

**EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board of Education Meeting  
Wednesday, January 27, 2016  
Howard L. Goff Middle School

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – Ms. JoAnn Taylor – 7:30 p.m.

**MEETING BEGINS**

2. **Attendance**

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Buono	x	
Ms. Curran		x
Ms. Curtin	x	
Mr. Dunn	x	
Dr. Harrison		x
Ms. Maciol		x
Mr. Mann		x
Ms. Massey	x	
Ms. Taylor	x	

Also Attending

Dr. Nagle	x	
Ms. Bowman	x	
Mr. Edson	x	
Dr. Pampel	x	

Student Council Representatives

Stephen Reilly		x
Devin Neal		x

3. **Ex Officio Student Council Comments**

None at this time.

**EX OFFICIO  
COMMENTS**

4. **Public Forum**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Balzer expressed support for the Friends of Jaclyn program at Columbia High School. Mr. Sawchuk said students will provide community service by pairing with children battling pediatric brain tumors and other childhood cancers.

Ms. Tierney introduced herself as the East Greenbush Town Liaison to the school district and offered her assistance. She congratulated the District on attaining its strong credit rating.

Ms. Tierney thanked the staff and administration of the East Greenbush Central School District for her children's excellent education.

Mr. Crall thanked members of the EGTA for attending the meeting. He spoke on behalf of the outstanding teachers in the District who work after hours to do grading, report cards, lesson planning, and phone calls to parents. Mr. Crall said they go above and beyond their regular duties and are the best teaching staff.

**5. Board Forum**

**BOARD FORUM**

Mr. Buono welcomed Ms. Tierney as liaison. He thanked District staff for the efforts in obtaining a strong credit rating, Comptroller's Audit with no findings, and a "no designation" rating on the Comptroller's Fiscal Stress System for the third year in a row. Mr. Buono said that we are managing our resources well.

Ms. Taylor congratulated Ms. Monica Blanchfield and Ms. Sharon Kolodny on their retirement and thanked them for their many years of service doing good things for students and wished them well and best of luck.

**6. Minutes**

**MINUTES**

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the District Clerk, the Board of Education approves the minutes of January 13, 2016.  
Motion by Ms. Curtin, Seconded by Ms. Massey  
Vote:       Ayes - 5,       Nays - 0  
Motion carried.

**7. Regular Business**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Approval of Programs for Resident Children with Disabilities.  
Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the programs for resident children with disabilities as presented.  
Motion by Ms. Massey, Seconded by: Mr. Buono  
Vote:       Ayes - 5,       Nays - 0  
Motion carried.

**8. Reports and Presentations**

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Donald P. Sutherland Elementary School  
Emergency Project Proposal for Masonry

Mr. Ellsworth provided an overview of the masonry condition at the Donald P. Sutherland Elementary School. Mr. Ellsworth said the deterioration of the brick walls has happened quickly.

Mr. Nickerson stated that it accelerated within the last six months. Mr. Ellsworth noted that temporary provisions have been made to prevent any additional movement of the brick.

Mr. Buono asked for a description of the work. Mr. Nickerson provided details involving the removal of the masonry at the tops of the sloped portion of the wall, removal of the coping stones, and installation of a water-resistant membrane under the stones.

Dr. Nagle added that the recent Building Condition Survey also noted the need to replace the slate roof as a priority one project. She said that after abatement of the vermiculite this summer, the roof will need to be addressed. Since the building is considered a historic building, the structure can't be altered, and the roof may need to be replaced with the same materials.

### **Declaration of Emergency and of Contingent Expense, SEQRA Type II Action**

WHEREAS, it was recently discovered that certain sections of exterior brick and stone coping at the DP Sutherland School had deteriorated to the point that prompt emergency repairs are necessary to stabilize the structure, and said areas have been secured with temporary netting, but permanent repairs to brick and stone are needed; and

WHEREAS, CSArch (the School District's Architect) has reviewed the exterior brick and stone coping at DP Sutherland School and determined that the work constitutes an emergency project in that it was not previously identified as an issue in previous Building Condition Surveys and the deterioration has exponentially increased over the past several months as moisture penetrated the compromised façade and caused more and more damage; and

WHEREAS, the emergency project is essential for the protection of the health and safety of the students and staff and for the protection of the District's property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is the lead agency with regard to the repair of the brick and stone coping at the DP Sutherland School under the provisions of SEQRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of Education declares that the repair of the exterior brick and stone coping at the DP Sutherland School is a SEQRA Type II Action not requiring any further SEQRA review.
2. The Board of Education hereby finds pursuant to the Education Law, that the repair of the exterior brick and stone coping at DP Sutherland School is essential for protection of the health and safety of the students and staff and for protection of the District's property, and hereby declares the Project to be an ordinary contingent expense (hereafter "Project").
3. The maximum estimated cost of the Project, as determined by CSArch, the Architect, in consultation with the Construction Manager, Sano-Rubin, is Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000). The Project will be funded by fund balance that will be transferred to the capital fund and, to the maximum extent possible, by state building aid.
4. The Superintendent of Schools and all officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to complete the Project and to carry out the intent of this Resolution and to apply for any eligible state building aid.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Ms. Curtin, Seconded by Mr. Dunn

