

EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting #13

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Green Meadow Elementary School

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
PRESENTATION**

A. Student Council Representatives:
None at this time.

B. Special Presentation:

Mr. Garab welcomed the Board, administration, and audience members to Green Meadow Elementary School. He presented an overview of the student population, highlighting the increase in economically disadvantaged youth. Mr. Garab explained the delivery of programming for special education students, including the transitions classes.

Ms. Fields provided an overview of social emotional learning (SEL) and the professional learning community (PLC). She attended a series of training sessions on the topics in order to implement in the classroom. Ms. Fields explained how social emotional learning was delivered from 2012-2013 to present.

Mr. Kelvin spoke about school psychology services at Green Meadow. He said his role extended to psychological evaluations, functional behavioral assessments, individualized behavior intervention plans, IEP counseling, team meetings, collaboration, and student crisis response. Mr. Kelvin welcomed interns from the College of St. Rose.

Ms. Scaringe said she provides counseling services to students, both on a mandated basis through an IEP and on a non-mandated basis from teacher referrals. She works with students who have experienced family changes and provides classroom lessons to develop social skills and conflict resolution. Ms. Scaringe serves as the appointed Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) Coordinator. Her work also includes communication with Child Protective Services (CPS), being part of the character education committee, and collaborating with local agencies.

Mr. Garab said a social emotional learning library includes resources for teachers. He thanked Ms. Leinung for her service to the District and congratulated her on retirement.

Break from 7:57 p.m. to 8:12 p.m. to observe the Social Emotional Learning Library.

4. Public Forum

Mr. Crall congratulated Mr. Sankey as EGTA Teacher of the Year and Ms. Fields for obtaining the National Board Certification. He expressed concern about the structure of the recent student tests and reaffirmed parents' rights to make choices regarding participation in testing.

PUBLIC FORUM

5. Board Forum

Mr. Dunn thanked Mr. Garab and Green Meadow staff for an informative and wonderful presentation.

BOARD FORUM

Ms. Curran expressed appreciation to Mr. Garab and Green Meadow staff for the presentation.

Ms. Taylor thanked individuals for attending the Education Foundation Gala and the raising of money for community

programs. She congratulated Ms. Leinung on her retirement and Mr. Sankey for being selected as EGTA Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Curtin thanked Mr. Sawchuk and Columbia staff for sponsoring the multi-cultural fair. She said the featured speaker was outstanding.

Ms. Maciol thanked Mr. Garab, Ms. Scaringe, Mr. Kelvin, and Ms. Fields for great presentations and their fine work with students. She thanked Ms. Leinung for her amazing work and for obtaining many resources for the library.

6. Minutes

MINUTES

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the District Clerk, the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting on March 9, 2016.

Motion by Mr. Dunn, Seconded by Ms. Taylor
Vote: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 1 (Ms. Maciol)
Motion carried.

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the District Clerk, the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting on March 23, 2016.

Motion by Ms. Curran, Seconded by Ms. Taylor
Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0
Motion carried

Minutes of March 16, 2016 Budget Review Session to be considered at the next meeting

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. Maciol, Seconded by Ms. Curtin
Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0
Motion carried.

8. Reports and Presentations

**REPORTS AND
PRESENTATIONS**

A. Columbia High School Paperless Proposal
Mr. Sawchuk presented the results of a Suburban Council Schools survey of how communication occurs with parents. Three schools

are entirely paperless. Mr. Sawchuk planned paperless implementation for August 2016.

Mr. Kilmartin demonstrated an app for an individual school that can be used for social media integration, public schedules, collecting fees for yearbooks and field trips, posting pictures and videos, teacher contract information, and calendars. He showed how Wayne Trail Elementary School has utilized the app for its residents. Mr. Sawchuk emphasized the convenience to parents of the app.

Ms. Maciol asked for consideration for economically disadvantaged parents to help them afford wireless. Mr. Kilmartin said he would like to provide education on how to access low cost services.

