

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
2/20/19
GLASSBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION

INSTRUCTION (6PM)	OPERATIONS (7PM)	ADMINISTRATION (8PM)
Elizabeth Volz - Chair	Chris Esgro - Chair	Alex Fanfarillo – Chair
Ray Cibo	Michele Ricci	Ben Stephens
Ryan Hughes	Ray Cibo	Stacie Tattersdill

1. Meetings

- a. Glassboro BOE Retreat: I want to thank the members of the board and administration for participating in our BOE retreat has held on Saturday, February 2, 2019. Ms. Terry Lewis, NJSBA field service representative did an excellent job will facilitate the retreat. Hopefully, it provided the opportunity for everyone to share their ideas.
- a. NJSBA Leadership Training: I attended the NJSBA Leadership Training held on Saturday, February 9, in Washington Township. A report was provided to the BA.
- a. Camden/Gloucester Joint County SBA Meeting: Due to our committee meetings, I did not attend the County meeting on February 13, 2019. Mr. Fanfarillo and Ms. Ricci were in attendance and may share some information.
- b. NJSBA Board of Directors: The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2019.

2. Superintendent’s Mid-Year Evaluation

I want to thank the members of the BOE for participating in the mid-year evaluation of the superintendent. District Policy 1240 requires an annual evaluation of the superintendent. Training was provided during our BOE retreat as required by the law. The mid-year evaluation helps to promote ongoing dialogue regarding progress of goal, expectations, and values of the district.

Overall, the superintendent was given an adjectival rating of “commendable” performance, highlighted by his efforts to promote diversity, policy administration, board relations, and community relations. A final evaluation will take place in July 2019. Congratulations to the superintendent on a commendable evaluation.

3. Nutri-Serve Food Services

During the last BOE meeting, parents’ voices concerns regarding notices received about food service charges. In response to the concerns, the operations committee of the board of education met with the food service provider and ask them to come out tonight to present an overview if the food service operation, point of sales system, and communications with parents.

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The food service department is a district enterprise, in which the goal is that the program be provided at no cost to the district. Proceeds from the sales are used to maintain or upgrade equipment in support of the program.

We encourage parents to post pre-paid balances in students accounts and as of the end of January 2019 there is a total of just under \$16,500 in the pre-paid accounts. Similarly, we don't want students to go hungry through board policy 8550 authorize provisions for breakfast and lunch, with the cost to be reimbursed by parents. Our current balance of uncollected receivables is over \$10,000. The policy established processes for notifying parents. We have heard some issues with student identification, particularly at the lower levels and we hope NutriServe will address those issues this evening.

We welcome parent and community feedback regarding the administration of our policy. All policies are available on the district website for review.

4. Residency Hearing

As outlined in District Policy and Regulation 5111, hearings were conducted this evening regarding student's eligibility to attend the Glassboro School District. It is the boards policy to admit students eligible to attend school free of charge that are domiciled within the district. When evidence or lack of evidence suggests a student is found ineligible, the superintendent applies to the board for the students' removal. Notice is forwarded to parents to appear at a board hearing in or for the board to make a final determination.

The board is required to make a prompt determination of the student's eligibility and provide notice to the parents.

Action: Entertain a motion to act – Students' # removed or retained, the Board may also authorize the assessment of tuition in accordance with the law.

5. Board Committee Reports/Action Items

a. Instruction (Ms. Volz, Chair)

- On behalf of the Glassboro Board of Education, I want to thank the Glassboro Education Foundation for awarding 3 grants totaling over \$5,000 to innovative educators at GHS, Bullock, and Bowe, who will be piloting programs to promote social and emotional learning, and ELL family engagement. I support the motion to approve the grants and they are successful and sustainable.
- Glassboro enrollment levels are now at 1,978 through January 2019. This represents a 2.8% reduction from the 2,035 enrollment levels from the 2017-2018 school year. Budgets will need to be adjusted accordingly.
- Special note regarding the motion to approve the NJDOE Early Childhood Education 2019-2022 PEA Three-Year Preschool Program Plan and Budget. The Instruction

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Committee agenda includes informational items share with the committee on a proposal to implement a full-day versus half day PreK program. The materials include research and strategies to encourage support. There are advantages for students and parents to have a full day program, but risks regarding funding to support this effort. I have asked the administration to present their proposed ideas during the next BOE meeting and solicit feedback from the public. I encourage the administration to announce the plan of consideration prominently on the district website and welcome parents and community members to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2019.

b. Operations (Mr. Esgro, Chair)

- I support the boards approval of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between the Glassboro School District and Law Enforcement. The 2019 updated MOA includes several additions and revisions that will promote ongoing collaboration and the safety of students, staff, and property. I encourage the board to approve the MOA.
- The revue report shows a credit balance of (\$25,167). It recognizes the initial reduction in state aid of \$1.8 million and the addition of \$1.75 million in emergency aid. Due to further declining enrollment and planned reductions in emergency aid, we need to sharpen our pencils to ensure a viable budget is formulated for the 2019-2020 school year. On March 19, 2019, the board will adopt a preliminary budget to be submitted to the county. A public hearing will be held on 4/24/19 for final adoption of the 2019-2020 budget. The BA provided a budget calendar for information.
- Policy Review – In response to BOE Policy 2624 related to the district's grading system, the administration developed regulations to administer the policy. We will be considering the new regulation for a first reading. I recommend the regulation be posted to the district website for additional parent feedback, prior to ratification at the next BOE meeting.
- The operations committee also discussed amendments to the existing transportation policy and regulation 8600, routes, and related matters, with assurance that parents will receive bus assignments by August 15th of each year. We have asked that the administration develop a parent guide for transportation. The committee may want to schedule additional meetings to finalize recommendations. No action is being taken at this time.
- No recommendations are being made at this time. However, we suggest the affect of the proposed amendments be shared with the board for consideration. We also want assurance of advanced notice of bus routes prior to the start of the school year.

c. Administration (Mr. Fanfarillo, Chair)

- CSA Appointments – Dr. Silverstein
 - Amendment – Recommend the start date of the part-time security aid, Mr. Barry Rappaport be amended from 2/19/19 to 2/25/19.
 - Clarification needed on course reimbursement for central office staff. Have we defined regulations?

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New Business

- The Glassboro Hall of Distinguished Alumni's induction ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2019 at Masso's. All BOE members are encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$35 and will be available through the GHS Guidance Department. The 2019 inductees include Mr. Robert Viden, Dr. Maame (Maya) Yaa Tiadom, and Dr. Andra H. James.
- Email accounts for members of the Glassboro Board of Education have been provided.
- Newly elected BOE members Michele Ricci and Stacie Tattersdill are registered to participate in the NJSBA Governance 1: New Board Members Weekend Orientation scheduled for Feb 22-24th. The training will be held at the Princeton Marriott. The BA should provide guidance on the participants report.

Old Business