

EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
Central Administration Center

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
Mr. Giordano	x	
Dr. Harrison	x	
Mr. Mann	x	
Ms. Massey	x	
Ms. Taylor	x	

Also Attending

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

Student Council Representatives

Devin Neal	x
Lillian Hutton	x

3. **Ex Officio Student Council Comments**

A. Student Council Representatives

Devin Neal reported that the freshman orientation was a great success with over 300 attendees. The orientation included breakout sessions with seniors and incoming freshmen. Devin Neal said the Student Council is collecting school supplies for underprivileged families and brainstorming fundraising activities for breast cancer awareness. Student Council will begin planning for homecoming in October. Fundraising events may include selling coupon books, charm bracelets, t-shirts, and a movie night.

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

**EX OFFICIO
COMMENTS AND
PRESENTATIONS**

4. Public Forum

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Balzer applauded the opening day speeches of Mr. Simons and Dr. Harrison and welcomed Mr. Simons to the school district.

5. Board Forum

BOARD FORUM

Ms. Curran said it was great to be back for the opening of school. She thanked members of the audience for attending the meeting. Ms. Curran welcomed Mr. Simons to the District. She looked forward to working collaboratively with the Student Council.

Ms. Taylor thanked the many Columbia High School participants in the Teal Ribbon Run/Walk on September 11. She said it was a great event and also acknowledged the many Howard L. Goff School teachers walking in support of Ms. Chylinski.

Ms. Curtin commended two Columbia High School alumni, Caleb Milford (class of 2012) and Carlos Sosa (class of 2011) for serving in the Peace Corps and being featured on Facebook.

Mr. Giordano wished the McHugh family well during this difficult period of time. He welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the school year.

Mr. Mann also welcomed the audience to the meeting. He said the opening days of school were a success and commented on the completion of the construction projects. Mr. Mann welcomed Mr. Giordano and Mr. Simons.

Mr. Buono looked forward to a great school year.

Ms. Massey also welcomed Mr. Simons and Mr. Giordano. She said it was refreshing to see Mr. Simons participating in the Welcome Back from Genet Staff video. Ms. Massey recognized the great work of the transportation staff for their opening training day which was featured on the news.

Dr. Harrison said the Board retreat was a success. The Board is working on goals for the 2016-2017 school year and developing a method to measure progress toward the goals. Dr. Harrison is looking for input to revamp the conduct and format of Board meetings. He asked everyone to forward any ideas to the Board or administration. Those ideas will be forwarded to the Board subcommittee for feasibility. Dr. Harrison hoped that the ideas will encourage dialogue with the school community and potentially feature a monthly discussion between the Board and school stakeholders.

Mr. Simons congratulated Mr. Grignon and Mr. Sawchuk on the September 11 ceremonies. He thanked students for participating and exhibiting outstanding behavior. Mr. Simons commended the student speakers as part of the Columbia ceremony and thanked the many local responders and veterans who participated. He also thanked members of administration and staff for their summer work in preparing schools to open.

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 of August 3, 2016 and August 17, 2016.

Moved by Ms. Taylor, Seconded by Ms. Curtin to approve Board of Education minutes of August 3, 2016

Vote: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 3

(Mr. Giordano, Mr. Mann, Ms. Massey)

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Giordano, Seconded by Mr. Buono to approve Board of Education minutes of August 17, 2016

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 2

(Ms. Curran, Ms. Massey)

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.

Moved by Mrs. Curran, Seconded by Ms. Massey

Vote: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0

Motion carried.

8. Reports and Presentations

**REPORTS AND
PRESENTATIONS
SUMMER
CONSTRUCTION
UPDATE**

A. Summer Construction Update

Mr. Ellsworth presented a slide show on the capital project work from the summer of 2014 through current date. He gave an overview of each of the phases of the \$24.7 million project, soil remediation project at Bell Top, asbestos and vermiculite remediation, and emergency projects at D.P. Sutherland and Genet Schools.

C. Resolution to Reject all Bids for Bus Wash Improvement Project.

BID REJECTION

Mr. Ellsworth said that additional work on the bus wash was recently bid and two bids were received. However, the bids were not compliant, and it is recommended that all bids be rejected and the project rebid.

Dr. Harrison asked how many bids would be anticipated on the rebid. Mr. Ellsworth responded two to three bids. Mr. Mann asked if the work would be completed by winter. Mr. Ellsworth anticipated that the work will extend into a portion of winter.

Moved by Mr. Mann, Seconded by Ms. Massey

**RESOLUTION
FOR BID
REJECTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Greenbush Central School District has solicited bids for its Bus Wash Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the School District received two (2) bids for the General Construction Contract; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 101(5) and the Project's Advertisement for Bidders requires each bidder to submit with its bid a separate sealed envelope containing a list that names each subcontractor that the Prime bidder will use to perform work on the contract, and the agreed-upon amount to be paid to each, for: (a) general construction work, (b) plumbing work, and/or (c) electrical work; and

WHEREAS, the two (2) bidders failed to include the required sealed envelope containing the list naming each subcontractor to be used on the Project and the agreed-upon amount to be paid to each; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received and considered the recommendation of the Project's Architect, as well as the recommendation of the District's Legal Counsel that the Board reject all bids and rebid the project.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the East Greenbush Central School District as follows:

1. The Board hereby rejects all bids and authorizes the Architect to rebid the Project.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0
Motion carried.

