

**South Glens Falls Central School District
Official Proceedings of the Board of Education
Regular Meeting - July 26, 2021**

The South Glens Falls Central School District Board of Education, Saratoga County, New York, met in Regular Session on Monday, July 26, 2021, at the Maintenance and Transportation Facility located at 72-74 Harrison Avenue, South Glens Falls, Saratoga County, New York.

Call to Order:

President Elder called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Christine Dawson, William Elder, John Farrell, Roger Fedele, Kimberly Henkel, Kevin Ostrander, and Jeff Riggi

District Officials

District Officials present: Kristine Orr, Superintendent of Schools, Timothy Dawkins, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Kevin Fottrell, Assistant Superintendent for Business/District Clerk

Absent: Thomas Kurtz, Lisa Hogan

Others Present: Guest Roster on File

Adjournment to Executive Session

Motion: Dr. Dawson

Second: Mrs. Henkel

Motion unanimously carried adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Motion: Dr. Dawson

Second: Mrs. Henkel

Motion unanimously carried returned the meeting to Open Session at 6:45 p.m.

Public Forum:

A parent spoke regarding unvaccinated students and the negative effects and stigma associated. Ms. Orr responded with current NYS Health Department guidance regulations.

A parent discussed her concerns regarding vaccine mandates, COVID protocols, choice, discrimination and returning students to school in the fall.

A parent of two students questioned why other area schools returned to school prior to South Glens Falls. Ms. Orr explained the state rules that were in place regarding the number of students allowed to be in the classroom and busing issues. She further discussed the participation of area schools within WSWHE BOCES regarding all new developments in the state.

The parent further mentioned social distancing and masking at sporting events. Ms. Orr responded to masking rules regarding heat. He also spoke regarding mental health concerns as a result of COVID restrictions.

ACTION ITEMS:

AGENDA AND MINUTES (Items A - B)

A. Agenda

B. Minutes

July 12, 2021 Organizational Meeting
 July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion: Mr. Farrell

Second: Mr. Riggi

Motion unanimously carried 7/0 approved Consent Items A - B.

School Business Management (Items C - I)

C. Warrants

Warrant #	Date(s)	Amount
Capital Fund #2	7/7/21 - 7/20/21	\$127,097.76
Debt Service #1	7/13/21	\$2,781,924.00
General Fund #4	7/8/21 - 7/20/21	\$4,279,175.35
General Fund #5	7/2/21 - 7/15/21	\$255,992.84
General Fund #6	7/20/21	\$7,271.10
General Fund #7	7/2/21 - 7/15/21	\$254,988.45
School Lunch #3	7/2/21 - 7/15/21	\$2,993.31
School Lunch #4	7/7/21 - 7/20/21	\$10,049.15
Special Aid #2	7/7/21 - 7/20/21	\$210.43

D. Purchase Orders

General Fund 2020 - 2021
 ESSER Funding 2020 - 2021

E. Contract

Hiland Park Country Club - Senior Dinner Dance

F. Request for Petty Cash for School Tax Collection 2021 - 2022

G. Disposition of Assets

Chromebooks

H. Appropriation Transfers

I. District Wide School Safety Plan 2021 - 2022

Addendum

IA. BUS BANS

Motion: Dr. Dawson

Second: Mr. Fedele

Motion unanimously carried 7/0 approved Consent Items C - IA.

PERSONNEL

ESSER Funding

(Items J - K)

J. Creation of Positions

Community School Liaison

Engagement Coordinator K - 12

Psychologist/Behavior Specialist

K. Appointments

Jason Belknap

Engagement Coordinator K - 12

Raymond Ruby

Community School Liaison

Michael Leonbruno

Physical Education Teacher (.6 FTE)

Motion: Dr. Dawson

Second: Mr. Riggi

Motion unanimously carried 7/0 approved Consent Items J - K.

