

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
6/18/20
GLASSBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Elizabeth Volz – Chair	Chris Esgro – Chair	June Longley – Chair
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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

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to commend the staff, students, parents, and community members to their efforts this spring to support guidelines for social distancing to reduce the COVID-19 spread. Implementation of distance learning could not be possible without the efforts of everyone involved, the flexibility and innovation of instructional staff, and ongoing efforts to communicate through the central office.

During last month’s meeting, parents of graduating seniors expressed concerns about how the district would be recognizing the students. I applaud the efforts of GHS administrators, teachers, parents and volunteers on moving forward with Class Night, GHS Drive through graduation, and the amazing Drive-in Graduation. The events, while unique, truly enabled for the continuation of traditions GHS graduates had enjoyed over many years. I commend everyone involved on a “job well done.” The district is also in the process of considering an in-person event in July 2020.

The district is moving forward and planning reopening activities for next year through the development of various internal committees to address instructional, wellness, special education,

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operations, technology, and other matters. We are still pending state guidance on school reopening.

Boards of Education are required to conduct and document an annual evaluation of the superintendent each year. Members will be furnished with a copy of the CSA's self-evaluation and will be required to rate the goals and objectives by the end of the month. The results will be compiled and furnished to the board for ratification.

Lastly, meal distribution will continue throughout the summer at the Dorothy L. Bullock school Monday – Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Meetings

NJSBA County Association Leadership – On Monday, June 15, 2020, I attended the Virtual Meeting of the NJSBA CAL. During the meeting, members discussed the need for clear guidance on school reopening to guarantee safety of students and staff. Also discussed were challenges faced by districts to fund operations with shifts in state aid. NJSBA CAL will meet bi-weekly to remain current on federal and state guidelines.

NJSBA Delegates Assembly – NJSBA has scheduled a virtual delegates assembly for Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The DA will be considering a vote on 2 resolutions. The DA meets twice a year to set policies that determine NJSBA's position on educational issues and establish bylaws that govern its operations. Each board of education in the state is entitled to one voting delegate.

1. Board Committee Reports/Action Items

a. Instruction (Ms. Volz, Chair)

- Grants
 - Nicholson Foundation Grant – Training and design development and design of an early childhood action plan that will be implemented during the next school year
 - New Jersey Inclusive Education Technical Assistance Grant - The grant is designed to assist schools in the effort to develop more inclusive practices, which aligns with the Bowe's professional development school (PDS) inclusive education goal, in collaboration with Rowan University
 - Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) fiscal year 2020-2021 Grant Application in the amount of \$835,890 to support Basic Skill, expand after school programs, PD, ELL, SEL, and technology integration.
 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) – A Federal Special Education Entitlement Grant is proposed in the amount of \$625,915 to support costs for out of district tuition students.

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- 2020-2021 District Calendar Modification
 - Recommending Board approval for modification of the 2020-2021 school calendar for early dismissal on September 21, 2020 and February 8, 2021 to be used for district-wide articulation.

b. Operations (Mr. Esgro, Chair)

- School Bus Advertising – contract renewal with JMI Enterprises, LLC to provide school bus advertising services for the 2020-2021 school year. 48 ads for Inspira New Medical Center will continue on the current school bus fleet, bringing revenue to over \$16K last year.
- Treasurer's Reports - September 2019 through March 2020-Revised – Please explain the credit balances in in Special Revenue Fund 20 and Debt Service in Fund 40 from September 2019 through April 2020.
- Policy 2431 – Athletic Competition – Submitted for second reading and adoption to grant home schooled and private school students, who are residents of Glassboro, the option to participate in high school interscholastic athletic program at GHS. Edits recommended last month have been included in the updated policy for ratification.
- NJSIG Safety Grant – A \$12,895 grant to fund 5 projects to install additional safety features and procure equipment.
- LED Signage-GHS – Proposes a replacement sign at GHS, funded through 2019-2020 emergency aid. If approved, when will installation begin? Provide feedback in GIS signage and Bullock Playground considerations.
- pchtechnologies Contract – Please ensure IT Assessment includes Security, lock down, and panic controls aligned with Alyssa's law along with expedited procedures for onboarding new hires and deactivating separations.
- ChromeBook, Laptop, and Infrastructure Lease. Recommend approval of leases totaling \$964,500 for replacement of existing laptops at GIS and ChromeBooks at Bullock, along with district-wide network applications. Funding provided from CARES Emergency Relief Grant to off-set budgeted current expense of \$240,415 in the first year.

c. Administration (Ms. Longley, Chair)

- The Administration committee reflects the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools in regard to all employee actions.
- CSA to introduce recommended hires and contracts.

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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

- Committee and BOE meetings will resume as in-person meetings in July 2020, unless restrictions are imposed by the state or local government.
- The Glassboro BOE has approved budgets over the past 3 years that resulted in no tax increase. Due to anticipated shifts in state aid in the future, plans are being developed to "right size" the district based on available funding anticipate in the future. Such plans can potentially result in tax increases in the 2021-2022 budget up to the 2% tax cap levy. The BA will need to advertise for a non-public executive session meeting to be scheduled for July 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to review strategies proposed by the administration. No action will be taken by the Board during this meeting. Any action will be placed on the July 22, 2020 public meeting agenda.
- Happy Father's Day and thank you for your participation.