

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
5/27/20
GLASSBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Glassboro Municipal Building, 1 South Main Street, Glassboro, NJ

Flag Salute

As the end of the school year is quickly approaching and social distancing measures still in effect due to COVID-19, school districts in Gloucester County, are not giving up on the idea of hosting in-person graduation ceremonies for the class of 2020.

Gloucester County’s 14 public high schools, including Glassboro, sent a joint letter to New Jersey Senate President Steve Sweeney and New Jersey Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin on May 12, asking for their assistance to advocate for the seniors and allow them to “participate in some form of an in-person graduation ceremony.” The letter attracted Sweeney’s attention, who said he fully supported the superintendents’ position and appealed to Gov. Phil Murphy, in a letter dated 5/21/20 to permit graduation ceremonies. Tonight, the Glassboro BOE will be adopting a resolution in support of a safe, in-person graduation.

The district has received similar appeals from parents and community members offering options, including letters from Mr. Kevin Lee, Mrs. Kim Bridges, Mrs. Kristie O’Brien, Mrs. Valeria Petrany and others. We have asked the Glassboro HS principal, Mrs. Monique Stowman-Burke

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to provide an overview of the planned event, particularly in light of the governor's announcement on 5/26/20.

I want to thank the faculty of GHS for organizing the Class of 2020 "Adopt a Bulldog" project and the many staff and community members who signed up to participate to honor our seniors.

Also, special thanks to Mrs. Liz Roth, Heather Buff, Martino Cartier, and Ashley Kulikowski, of the Fearless Movement, for organizing a separate fund raiser, along the many contributors, to provide additional gifts to graduating seniors.

Lastly, I look forward to the annual Class Night, which will be held on June 9, 2020.

Resolution – Move the Graduation resolution.

Last month, the board approved a resolution to oppose assembly bill A-3902 which would Delay the Transmission of Quarterly Property Tax Revenue to School Districts. The bill has since moved through the senate and assemble as S-2392/A-3969. as currently written, the bills, which are designed to ease a financial burden on municipalities, would place a severe strain on school districts and the students and families that they serve.

Resolution – Move to oppose the Tax Revenue bill and forward to the state legislature.

Lastly, plans for the re-opening of schools for the 2020-2021 school year are being crafted by the district. The framework checklist outlines specific tasks to address functions such as governance, facilities, operations, technology, wellness, and instruction and includes over 150 elements is being initiated to determine the challenges and solutions to ensure schools can reopen safely and effectively. I commend the administration for their efforts in completing this task and look forward to a final product. Special thanks to Marian Dunn, who is serving on the County Workgroup to help inform reopening guidelines and representing the Glassboro School District.

Meetings

NJSBA Board of Directors – On May 8, 2020, I attended the Virtual Meeting of the NJSBA Board of Directors. During the meeting, it was announced that the annual Workshop in Atlantic City. Instead, a virtual Workshop will be planned. The BOD also approved the NJSBA budget that reduces operating expenses by 11%, keeps dues flat for the 11th straight year, and maintains mandatory training as a dues-based service.

GHS Sports Hall of Fame Committee – On May 11, 2020, I attended a virtual meeting of the GHS Sports Hall of Fame. The committee agreed to 1) postpone the induction ceremony until the fall of 2020. The induction ceremony is scheduled for October 15, 2020 at Masso's in Glassboro. Additional Recognition will be made at the GHS football game against Bishop Eustace on 10/16/20. The Committee also selected scholarship recipients for the class of 2020. Special thanks to Dave Kalapos for chairing the committee.

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Gloucester County School Boards Association – On, May 18, 2020, I presided over the Gloucester County School Boards Association Meeting. During the meeting, the county association unanimously appointed Mr. John Russell (Logan Township) as VP of Legislation, and Ms. Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm (Kingsway) as Alternate Delegate to the NJSBA Board of Directors representing Gloucester County. Information was also shared by Mr. Michael McClure, President, NJSBA, Legislative Advocate - Jonathan Pushman and Field Service Representative – Terri Lewis.

1. Board Committee Reports/Action Items

a. Instruction (Ms. Volz, Chair)

- New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC)
 - I commend the administration on a successful QSAC review. The Statement of Assurance and the District Performance Review (DPR) for the 2020-2021 school year – The district has satisfied all of the requirements in the 5 areas of review and has been designated as “high performing.”
- 2020-2021 GHS Code of Conduct
 - I commend the district for promoting restorative justice in schools. The proposed changes to the code of conduct eliminates Saturday and in school suspensions, while reserving out of school suspensions for repeat offenders and adds a supportive layer for struggling students. It is understood these same strategies will be applied at GIS. Great job!

b. Operations (Mr. Esgro, Chair)

- Schools Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) Grant – The administration is proposing to submit a grant to for the funding of an updating initiative for the Glassboro High School weight room to transform it into a Wellness Center. This action was postponed from last month – We now have all the details and are ready to decide on the application submission. This grant will result in no cost to the district.
- Policy 2431 – Athletic Competition – Submitted for a first reading 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. I am glad the board is considering this long standing prohibition and hope it will encourage participation and possible return to the district.
- Chartwells – Proposed contract renew for the 2020-2021 school year to increase the management fee by 2% and reduce the guarantee from \$78,339 to \$52,000 to accommodate additional staff needs. Also, to approve the 2020 Summer Food Service program. Meals will continue to be made available to children under 18 years of age to ALL Glassboro Families. Clarify if Edvocate provide a report in support of the renewal and pricing.
- 2E9 - Net-Zero Lighting Program – Clarify if a legal review was conducted regarding the proposed change order increase.

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- 2E6 - PARS Environmental – Committee opted to hold until such time a alternate bids were obtained. Please clarify.

c. Administration (Ms. Longley, Chair)

- Let the minutes reflect the report of the Administration committee reflects the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools in regard to all employee actions.
- 3.B04a – Resolution – Superintendent Contract Effect July 1, 2020 – Table the resolution. Revisit in the fall.

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. We will provide an updated public notice accordingly, prior to taking any action. We plan to act in the fall.
- 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 meetings will continue be help via webinar until we are back to normal.