

GLEN ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Glen Rock, New Jersey 07452
DARIO VALCARCEL, JR. MEDIA CENTER
April 17, 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,
Mr. Ohri, Ms. Scarpelli, Mr. Torsiello

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Paula Valenti, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael Rinderknecht, Business Administrator/
Board Secretary
11 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 Non-tenured staffing report and Interim Superintendent search update and non-union administrative and Central Office support staff salary negotiations; 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 Mr. Hirschberg that the April 17, 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: 8:38 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

February 4, 2017 - Community Planning
 Presenter: Nancy Stern of Sousa and Stern

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. Jadick Seconded by Dr. Brennan to approve Resolution P1 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									

P1. 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
P. Cusack	Technology/ Curriculum & Instruction	LMS Site Visitation to Park Ridge School District	Park Ridge, NJ	4/21/17	Travel Only	11.000.221.680.31.27.251

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
 - Policy 6154 - Homework/Make-up Work

- G1. 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 A)

Regulation 9250	Travel Reimbursement
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BUSINESS

➤ **Fiscal Management/Operations**

- Discussion
- Old Business

Ms. Hillock asked about the status of her request to have a meeting with the auditor’s.

Motion made by Ms. Hillock Seconded by Mr. Hirschberg to have the auditor’s meet again with the Board to answer questions regarding the audit ending 6/30/16.

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

- New Business/Regular Public meeting items
- Actionable items

Motion made by Ms. Scarpelli Seconded by Mr. Jadick to approve Resolutions B1 through B2 as listed below.

	Dr. Brennan	Ms. Carr	Ms. Hillock	Mr. Hirschberg	Mr. Jadick	Ms. McNabola	Mr. Ohri	Ms. Scarpelli	Mr. Torsiello
YES	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
NO			B1						
ABSENT									
ABSTAIN									

- B1.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator, that the Architect is hereby authorized to prepare plans and specifications of the Glen Rock High School Tennis Court Repairs Project (Other Capital Project) and submit same to the New Jersey Department of Education and to all other governmental authorities with jurisdiction over the Project. The Architect shall also amend the School District’s Long Range Facilities Plan, if necessary, consistent with this Agreement. The Glen Rock Board of Education is

not seeking state funding for this project. The Owner’s review, approval, acceptance of, or payment for the Architect’s services shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement or of any cause of action for damages caused by the Architect’s negligent performance under this Agreement. This Agreement does not restrict or limit any rights or remedies otherwise afforded the Owner or the Architect by law.

- B2.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator, that the Architect is hereby authorized to prepare plans and specifications of the High School/Middle School HVAC Roof Top Unit (RTU) replacement (Other Capital Project) and submit same to the New Jersey Department of Education and to all other governmental authorities with jurisdiction over the Project. The Architect shall also amend the School District’s Long Range Facilities Plan, if necessary, consistent with this Agreement. The Glen Rock Board of Education is not seeking state funding for this project. The Owner’s review, approval, acceptance of, or payment for the Architect’s services shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement or of any cause of action for damages caused by the Architect’s negligent performance under this Agreement. This Agreement does not restrict or limit any rights or remedies otherwise afforded the Owner or the Architect by law.

VANDALISM/SUSPENSION REPORTS - September 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017

<u>Disciplinary Action</u>			<u># of Students</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>	<u>Infraction</u>
<u>In-School Suspension</u>	<u>Out-of-School Suspension</u>	<u>Other</u>			
X			2	8	Fighting with other Student
X			2	8	Misuse of the Internet
X			1	9	Cutting class, 2nd time this marking period
X			1	9	Disrespectful to staff
X			1	9	Vandalism
	X		1	9	Possession of Controlled Substance
	X		1	9	Fighting with another student
X			2	10	Language obscene
X			3	10	Misuse of the Internet

X			1	10	Smoking/use of tobacco products
X			1	10	Threat
	X		2	10	Possession of Controlled Substance
X			2	11	Jeopardizing the safety of others or order of the school
X			1	12	Substance Abuse - Use Confirmed

OTHER

➤ Liaisons

Ms. Carr noted there is a Recreation Advisory Board meeting tomorrow evening.

Mr. Jadick reported on various Coleman School activities.

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 10:08 PM.

Multiple residents spoke about the District’s homework policy; they especially focused on the blackout dates surrounding breaks and religious holidays.

A resident spoke in favor of Mr. Feldman teaching AP Psychology when he returns.

A resident spoke of consistency in the homework policy. She also noted there needs to be better coordination amongst teachers.

Meeting closed to public comments at 10:24 PM.

Motion made by Ms. Scarpelli Seconded by Ms. Hillock to recess the Committee of the Whole meeting to Closed Session at 10:25 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 Dr. Brennan to adjourn the Closed Session at 11:07 PM and return to the Regular Meeting.

	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. Scarpelli Seconded by Mr. Hirschberg to approve Resolution P2 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									

P2. Be it resolved that the Board authorizes the Board President to negotiate an employment contract with Bruce Watson for the position of Interim Superintendent.

Motion made by Dr. Brennan Seconded by Ms. Hillock that the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 17, 2017 be adjourned at 11:10 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