

Glen Cove City School District - Board of Education - Brief of Meeting
Meeting of Date: January 30, 2017 - Middle School Library

Personnel Actions:

Name	Board Action
Appointment of Matthew Bellomo and Marcela Salcedo , Substitute Teachers, effective 1/10/2017 - 6/23/2017	Approved
Appointment of Peter Bednarski, Bobbee Brancaccio, Matthew Carbone, Mark Checola, Michael Chiclacos, Frank Curatolo, Scott Johnson, Peter Kopecky, Christopher MacDonald, Juan Molina, Douglas Tripp, Steven Tripp, Angela Zupa - Spring Coaches, effective 2016-2017 School Year	Approved
Appointment of Matthew Bellomo , Home Tutor, effective 1/10/2017 - 6/30/2017	Approved
Change in Status of Michele McLoughlin , effective 1/30/2017 - 6/23/2017	Approved
Appointment of Amanda Adrion , Landing School, effective 1/9/2017 - 6/23/2017 and Jessica Mouradian , Deasy School, effective 1/23/2017 - 6/23/2017, Part-Time Teaching Assistants	Approved
Leave of Absence of Gina Rant , Deasy, effective 1/17/2017 - 1/20/2017	Approved
Appointment of Jigisha Motwani , Thayer, School District Treasurer, effective 1/25/2017	Approved
Appointment of Lisa Notti , Deasy, School Monitor, effective 1/23/2017 - 6/23/2017	Approved
Appointment of Michelle Wall , High School, Temporary Secretary, effective 1/18/2017	Approved
Appointment of Tina Bencivenni , District, Sub Food Service Helper, effective 1/9/2017 - 6/23/2017	Approved
Leaves of Absence of Lorraine Ieraci , High School, Secretary, effective 1/18/2017 and Mary Maruca , High School, School Monitor, effective 12/12/2016 - 12/23/2016	Approved
Resignation of Judith DeMarino , Gribbin, School Monitor, effective 1/23/2017	Accepted
Adoption of 2017 - 2018 School Calendar	Approved

Committee Reports

Audit Committee - no meeting since last meeting. Internal auditors will be in towards the end of March to do the risk assessment that's done every year. They want to come in either February or March to meet the new person that has started in the business department.

Policy Committee - meeting has been rescheduled for next Monday.

Technology Committee - met on January 11th. We spoke about touch screen monitors and some teachers are trying them out. We're testing out two monitors (InTouch and TE Tung monitors) and were discussing which one performs better and is more user friendly. We're also looking at maintenance; quality images and what we might want to invest in as we move forward, either Epson Bright Links or Smartboards. We toured the TV studio with Chris Barry. We started in the mac lab where students use technology to create stories using iMovie; the new newsroom will be located adjacent to the library where the radio station used to be; the radio station moved inside the TV studio. The district has a subscription to live stream which allows us to stream an unlimited number of footage, a lot of what you have already seen when viewing our district events. The latest being the high school pep rally. This tool can also be utilized by other teachers in the school building. Digital signage is being used in the high school to display announcements with discussions of possibly doing this in the middle and elementary buildings. Information regarding student clubs and video footage created by students in the TV production classes. The TV studio is trying to help students have experiences that would further enhance them in their future careers. Our next meeting is a week from Wednesday. Two additional virtual sandboxes have been created at the 3-5 buildings.

Facilities Committee - met and don't have much to update on the open items. The greenhouse at Gribbin has now changed from a one level to a two level structure and we should hear if we get approved in four to five months. We also went through the potential bond proposal. The problem is a lot of the same rhetoric from the bond we were considering five years ago and we've told them to figure out real numbers as the numbers were absurd. The lighting project in both high school gyms will be done over the February break. The lighting company that will be doing the work will be doing it at night and if we have to move some scheduled events around we will work with Denise Kiernan to do that. There will be no overtime charged. The work will be done when the school is vacant so they can get to work done and make it safe for us. Both of the high school gyms had fires caused by the old lights so with the new bleachers and flooring we decided now would be the time to change the fixtures as we don't really trust them. At the middle school the fixtures have a component that if the bulb explodes there's something to catch it and at the high school they don't. The middle school gym lights will be addressed next. All the lighting is part of the energy performance contract from about five year ago. The auditorium project because of scheduling can't be done during the school year so it will be done over the summer. Some items were pushed off to the next meeting because everyone was not in attendance. We're working on changing the water fountains and Victoria (Victor) was able to get us a \$300 savings on each. The Deasy playground grant is almost complete, we're just waiting for a few items and we haven't gotten the paperwork for the Connolly playground yet. The grant is through CRP monies. We also have to address the high school science labs.

