

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
9/23/20
GLASSBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION

INSTRUCTION (6)	OPERATIONS (7)	ADMINISTRATION (5)
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

Good evening and thank you for your participation. During tonight’s meeting, the board of education and community will be provided with a report from Mr. George Weeks, Director of Technology.

Since the start of the school year, we have experienced connectivity issues, delays in the implementation the LMS, system upgrades locking out students, and a myriad of other challenges associated with the distance learning. Last month we all heard about the promise of the Glassboro Virtual Academy and how it would serve to connect with the maximum number of students in a rigorous learning platform. Thus far, I am disappointed in its rollout and hope to hear some answers this evening.

I applaud the ongoing efforts of instructional staff who are going above and beyond to support teaching and learning during this difficult time. They are the conduits between the student and parents and the board and administration. I feel as though they have been asked them to go into battle each day without the proper equipment, resources or support to be effective. Yet they

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continue to work diligently through the difficulties, serve as the sounding board of complaints, primary communicator, and apologetic victim of the districts struggles to get it right.

Over the past month, I have witnessed supportive parents move their children to private or parochial schools in order to ensure their children are fully engaged in teaching and learning or otherwise ensure they are attended to throughout the day. While deciding on a child's education resides with the parents, my hope is that we can one day restore their confidence in the Glassboro School District.

The CSA will talk about the survey that was taken after the first week of school regarding lessons, connectivity, resolution of issues, and other matters. It was great that we appeared to have a high response rate (470 families), with satisfaction in the 70th percentile – which in my book equates to a grade of “C.”

Of major concern in the way challenges are not being communicate nor being swiftly addressed. I deeply appreciate the calls and emails from parents and other stakeholders who are experiencing issues. However, my disappointment resides in the fact that the members of the board of education are not being promptly apprised of the challenges, the impact in instructions, and how those challenges are being addressed prior to hearing it from parents.

I challenge the central office and building level administrators to manage by walking around, meeting with the teachers, observing the challenges firsthand, and working collectively to get them addressed in a timely manner.

We are entrusted with the education of the children of Glassboro. We must do a better job. I will not accept anything less, nor should the citizens of Glassboro. Thank you!

Resolution: Motion to approve no cost attendance for 2020-2021 home football games.

Return Date: November 16, 2020

Board Committee Reports/Action Items

1. Instruction (Ms. Volz, Chair)

1.A.4.b. Curriculum Committee Mission Statements - I want to thank the Chief Academic Officer for working with the various curriculum committees to develop mission statements along with goals and objectives for the 2020-2021 school year. I ask that a progress report be provided during February 2021 Board meeting.

1.B.3 - Attendance rates during the first week as reported appear to be particularly good, almost too good. Please explain how students are qualifying for being present and/or absent.

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1.D.6 SEMI Update – The feedback from the Special Education Medicaid Initiative or SEMI report indicates a lack of quality assurance necessary to maximize reimbursements. How will this be addressed moving forward?

2. Operations (Mr. Esgro, Chair)

2.C.1 Bus Routes – I want to thank the business administrator for detailing the bus routes for board approval and distinguishing between student transportation and food deliveries to students.

2.D.1 Financial Reports – Clarification needed on the status of the July 2020 reports.

1.F.3.b. Payroll Timesheets/Student Activity Forms – Please provide background on this item,

3. Administration (Ms. Longley, Chair)

CSA to introduce hiring recommendations.

Old Business

- 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

- Strategic Plan will be discussed next month. We wanted to get started earlier in the year, but plans changed. The CSA will coordinate activities through the