Instructional Personnel

(Items L - Q)

L. Creation of Managerial/Confidential Position

Chief Information Officer

(*changed title to Data Specialist)

M. Resignations

Gabrielle Kreppein, Reading Teacher, Extended School Year Program 2021 effective July 23, 2021

Raymond Ruby, Principal, Oliver W. Winch Middle School, effective July 31, 2021

Jason Belknap, Assistant Principal, High School, effective August 31, 2021

N. Administrative Probationary Appointments

Name	Position/Building	Probationary Period	Salary
Marianne Seelye	Assistant Principal High School 12 month	July 27, 2021 - July 26, 2025	\$96,000 pro-rated
Roderick Gilmour III	Assistant Principal High School 11 month	August 18, 2021 - August 17, 2025	\$96,000 pro-rated

O. **Coaching Appointments**

Appointments – Fall 2021: Instructional

Stephen Philo	Varsity Girls Soccer
Daniel Buckley	Volunteer Girls Soccer
Travis Birkholz	Varsity Boys Soccer
Brian Mockry	Modified Boys Soccer
Mary Ponda	Varsity Field Hockey
Daniella Pedone	Junior Varsity Field Hockey
Patrick Cronin	Varsity Girls Tennis
Maria Whitney	Varsity Girls Cross Country
Thomas Myott	Varsity Boys Assistant Cross Country
Thomas Hansen	Varsity Girls Assistant Cross Country
Paul Stoutenger	Modified Cross Country
Matthew Howard	Varsity Football
Tyler Carpenter	Varsity Assistant Football
Alicia Collier	Varsity Volleyball
Michael Yeager	Varsity Golf

Appointments – Fall 2021: Non-Instructional

Michael Leonbruno	Varsity Assistant Football
Joshua Gifford	Varsity Assistant Football
Jeff Tully	Junior Varsity Football
Joshua Fallen	Junior Varsity Assistant Football
James Whorf	Modified Football
Matthew Brown	Modified Football
Jonathan Hanlon	Modified Football
Adam Mullin	Modified Football
John French	Volunteer Football
Elizabeth Spada	Modified Girls Soccer
Scott Pechtel	Volunteer Girls Soccer
Alessandro Spada	Volunteer Girls Soccer
Timothy J. Chagnon	Junior Varsity Girls Soccer
Blake Snyder	Junior Varsity Boys Soccer
Richard Buser	Modified Boys Soccer
Cody Kostrzebski	Volunteer Boys Soccer
Kristen Miller	Modified Field Hockey
Steven Nofle	Varsity Boys Cross Country
Kaitlyn Hansen	Volunteer Cross Country
Kayla Barber	Volunteer Volleyball
Laurie Ciuffetelli	Volunteer Volleyball
Joanna Davis	JV Volleyball
Kathryn Potter	Varsity Cheerleading
Jacqueline Smith	Volunteer Cheerleading
Christa Mahoney	Volunteer Cheerleading
Marlanne McCarty	Volunteer Field Hockey

P. **Administrative Appointment**

Name	Position/Building	Effective Dates
Jerilyn Stellato	Interim Principal Middle School	September 7, 2021 through a date to be determined

Q. Administrative Tenure Appointment

Timothy Dawkins Assistant Superintendent

Motion Mr. Fedele

Second Ms. Henkel

Motion unanimously carried 7/0 approved Consent Items L - Q.

Non-Instructional Personnel (Items R - Z)

R. Abolishment/Establishment of Positions

Abolishment

Lunchroom Monitor (3 Hour) Tanglewood Elementary School
Cleaner Tanglewood Elementary School
School Bus Driver (4 Hour) Transportation

Establishment

Teacher Aide (6 Hour) Tanglewood Elementary School
Custodian Tanglewood Elementary School
School Bus Driver (5 Hour) Transportation

S. Leave of Absence from Position

Kilee Westad, High School Teacher Assistant, effective for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