Mr. Dunn appreciated the presentation and said it would advance the District and meet community expectations. He requested Mr. Kilmartin to speak with school users about their experience with the app.

Mr. Sawchuk said a committee has been formed for implementation.

Dr. Harrison suggested that the high school administration report back to the Board in early 2017 and include the number of parents opting out. He also suggested that the information be shared with the other building principals.

B. Proposed Change in Policy – Second Reading

Mr. Edson advised there had been no comments received on the proposed policy since the first reading on March 23.

Motion by Ms. Taylor, Seconded by Ms. Curran

To adopt the following policies as presented:

#2121, Board Member Qualifications

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0

Motion carried.

9. Tabled Motions

None at this time.

**TABLED
MOTIONS**

10. Old Business

Trip to Germany

Dr. Harrison asked what the communication plan was with students. Mr. Williams said the student group has been registered

OLD BUSINESS

with the Smart Travelers Group. Each student participating has been paired with an overseas student, family, and teacher. The itinerary is tentative. Students may contact Mr. Williams or the other chaperones. Mr. Williams will keep a master list of contact information.

Mr. Dunn said that the response had answered many of Mr. Mann's concerns.

Dr. Harrison asked if any parents had expressed concern or given feedback. Mr. Williams said that none had commented on the Germany trip, but that another meeting has been planned with parents and students.

11. Consent Agenda

Dr. Harrison said that Item #11-H was informational and did not need approval.

A. Financial Reports

1. Warrants – 0064, 0065, V065
2. Treasurer's Reports – Columbia High School and Howard L. Goff Middle School – February 2016

B. Personnel

1. Instructional/Instructional Support Personnel #662 as Recommended by Superintendent
2. Non-Instructional Support Personnel #661 as Recommended by Superintendent

C. Green Meadow Elementary School Grade 4 Field Trip

D. Computer Equipment Transfer

E. Elective Course Reading Material

F. Approval of Smart Schools Investment Plan

G. Columbia High School Science Olympiad Trip to Wisconsin

H. National Grid Rebates

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

J. Bid for Athletic Equipment

K. Health Services Contract

CONSENT AGENDA FINANCIAL REPORTS

PERSONNEL

GREEN MEADOW FIELD TRIP COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TRANSFER COURSE READING MATERIAL SMART SCHOOLS

CHS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TRIP NATIONAL GRID REBATES ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, INCREASE BUDGET BID ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

L. Excess and Surplus Equipment

**EXCESS AND
SURPLUS
EQUIPMENT
BID AWARD**

M. Bid Awards – Asbestos and Vermiculite Project

N. Howard L. Goff Middle School Field Trip to New York City

GOFF FIELD TRIP

O. Columbia High German Club Field Trip to Adirondack
Extreme and Helderberg Inn

CHS FIELD TRIP

Be it Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the
Superintendent, the Consent Agenda, without Item 11-H, National
Grid Rebates, be approved as presented.

Motion by Ms. Maciol, Seconded by Mr. Dunn

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Dr. Harrison noted that the consent agenda included the Board
approval of the use of the book “Columbine” in an elective course
at Columbia High School.

12. New Business

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

13. Committee Reports

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Ms. Curtin appreciated the variety of requests for special grants
committee consideration. An agenda item will be presented at the
next Board of Education meeting.

Ms. Taylor said the Education Foundation held the annual Gala on
April 8, which included 4 inductees to the Columbia High School
Hall of Fame and approximately 125 attendees. She invited
everyone to attend Dessert Night at Goff School on April 14 from
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Harrison said the technology committee met to review use of
instructional technology and implementation of a plan under the
Smart Schools Bond Act.

14. Public Forum

PUBLIC FORUM

None at this time.

15. Board Forum

BOARD FORUM

None at this time.

16. Executive Session

Motion by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Curtin to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Time: 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy J. Mancino

District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

16. Executive Session

The executive session began at 9:11 p.m. and ended at 9:23 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

17. Adjournment

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

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Time: 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Curran
Assistant Clerk

ADJOURNMENT