

GLEN ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Glen Rock, New Jersey 07452
DARIO VALCARCEL, JR. MEDIA CENTER
May 8, 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,
Mr. Hirschberg, Mr. Jadick (at 7:12 PM),
Ms. McNabola, Mr. Ohri, Ms. Scarpelli, Mr. Torsiello

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Hillock

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

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: 7:04 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 the CSA evaluation and HIB reports; 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 August 29, 2017, if reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

Motion made by Mr. Hirschberg Seconded by Dr. Brennan that the May 8, 2017 Regular Session Meeting be adjourned to Closed Session at 7:04 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

Visual Art Photography One Students

Presenter: Dr. Paula Valenti

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- Dr. Valenti recognized the HS Choir that performed at a competition in Orlando, FL and noted their accomplishments.
- Dr. Valenti noted the district participated in Take Our Children to Work Day on April 27th; 35 staff members brought their children to work that day.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAME
NO MORE THAN 20 MINUTES PER CONTENT AREA

PERSONNEL

- **Personnel**
 - Discussion
 - Old Business
 - New Business/Regular Public meeting items

Ms. Scarpelli asked about the request for the increase in assignment for the Business teacher for 2017/18.

- Actionable items

Motion made by Ms. Carr Seconded by Mr. Hirschberg to approve Resolution P1 through P7 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									

Ms. Carr, Ms. Scarpelli and Mr. Hirschberg acknowledged those staff members retiring or resigning.

- P1.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the appointment of the following as advisors to the extra-compensation cocurricular positions, in accordance with the current GREA negotiated agreement, for the 2016-2017 school year:

Cocurricular Position	School	Name	Stipend	Account #
Social Skills Club	Coleman	Chrisanne Moger/ Tara Picinich	\$190.50 (50% of \$381.00)	11.401.100.100.12.31.000

- 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 retirement reasons, in accordance with the provisions of the GRBOE/GREA negotiated agreements:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Ann Comarato	Teacher of English – High School	7/1/2017

- P3.** 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 agreement:

Name	Position	Effective Date
William Paul McCrary III	Teacher of Social Studies – High School	7/1/2017

- P4.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, retroactively approves the home instruction for Middle School student ID# 207301 as required April 24, 2017 through June 22, 2017 with five (5) hours of core subjects per week at the rate of \$40 per hour:

Home Instructor	Subject
Stephanie Cohen	Science
Stephanie Cohen	Social Studies
Mary Ellen Wawrzossek	Math

- P5.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, retroactively approves the home instruction for Middle School student ID# 213141 as required April 17, 2017 through June 22, 2017 with five (5) hours of core subjects per week at the rate of \$40 per hour:

Home Instructor	Subject
Connie Stagno	Science
Connie Stagno	Social Studies
Connie Stagno	Math 6
Connie Stagno	Language Arts

- P6.** Be it resolved that the Board approves, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator employment of the following personnel as 2017-18 summer computer technicians not to exceed budget amount of \$13,917.00:

Name	Rate	Account Number
Brennan Boyle	\$8.88	11-000-262-110-35-00-000
Nicholas McRae	\$8.88	11-000-262-110-35-00-000
Patrick Besser	\$8.50	11-000-262-110-35-00-000
Benjamin Unger	\$8.50	11-000-262-110-35-00-000
Doug Tenga	\$12.50	11-000-262-110-35-00-000

P7. Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the following Travel and Conferences for professional development and training purposes as specified below:

Attendee	School/Dep't	Program	Location	Date	Estimated Cost	Account
T. Picinich*	Coleman	Judy Freeman's Winners! Workshops	Whippany, NJ	5/12/2017	\$217.68	11.000.223.580.12.00.000
C. Mitchell*	Coleman	Judy Freeman's Winners! Workshops	Whippany, NJ	5/12/2017	\$217.68	11.000.223.580.12.00.000
R. Eaton	Guidance	Binghamton Counselor Day	Binghamton, NY	6/5/2017 - 6/6/2017	Travel Only	11.000.218.580.23.23.251

* Substitute Required

NOTE: Conference/Workshop reimbursements are estimated costs. Actual reimbursements to be made in accord with Board Policy, N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 and the State's regulations regarding travel covered under Circular Letter 08-13-OMB and any subsequent Circular Letters which may be issued by the State Office of Management and Budget. The costs for applicable substitute teachers will be in addition to travel costs.

