockey Team Recognition

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 **Mr. Ohri** Seconded by **Dr. Brennan** 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
YES	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
NO							P1		
ABSENT									
ABSTAIN		P1							

Ms. Hillock suggested the Board review contract bonuses moving forward.

Mr. Hirschberg asked that motion P3 be pulled for a separate vote.

Ms. Scarpelli made a brief statement regarding Dr. Valenti’s retirement.

P1. Be it resolved that the Glen Rock Board of education accepts, with regret, Dr. Paula Valenti’s resignation from her employment as Superintendent of Schools for the Glen Rock School District for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2017, in accordance with the provisions of her negotiated 2016-2019 agreement.

P2. Be it resolved that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, accepts with regret the resignation of the following staff member for personal reasons, in accordance with the provisions of the GRBOE/GREA negotiated agreements:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Jean Urmston	Middle School Home Economics	7/1/17

Motion made by Mr. Ohri Seconded by Dr. Brennan to approve Resolution P3 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			√						

P3. Be it resolved that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves a \$15,144 non-pensionable merit payment to Andrea Tahinos, Community School Director for successfully achieving the merit increase as set forth in her 2015-16 employment contract as evidenced by the District’s Audit for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016 and documented extraordinary losses.

GENERAL

➤ **Governance**

- Discussion
- Old Business
 - Ms. Hillock reminded the Board of her request to meet with the Auditor’s regarding the 6/30/16 audit.
 - Dr. Valenti referenced Policy 9250 – Travel provided to the Board and noted the additional updates.
- New Business/Regular Public meeting items
 - Ad Hoc Revenue Committee
Mr. Torsiello spoke about how he thinks the Ad Hoc Revenue Committee would best operate; the Board agreed with the structure he suggested.
- Actionable items

Motion made by Ms. Hillock Seconded by Mr. Hirschberg 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, reads for the second time and adopts the policies listed below which were read for the first time at the March 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. (Attached as Appendix A)

Policy 5118.2	Foster Care and Educational Stability (New)
Policy 5120	Assessment of Individual Needs
Policy 5125	Student Records
Policy 6171.4	Special Education
Policy 6171.5	Independent Educational Evaluation
Policy 9250	Travel Reimbursement

- G2.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, reads and adopts the new revised regulations listed below. (Attached as Appendix B)

Regulation 5118.2	Foster Care and Educational Stability (New)
Regulation 5125	Student Records

VANDALISM/SUSPENSION/HIB REPORTS

Disciplinary Action			HIB?	# of Students	Grade(s)	Infraction
In-School Suspension	Out-of-School Suspension	Other				
X			No	3	6	Throwing of Objects
X			No	2	7	Disruptive/ inappropriate behavior
X			No	2	8	Theft of Property
X			No	10	9	Tardy to School
X			No	5	10	Tardy to School
X			No	3	10	Disrespectful to Staff
X			No	16	11	Tardy to

						School
X			No	21	12	Tardy to School
X			No	1	12	Possession of Tobacco Product
X			No	1	12	Smoking/use of tobacco products

Ms. Carr expressed her disappointment with the student absence policy. The full Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the student absence policy.

OTHER

➤ Liaisons

Ms. Hillock reported on her attendance at the Hamilton HSA meeting as well as the Husky Café lunch held at Hamilton School.

Ms. McNabola reported on her attendance at the recent SEPAC meeting.

Ms. Carr reported on her attendance at the Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Mr. Torsiello reported on the Joint Meeting held earlier this evening with some Mayor and Council members at which they discussed shared services. He also noted that May 8th is the GRBOE/Borough Council joint meeting.

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 9:25 PM.

Multiple residents spoke about the Hockey team winning the league championship, the fact that the team has subsequently been pushed out of the Big North and asked that the Board fight hard to keep the team in the Big North.

A resident spoke about Dr. Valenti and noted she has been an excellent Superintendent and noted she is disappointed that she is retiring.

Meeting closed to public comments at 9:40 PM.

Mr. Torsiello commented about Autism Awareness Month.

Motion made by Ms. Carr Seconded by Ms. Hillock to recess the Committee of the Whole meeting to Closed Session at 9:51 PM.

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

Motion made by Ms. Hillock Seconded by Ms. Scarpelli that the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 3, 2017 be adjourned at 10:30PM.

	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