Instructional Report

Committee on Special Education	Approved
Committee on Preschool Special Education	Approved

Business Affairs - Operations

Transfers	Approved
Excessing of Equipment - HP9500C Color MFP	Approved
Field Trip - High School Band to perform at Music in the Parks Competition in Allentown, Pennsylvania	Approved

Superintendent's Report - Updates

<i>The Superintendent of Schools thanked the police department, members of the community, the After Three Program, the library and Mayor Spinello for participating in the district wide PARP program across the district. If you ever want your heart to sing volunteer to read a book to anyone of our classes. I received digital thank you from one of our classes that they created on their iPad with little voice recordings from each of them. It was a wonderful time and I thank everyone that took time out of their busy schedules to read to our children. I forwarded to the Board pictures of the reading challenge at Landing and it amazing what our staff does to motivate our students. One of the thank you notes from a third grader said that "she liked the Giving Tree book I read and stated that it's sad but that's life. She went onto thank me for the work I do both in the schools and in the community and she hopes I'm friends with Mayor Spinello because we should work together". For a third grader, it was the cutest thing. Thanks to the PTA and staff that put it together.</i>	
<i>Dr. Rianna stated that we are very concerned about the outcome of our country at this point in time and with that committees are looking at proposed new staff members at the White House and in Washington. One of which is the Secretary of Education, Ms. DeVos. I know there is a lot of controversy in regards to her appointment. That appointment is supposedly being confirmed sometime tomorrow. This weekend, across the country, people were speaking out in regards to their concerns. Personally, I hate to see what's going on and we're seeing some violence that I don't think really needs to be there. It's absolutely appropriate for us to voice our opinions and then hold people accountable not only for what they promise but have faith in the checks and balances that are supposedly a part of our country. Even now as superintendents we speak to different aspects of funding and regulation that we're not comfortable with or meet the needs of our children. I don't know that this women will meet the needs of our children but our voices can be heard in an appropriate manner for the good of the children. Along those lines we have received resolutions that some Boards have voted upon and I open it up for a discussion.</i>	
<i>The Board discussed their concerns and opinions some of which are included below on the resolution opposing Betsy DeVos for Education Secretary.</i>	
<i>Trustee Franklin stated that she is concerned with the nominee however is concerned as a Board in getting involved with the politics end of it and supports what the majority of the Board would do. Trustee Huggins agrees with Trustee Franklin and although he does not know enough about this matter he will refer to our people that have done a lot of research and are involved in education that feel strongly about this. Trustee Huggins doesn't lime this whole political thing going on. He will vote with the majority of the Board. Trustee Juarez would like a strong letter to with the resolution.</i>	
Resolution Opposing Betsy DeVos for Education Secretary	Approved
2017-2018 Budget Presentation – Victoria Galante, Assistant Superintendent for Business, did a power point presentation on next year’s budget. She took questions upon the completion of her presentation by the Board. Handouts were made available to the public for review.	

Dr. Rianna stated that the Board will be asked to accept a donation at our February 13th meeting. She stated that the district purchases uniforms for our wrestlers that move onto qualifying and then to state as well as other championships and a select group from different weight classes end up going to those championships. A former student of ours has donated ten uniforms to the Glen Cove School District for those qualifying students. These uniforms were designed by this former student who was in the audience. Dr. Rianna acknowledged and thanked this former student (Brandon Aviles). A round of applause was received.

New Business:

Trustee Venuto requested having a future discussion regarding school start times.
Trustee Juarez stated that in a particular math class there are 29 students who run to class to be guaranteed a seat as there are not enough desks in the classroom.

Calendar

January 23	Monday	BOE Regular Meeting Executive Session – 6:15 pm Regular Meeting to Reconvene – 7:30 pm Connolly School
24	Tuesday	PTA Council Presidents & Principals Dinner – 6:30 pm
25	Wednesday	
26	Thursday	
27	Friday	
30	Monday	BOE Regular Meeting Executive Session – 6:15 pm Regular Meeting to Reconvene – 7:30 pm Finley Middle School
31	Tuesday	SEPTA Meeting – MS Library – 7 pm
February 1	Wednesday	
2	Thursday	Curriculum Committee – 3:30 pm – Thayer House Landing PTA Meeting – 7 pm
3	Friday	Facilities Committee – 8:30 a.m. – Thayer House
6	Monday	Policy Committee – Thayer House – 6:15 pm
7	Tuesday	HS Booster Club Meeting – 7 pm
8	Wednesday	Technology Committee – 4 pm – HS Library MS PTA Meeting – 7 pm
9	Thursday	Nutrition & Wellness Committee – 5 pm – HS Library PTA Council Meeting – HS Cafeteria – 7 pm
10	Friday	
13	Monday	BOE Regular Meeting Executive Session – 6:15 pm Regular Meeting to Reconvene – 7:30 pm Landing School
14	Tuesday	
15	Wednesday	Deasy PTA Meeting – 7 pm
16	Thursday	Gribbin PTA Meeting – 7 pm
17	Friday	
20 – 24	Mon./Fri.	WINTER RECESS – SCHOOLS CLOSED
27	Monday	BOE Regular Meeting Executive Session – 6:15 pm Regular Meeting to Reconvene – 7:30 pm Middle School
28	Tuesday	Connolly PTA Meeting – 7 pm
March 1	Wednesday	
2	Thursday	
3	Friday	Facilities Committee – 8:30 a.m. – Thayer House
6	Monday	
7	Tuesday	HS Booster Club Meeting – 7 pm
8	Wednesday	HS PTSA Meeting – 7 pm
9	Thursday	
10	Friday	High School Red & Green Games – 6:30 pm

Minutes - Board of Education Meeting of 01/09/2017	Approved
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Unfinished Business:

Trustee Nedbor-Gross asked when the Board would be going over the safety report. Per Victoria Galante, she will touch base with Victor in Buildings and Grounds and get back to the Board.
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The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2017 - Landing School @ 7:30 pm Submitted By: Ida Johnson District Clerk