GENERAL

➤ **Governance**

- Discussion

Ms. McNabola gave an overview of the following policies and regulations:

- Policy 6114 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness
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- Policy 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work

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- Policy 6161.1 Guidelines for Evaluation and Selection of Instructional Materials
- Policy 5111- Admission
- Old Business
- New Business/Regular Public meeting items
- Actionable items

Motion made by Ms. Scarpelli Seconded by Mr. Jadick to extend this discussion by 20 minutes.

	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. Ohri to approve resolutions G1 through G4 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				G2					

G1. Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, accepts the Community Planning Initiative, which was presented at the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting on April 17, 2017 by Sousa & Stern Educational Consultants.

G2. Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the following District Mission Statement as amended:

The Glen Rock School District founded on principles of education, in partnership with a supportive community, provides an exceptional education to all students to cultivate resilient, responsible and engaged global citizens.

G3. Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the acceptance of the following donation:

Item/Purpose	To	From	Cash Value
Workshops for Yoga/Stress Management in Learning Strategy Classrooms	High School	MS/HS HSA	\$200

- G4.** Be it resolved that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the following field trips 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
Robotics	Middle School	D. Blatt*	Memorial Middle School Fair Lawn
Art	High School	D. Cella* S. Kupka*	Seven Bridges Foundation Greenwich, CT
Art	High School	D. Cella*	Philemona Williamson's Studio Bloomfield, NJ
Physics	High School	I. Bickert* I. Pierri* W. Crispino* M. Rapkin* L. Heres* M. Weisberg* S. McNally*	Six Flags, Jackson, NJ
Cultural Exchange	High School	J. Ecochard* T. Lyon*	Point Pleasant Beach Point Pleasant, NJ

* Substitute Required

➤ **Instruction and Program**

- Discussion
 - 2017-18 Summer Curriculum Projects

Dr. Regan gave an overview of the proposed summer curriculum projects list.

Ms. McNabola stated the staff members participating in the projects occurring during the month of June are being paid twice because they are already paid through the end of June; she does not support those particular projects and believes they should be done in the summer. Ms. Carr asked how the timeframe is determined. Mr. Hirschberg asked how the 1:1 HS Laptop Initiative will impact the summer curriculum projects. Ms. Scarpelli questioned whether a class would continue to run with a minimal amount of students. Dr. Brennan questioned what could be done with the scheduling in order to do the curriculum projects in June rather than throughout the summer. Mr. Torsiello asked if Dr. Regan expects the list to change before it is approved.

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

BUSINESS

➤ **Operations**

- Discussion

Ms. Carr gave an update on the below items.

- Committee Liaison meeting update
- Courtyard donation and request for funds

Motion made by Ms. Carr Seconded by Mr. Ohri to accept the generous donation from Norma Klau’s family with up to \$10,000 funding from the Board for MS/HS courtyard enhancements.

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

- Old Business

Ms. Carr expressed her continued concern about out of town people using fields without authority.

- New Business/Regular Public meeting items
- Actionable items

➤ **Fiscal Management**

- Discussion
- Old Business

Ms. Scarpelli noted that she and Mr. Rinderknecht need to update the 5YSP documents.

- New Business/Regular Public meeting items
 - Board Secretary/Treasurer’s Report month ended March 31, 2017
 - Budget Transfers/Adjustments month ended April 30, 2017
 - Bill’s list for April 2017
- Actionable items

OTHER

➤ Liaisons

Ms. McNabola advised she will be attending the Delegate Assembly meeting on May 20th; she asked for any comments or suggestions for the proposed resolutions.

Ms. Carr spoke about the April 18th Recreation Advisory Board meeting she attended and noted the next meeting will be tomorrow evening.

Mr. Ohri spoke about the recent Bollywood night held on May 5th and advised it was a great success. He thanked all that were involved.

Motion made by Ms. Scarpelli Seconded by Mr. Hirschberg to affirm the decisions made in HIBMS1617-003, as reported by the Chief School Administrator during the April 3, 2017 Closed Session meeting.

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

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 10:11 PM.

A resident disagrees with the current homework policy and is glad there will be a comprehensive review next year.

A resident spoke of the unfairness of the homework policy with regards to religious holidays.

A resident noted she hopes the Board will take the mission statement to heart and consider what the community wants; especially with regards to the air quality.

A resident would like to see the media center and air quality topics discussed more.

A resident requested the Board give more time to new programs i.e. Mandarin Chinese to allow the program to build and develop over time.

A staff member commented on the air circulation in the media center; she noted the tissues hanging near the vents rarely move.

Meeting closed to public comments at 10:24 PM.

Motion made by Ms. Carr Seconded by Ms. Scarpelli that the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 8, 2017 be adjourned at 10:24 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