

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
7/22/20
GLASSBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION

INSTRUCTION	OPERATIONS	ADMINISTRATION
Elizabeth Volz – Chair	Chris Esgro – Chair	June Longley – Chair
Ray Cibo	Michele Ricci	Ben Stephens
Ryan Hughes	Ray Cibo	Stacie Tattersdill

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING OR WORK SESSION

Public notice of this meeting or work session has been made in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Law of 1975.

Advanced public notice of this meeting was given January 8, 2020 (As amended on 3/16/20). Notice including the time, date and place of the meeting.

Said public notice has been made as follows:

Notice has been posted in the Board of Education Office, Carpenter Street and Bowe Boulevard, Glassboro, NJ and **on our website for the webinar link.**

Notice has been communicated to the following newspapers:

- a. South Jersey Times
- b. Courier Post

Notice has been filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Glassboro

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General

The BOE met on July 15, 2020 as part of a special scheduled executive session to discuss options for school opening, review recommendation for addressing the reduction in Emergency Aid, and consider the affect on staffing throughout the district. We also discussed the CSA evaluation, which is on the agenda for approval this evening.

Tonight, the administration will preview its proposed plans to the public. I want to thank the administration for hosting school level focus groups to solicit feedback from parents and other stakeholders. I had a chance to view 3 of the focus groups, either live or by watching the video tape. They were all well attended and participants provided valuable feedback. Following the focus groups, the administration sent out a survey to parents to gain more detailed feedback regarding household preferences regarding live and virtual instruction. The feedback was then used to affirm or adjust the proposed plan to be presented this evening.

The Board of Education will not be voting on the plan this evening. Instead, we will enable the public and the board to further digest the proposed plan, solicit additional feedback, and consider the plan during a special public BOE meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2020.

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Whatever plan is ultimately approved, there needs to be an understanding the plan will only outline the framework of how instruction is intended to be delivered. Since the COVID-19 pandemic has experienced ebbs and tides across the nation, we have to build in flexibilities in order to make necessary adjustments to address the fluid nature of the pandemic and the response of state and local emergency management.

Meetings

NJSBA Delegates Assembly – Michelle Ricci and I participated in the NJSBA virtual delegates assembly held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The DA will be considering 2 resolutions, both were heavily debated, amended, and subsequently approved. Details are noted in School Board Notes.

Gloucester/Camden County SBA Meeting – Michelle Ricci and I participated in the joint county association meeting on July 16, 2020. The executive county superintendent and a representative from the Gloucester County Board of Health provided comments and answered questions regarding school reopening strategies.

Board Committee Reports/Action Items

1. Instruction (Ms. Volz, Chair)

- C.1 - I want to highlight the efforts of the board to consider funding administration of the 2020-2021 PSAT for the entire sophomore and junior class. There are a number of advantages for students – a high PSAT can lead to a national merit scholarship, The PSAT can indicate future success on the SAT, and will help familiarize the students with the SAT and provide a confidence boost to test takers.
- D.1 – The district has adopted protocols for Child Study Team (CST) evaluations that need to be completed during the summer months. A health screening confirmation form will need to be completed for staff and student prior to entering the building on each day of testing.
- G.5 – Based on the success of the GHS Drive-in graduation, and survey results received, it was decided that no additional event would be planned for July 2020.

2. Operations (Mr. Esgro, Chair)

- D.1 – Please note the BOE Secretary report and Revenue report are noted as “preliminary.” This will enable the business office to validate purchase orders and encumbrances necessary to close the school year and avoid potential audit findings. Final reports will be presented during the August 2020 BOE meeting for ratification.
- D.2 – Request the BA provide a summary of the requested transfers for June 2020.
- E.1 - Notice was provided to the code enforcement office regarding district signage. The BA will need to schedule a meeting with them to review the proposed designs.

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- F.3.a – Aid in Lieu of Transportation payments is proposed for reduction for the 2019-2020 year at the minimum of \$667 resulting in a savings to the district of \$40,000

3. Administration (Ms. Longley, Chair)

- A.6.a – The loss of Emergency State Aid requires the district to recommend reductions in force for the 2020-2021 school year. The RIFs impact at least 10 staff, force transfers, and also places a hold on certain vacant positions. The administration and board agreed to ensure the impact on student/teacher ratios were not negatively impacted.
- B.1.a.1) – CSA to introduce new hire for key position.
- B.a.b. – Due to conflict of interest, I must abstain from voting on the matter of transfers.
- E.3. – CSA Evaluation for the 2019-2020 school year. Conflicted members will need to abstain. A copy of the evaluation completed by all BOE members was provided. The final score only considers non-conflicted member ratings. Overall, the CSA received a “commendable” rating.

Old Business

- The Board is considering an extension of the CSA’s contract which expires on June 30, 2022, through 2025. We have received approval from the Executive County Superintendent. The BA is directed to re-advertise a hearing for the August 26, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.
- Citizens Advisory Committee for the Bond Referenda is placed on hold until further notice. No action will be taken until the committee meets again to vet the recommendations for updated projects.

New Business

- CSA/BA to discuss the general scope of shifts in contracts (hourly) and/or furloughs anticipated for the 2020-2021 school year.