

**EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board of Education Meeting #12

Howard L. Goff Middle School Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – Dr. Harrison – 7:31 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 and Presentations**

**EX OFFICIO  
COMMENTS AND  
PRESENTATIONS**

A. Student Council: Jack Biddlecomb, Student Council Treasurer, said the Principal’s Leadership Team attended the Goff Middle School production of the “Lion King” with a student from Friends of Jaclyn. The students will also be traveling to a horse farm on April 7. Jack Biddlecomb also announced students, teachers, and parents will be working on the final School Improvement Plan on March 30. A multicultural fair will be held on March 31 with Kati Preston as guest speaker on the Holocaust. The Student Council plans a blood drive in two weeks with a goal of 100 donors.

B. Special Presentation(s): None at this time.

**4. Public Forum**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Balzer thanked EGTA for sponsoring a blood drive at the YMCA.

**5. Board Forum**

**BOARD FORUM**

Ms. Curran thanked Columbia students for their volunteer work in the community. She said the recent play performances were a great success.

Ms. Taylor congratulated the girls' bowling team on winning the State championship. She encouraged everyone to support the pasta dinner fundraiser on April 1 for the Columbia High School Science Olympiad trip to the National Competition. Ms. Taylor thanked Mr. Crall and Mr. Balzer for highlighting student and staff success in the community.

Mr. Buono wished student athletes good luck in the spring sports season.

**6. Minutes**

**MINUTES**

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the District Clerk, the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Budget Review Session on March 2, 2016.

Motion by Ms. Massey, Seconded by Ms. Taylor  
Vote: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstention – 1  
(Mr. Mann)

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. Curran, Seconded by Mr. Buono  
Vote: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0  
Motion carried.

**8. Reports and Presentations**

**REPORTS AND  
PRESENTATIONS**

A. Proposed Change in Policy #1500 – Second Reading

Mr. Edson advised there had been no comments received on the proposed policy since the first reading on March 9. He said the

corresponding building use forms will change upon policy approval.

Motion by Ms. Massey, Seconded by Mr. Mann

To adopt the following policy as presented.

#1500, Public Use of School Facilities

Vote: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0

**B. Proposed Change in Policy #2121 – First Reading**

Mr. Edson said the Board candidate packet was recently reviewed by the school attorney. He has suggested that policy #2121, Board Member Qualifications, be amended to state the residency requirement as a continuous and uninterrupted period of one year prior to the election.

**9. Tabled Motions**

None at this time.

**TABLED MOTIONS**

**10. Old Business**

None at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**11. Consent Agenda**

**A. Financial Reports**

1. Warrants – 0061, 0062, V062, 0063
2. Treasurer’s Reports – January 2016

**CONSENT AGENDA  
FINANCIAL  
REPORTS**

**B. Personnel**

1. Instructional/Instructional Support Personnel #661 as Recommended by Superintendent
2. Non-Instructional Support Personnel #660 as Recommended by Superintendent

**PERSONNEL**

**C. Citizen Genet Elementary School – Grade 4 Field Trip**

**GENET FIELD TRIP**

**D. Elective Course Reading Material**

**ELECTIVE COURSE**

**E. Committee for Curriculum Study Recommendation**

**CURRICULUM  
STUDY  
RECOMMENDATION**

**F. Science Olympiad State Competition – H. L. Goff Middle School Trip**

**H. L. GOFF SCIENCE  
OLYMPIAD TRIP**

**G. Health Services Contract**

**HEALTH SERVICES**

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
GIFTS**

I. Contract for Construction Management Services – Citizen Genet Elementary School Water Damage Repairs

**CONTRACT  
CONSTRUCTION  
MANAGEMENT**

J. Employee Attendance

**EMPLOYEE  
ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Dunn requested that item 11-D be pulled and voted on at a future meeting.

Ms. Taylor welcomed back Ms. Smart as a substitute teacher in the District.

Ms. Curran thanked Mr. Bruce for volunteering to serve as a substitute.

Mr. Buono requested an update on the Genet water damage repairs project. Dr. Nagle reported the bulk of the work will be completed during April break. The 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Administration Center will have carpet replacement, some new drywall, and molding. Room 100 of Genet will be used as a staging area and be completed during Memorial Day recess. The stage and band room will also be refinished in April.

Dr. Harrison appreciated the work of administration, building principals, and union members to reduce employee absences prior to and after holidays. He said that focus should shift to reducing total substitute cost, which is on track to be the same as the \$1.3 million spent in 2014-2015. Dr. Harrison shared that a 10% reduction in absences would produce savings for other projects.

Be it Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Consent Agenda, without #11-D, Elective Course Reading Material, be approved as presented.

Motion by Ms. Maciol, Seconded by Ms. Taylor

Vote: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**12. New Business**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Maciol spoke about a parent concern on overseas student trips due to recent terrorist attacks. She said this is an issue in a number of schools that is creating concern among families, but recognized it is an individual family decision.

Dr. Nagle said the issue is creating much discussion among Suburban Council superintendents. A number of local schools have planned trips in the next four months, although none are

planning to cancel and are leaving the decision to families.

Dr. Harrison noted there is an overseas trip in April, but that it is a private trip not sanctioned by the school district.

Dr. Nagle was unaware of any school-sponsored overseas trips in the District.

**13. Committee Reports**

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

Mr. Buono said the Technology Committee had a discussion about purchasing Chromebooks and 1:1 initiatives in local school districts. There also was an update on g-mail for student access and computer-based testing.

Ms. Taylor invited everyone to attend the Education Foundation Gala at the Troy Hilton Garden Inn on April 8. Tickets are available until April 1 at \$45 per person. She also encouraged participation in the pasta dinner fundraiser for the Science Olympiad team which will be traveling to national competition for the second year in a row.

**14. Public Forum**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None at this time.

**15. Board Forum**

**BOARD FORUM**

None at this time.

**16. Executive Session**

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Buono and seconded by Ms. Massey to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel discussion.

Vote: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Time: 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy J. Mancino  
District Clerk

**16. Executive Session**

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

The executive session began at 7:56 p.m. and ended at 9:09 p.m.

**17. Adjournment**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Maciol to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Time: 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Curran  
Assistant Clerk