B. Proposed Change in Policy – Second Reading

Ms. Massey asked for a recap of the proposed changes in #1400, Public Complaints and Effective Communication. Mr. Edson reviewed the Board’s desire to eliminate the official appointment of a Board spokesperson since most website inquiries are answered by administration. He said that only if the inquiry was addressed to the Board would it be answered by the Board President or Vice-President. Ms. Massey suggested that the wording be further clarified in the proposed policy. Mr. Edson requested that Ms. Massey submit the recommended changes.

**POLICIES-
SECOND
READING**

Mr. Mann and Ms. Curran commented on the roles of the Board and administration in answering inquiries. Mr. Edson suggested that since the policy needed revision it be brought back for a third reading. Dr. Harrison asked that consideration of the policy be tabled until a future meeting.

Moved by Ms. Curran, Seconded by Ms. Curtin
Resolved, the Board of Education approves the following policies as presented:

- #1900, Parental Involvement
- #2165, School Board Member Code of Conduct
- #5151, Homeless Children

Vote: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0
Motion carried.

D. District-Wide Safety Plans and Building Level Emergency Response Plans

Mr. Tooker explained that the State Education Department requires a 30 day comment period for the district-wide safety and building level emergency response plans. After the 30 day comment period ends, the plans will be submitted for Board approval on October 19. Mr. Tooker advised that the information on the plans was consistent with his May presentation to the Board. He said the plans were available on the website and thanked Saratoga City School District personnel for their assistance. Certain details have not been disclosed due to confidentiality provisions.

**SAFETY AND
EMERGENCY
PLANS**

Ms. Bowman shared that at the end of the public comment period the Board could approve or amend the plans.

Mr. Simons commended Mr. Tooker for his commitment to safety. He spoke of the change in required safety drills, including the

introduction of lockdown drills. Mr. Simons said that the safety teams and staff will be oriented to the new plans. Safety enhancements will continue to be a top priority of the Board. Mr. Simons was pleased that the changes in format and information have brought the District into compliance with regulations. He thanked everyone for making the District a leader in safety.

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 – 0010, 0011, 0012, 0013, 0014, 0015, and 0016
2. Treasurer’s Reports – July 2016
3. Extra Classroom Treasurer’s Report – Columbia High School – July, 2016; Howard L. Goff Middle School – July 2016

**CONSENT AGENDA
FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

B. Personnel

1. Instructional/Instructional Support Personnel #671 as Recommended by Superintendent
2. Non-Instructional Support Personnel #670 as Recommended by Superintendent

PERSONNEL

C. Acceptance of Gifts and Authorization to Increase the 2016-2017 Budget

**ACCEPTANCE OF
GIFTS, INCREASE
BUDGET**

D. 2016-2017 General Fund Restricted Reserves Plan and Reauthorization

**GENERAL FUND
RESTRICTED
RESERVES PLAN**

E. Columbia High School Class of 2018 Fundraiser Field Trip to New York City – Saturday, October 22, 2016

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F. Goff Middle School REACH Program Field Trip – Thursday, September 22, 2016

GOFF FIELD TRIP

Be it Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Consent Agenda with Addendum Item 11-F be approved as presented.

**CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVAL**

Moved by Ms. Taylor, Seconded by Ms. Massey

Vote: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0

Motion carried.

12. New Business

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Harrison requested ideas for the Questar presentation by Dr. Cruz. Mr. Buono suggested modernization of Questar facilities. Ms. Curran suggested new programs and offerings. Mr. Mann requested that Mr. Hansen present information on virtual school tours. Dr. Harrison suggested that Dr. Cruz present at the January or February Board meeting.

13. Committee Reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Buono said the Education Committee met and reviewed a listing of projects for the year, including school day issues. He noted that the committee will be developing concrete timelines for completion.

Mr. Edson said the Finance & Audit Committee will meet on September 29 to review the draft financial statements and receive an update on internal audits. He advised that two policies are under review by the Policy Committee.

Dr. Harrison announced the Dennis Barrett Memorial Run will take place on October 22 at Columbia High School on the cross country path. He said event proceeds support the Barrett Memorial Scholarship award.

14. Public Forum

PUBLIC FORUM

None at this time.

15. Board Forum #2

BOARD FORUM

None at this time.

16. Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Taylor, Seconded by Ms. Curtin to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel and negotiation discussions.

Vote: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0

Motion carried.

Time: 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy J. Mancino
District Clerk

16. Executive Session

The executive session began at 8:35 and ended at 10:38 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

17. Adjournment

Motion by Taylor, Seconded by Ms. Curtin to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0

Motion carried.

Time: 10:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Curran
Assistant Clerk