T. Managerial/Confidential Probationary/Provisional Appointments

Name	Position Building	Probationary Period	Salary
Erica LeBaron	Account Clerk District	August 9, 2021 - February 7, 2022	\$45,000 pro-rated
Lisa Bessett	Payroll Clerk District	August 2, 2021 - January 31, 2022	\$51,000 pro-rated

U. Provisional Appointments

Name	Position Building	Probationary Period	Salary
Jill Bennett	School Secretary HS Guidance	August 2, 2021 - January 31, 2022	\$33,855 pro-rated
Deborah Wright	School Secretary Ballard	August 16, 2021 - February 14, 2022	\$31,998 pro-rated

V. Increase in Hours

Lisa LaChapelle

From 4.5 FTE Teacher Aide to 6.0 FTE Teacher Aide effective September 7, 2021, with no additional probationary period required.

W. Transfer of Positions

Patrick Spezio

From Custodian, Oliver W. Winch Middle School to Custodian, Tanglewood Elementary School effective July 27, 2021

David Schermerhorn

From Cleaner at Ballard Elementary School to Cleaner at Oliver W. Winch Middle School effective July 27, 2021 - September 21, 2021.

X. Probationary Appointments

Name	Position Building	Probationary Period	Salary
Brian Cleavland	Cleaner Middle School	July 27, 2021 - January 11, 2022	\$12.82 per hour
BabsAudrey James	Teacher Aide 6 hour	September 7, 2021 - March 8, 2022	\$12.76 per hour
Matthew Sarro	Cleaner High School	July 27, 2021 - January 11, 2022	\$12.82 per hour
Eric Wilbur	Cleaner High School	August 2, 2021 - January 31, 2022	\$12.82 per hour

Y. Change of Hours

Linda Allen, School Bus Driver, from 7 hours to 5 hours effective September 7, 2021

Z. Permanent Appointment

Brandon Crozier, Cleaner at Tanglewood Elementary School effective July 22, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Riggi

Second: Mr. Farrell

Motion unanimously carried 7/0 approved Consent Items R - Z.

SPECIAL EDUCATION (Item Z1)

Z1. CPSE/CSE Recommendations

Motion: Dr. Dawson

Second: Ms. Henkel

Motion unanimously carried 7/0 approved Consent Item Z1.

EDUCATIONAL ITEM (ITEMS Z2 - Z3)

Z2. Athletic Code of Conduct

Z3. Proposed Policies/Revisions

Second Read

4710 Grading Systems

Adoption

6710 Purchasing Authority

6741 Contracting for Professional Services

6800 Payroll Procedures

Motion: Dr. Dawson

Second: Mr. Farrell

Motion unanimously carried 7/0 approved Consent Items Z2 - Z3.

Board President Informational Item:

Mr. Elder reminded members of the upcoming Board of Education retreat scheduled for August 2, 2021. Please contact him regarding any topics for discussion. He also discussed the Adirondack Area School Boards and Saratoga County School Boards Joint meeting with the New York State Commissioner of Education on Thursday, October 14, 2021. South Glens Falls High School Vocal Point will perform.

Superintendent of Schools Informational Item:

Ms. Orr updated members on the Fort Edward Merger Study. They are waiting to hear from the State for a final summary. Six votes will be required in this process.

She also discussed the latest developments on the opening of school this fall. Currently she is waiting for guidance and details from the state and Saratoga County Public Health.

Assistant Superintendent Informational Item

Mr. Dawkins discussed summer music academy, ensemble practices, and other events going on in the district this summer. He also updated members on curriculum work including STEM, technology professional development, de-escalation training. High School credit recovery programs are being held at the high school.

Board of Education Discussion:

Ms. Orr responded to questions from members on capital project work being done including improvements to Moreau Elementary School parking lot, high school hallways, asbestos abatement, and gymnasium resurfacing. Playgrounds have been completed at elementary schools. Sports fields at middle and high school will be reviewed for future consideration.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Riggi

Second: Mr. Fedele

Motion unanimously carried 7/0 approved adjourning the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Kevin Fottrell, District Clerk