The vote on the Resolution was as follows:

Ms. Curtin – Yes

Mr. Dunn – Yes

Mr. Buono – Yes

Ms. Massey – Yes

Ms. Taylor - Yes

Motion: carried

#### B. Proposed Change in Policy – Second Reading

Mr. Edson advised there had been no comments received on the proposed policies since the first reading on January 13. The State Education Department did not comment on the proposed wellness policy during the recent audit fieldwork of cafeteria operations.

Motion by Ms. Massey, Seconded by Mr. Dunn  
To adopt the following policies as presented:  
#1230 – Public Participation at Board Meetings  
#2270 – School Attorney  
#5405 – District Wellness Policy  
#8334 – Use of Credit Cards

Vote: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0  
Motion: carried

C. Proposed Change in Policy – First Reading

Mr. Edson said the Policy Committee thanked the Board Subcommittee responsible for reviewing the mission statement for the proposed change to the policy.

D. Student Performance Update – Dr. Lynne Pampel

Dr. Pampel explained how she works with Ms. Barrett of Questar III BOCES to review student testing performance at various grade levels and by categories of all students, economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities. She said that the District outperforms other schools on the continuous growth model.

Dr. Pampel shared student performance in the following disciplines; English Language Arts, Mathematics, Grades 4 and 8 Science, Secondary Level ELA, Secondary Level Mathematics, Global History and Geography, US History and Government, and Secondary Level Science. She also gave an update on the graduation rate, which increased in all categories from 2014. The Assistant Superintendent spoke about more rigorous standards in Grade 4 Science, requiring an update of the science kits used by students. She commented on the excellent performance on the Common Core ELA Regents, which was higher than the standard Regents. Dr. Pampel noted that the science department ranked 7<sup>th</sup> out of 88 schools in the Capital Region; she explained curriculum writing and STEM orientation in this area. The Assistant Superintendent advised that mathematics will be a target area for improvement in the future and that steady growth in all areas is expected.

9. **Tabled Motions:** None at this time.

**TABLED  
MOTIONS**

10. **Old Business:** None at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**11. Consent Agenda without Item 11-C**

**CONSENT AGENDA  
FINANCIAL  
REPORTS**

A. Financial Reports

1. Warrants – 0049, 0050, 0051
2. Activity Reports – Howard L. Goff Middle School – November and December 2015 and Columbia High School – November 2015

B. Personnel

**PERSONNEL**

1. Instructional/Instructional Support Personnel #657 as Recommended by Superintendent
2. Non-Instructional Support Personnel #657 as Recommended by Superintendent

C. Acceptance of Bids for Wireless Access - pulled

**WIRELESS ACCESS**

D. Bell Top Elementary School Third Grade Field Trip Request

**BELL TOP FIELD  
TRIP REQUEST**

E. Varsity Baseball Overnight Trip

**COLUMBIA OVER-  
NIGHT TRIP**

F. Acceptance of Gifts and Authorization to Increase the 2015-2016 Budget

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
GIFTS, INCREASE  
BUDGET**

Be It Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Consent Agenda, without Item 11-C, Acceptance of Bids for Wireless Access, be approved as presented.

Motion by Mr. Buono, Seconded by Ms. Massey

Vote: Ayes - 5, Nays - 0

Motion carried.

**12. New Business:** None at this time

**NEW BUSINESS**

**13. Committee Reports:**

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

Mr. Edson said that BRAC will meet on February 22 to discuss enrollment projections with the Capital District Regional Planning Commission.

Ms. Taylor said that Transportation will hold a final meeting on the recent Winterfest event. She announced that the Education Foundation plans to induct the following members into the Columbia Hall of Fame: Andrea Neiman, Class of 2001, Andria Hanley, Class of 1984, and Dr. James Baldwin, Class of 1972. The annual gala will be held at the Troy Hilton Garden Inn on April 8.

**14. Public Forum #2**

Mr. Buono thanked teachers, staff, and administration for the outstanding student academic performance presented by Dr. Pampel earlier in the evening.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**15. Board Forum #2**

None at this time.

**BOARD FORUM**

**16. Executive Session**

Motion by Ms. Massey, Seconded by Mr. Dunn to go into executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations.

Vote: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Motion carried.

Time: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy J. Mancino  
District Clerk

**16 Executive Session**

The executive session began at 8:16 p.m. and ended at 9:58 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**17 Adjournment**

Motion by Ms. Massey and seconded by Mr. Dunn to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion carried.

Time: 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Curtin  
Board of Education Member