

May 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER – Virtual Meeting

A regular meeting of the Glen Ridge Board of Education was held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 5:31 pm through remote means via <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82870039835?pwd=dHc5QysvdnRKZHU1b0UzWURoSmJCQT09>.

The meeting was held in accordance with applicable NJ Statutes governing public Board of Education meetings.

Present

- Mr. Bonnett
- Ms. Boyle-Vellucci
- Mr. Campbell
- Mr. de Leeuw
- Ms. Lang
- Mr. Romano
- Ms. St. Auburn
- Dr. Yaros-Ramos
- Ms. Ginsburg
- Mr. Phillips
- Mrs. Murphy
- Ms. Cornell – Board Attorney from Sciarrillo, Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This is a regular meeting of the Glen Ridge Board of Education. Adequate notice of this change of meeting location and time has been provided in that this Board notified the Glen Ridge Paper and the Star Ledger on May 6, 2020. Said notice was published in the Glen Ridge Paper and Start Ledger on May 14, 2020. The date, time, and location of this meeting were also emailed to all recipients of the annual schedule of the Board's meetings.

Dirk Phillips, Superintendent
Barbara Murphy, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

5:33-6:25 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved: Mr. Bonnett Seconded: Mr. Romano

WHEREAS, a matter to be considered by the Board of Education deals with personnel, negotiations, confidential pupil matters, and/or possible litigation, and

WHEREAS, public disclosure of this matter may be prejudicial to the public good,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this matter be considered in a meeting closed to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of this meeting be sealed until the matter is resolved.

Adjourn to closed session

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Public Session – Mr. de Leeuw motioned to return to public session at 6:30 pm. Ms. Lang seconded the motion.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Ms. Ginsburg offered to add our condolences to those of the community to the Roberts family on the passing of Rob Roberts. Rob was a light in our Glen Ridge community. The best thing we can do is help take care of his wife Alice, one of our teachers, and his family. Each of us can carry Rob’s light forward in our life and work. Ms. Ginsburg also recognized our police officers, first responders, and essential workers, who also take great risks every day.
- Ms. Ginsburg reported that our Commissioner of Education, Dr. Lamont Repollet, has resigned to become President of Kean College.

- Ms. Ginsburg reported that the legislature has started to resume a modified hearing schedule starting with the appropriations committees of both houses. The state treasurer will give an update on the state's finances on May 22nd. Then the two houses can go to work on an appropriations bill to fund everything in the state including education for the period of July 1st through Sept 30th. The governor will give a budget speech on August 25th, and the legislature will go to work on an appropriations bill to fund for Oct 1st through next June 30th. Nobody knows how much state aid we will have or might lose. There is also no master plan for education with guidance from the state as to how to plan for the fall.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Phillips offered his deepest condolences to the Roberts family. Last week was an emotional week for the entire community. It was heartwarming to watch how well this community stepped forward and supported Alice and their children. Last Thursday's service was a memorable event and well deserved recognition of how Rob impacted this town. He will truly be missed.
- Mr. Phillips gave an update on end of year activities, rescheduled AP exams, end of year ceremonies, summer plans, and fall activities. There are two unused emergency days which will be scheduled for May 22nd and June 19th.
- Mr. Phillips reported on virtual field days, HS incoming 7th grade parent orientation, and other events that may be postponed to the fall. The schools are working on scheduling for next year. Class and teacher assignments are all in place. We are working on closing our buildings.
- There are a lot of unknowns at this time for the next school year. We are looking at many different options as we plan for next year.
- Mr. Phillips gave an update on the construction projects.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items)

During the course of the board meeting, the Board of Education offers members of the public an opportunity to address issues regarding the operation of the Glen Ridge Public Schools. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and residency and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda and/or items directly related to the operation of the School District. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

- Charlie Breslin, Glen Ridge resident, thanked the board and noted that every parent appreciates all the great work the teachers are doing. Mr. Breslin encouraged the board to host town meetings to have parents, students, and teachers input on best practices for virtual learning.
- Jocelyn Gottlieb, Glen Ridge resident, asked about the Dual Use requests for Linden and Forest schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (First meeting of the month only)

Curriculum Committee
 Personnel and Policy Committee
 Negotiations Committee
 Finance and Facilities Committee
 Communications Committee
 Alternative Funding Committee

LIAISON REPORTS (First meeting of the month only)

Home & School Associations

- Dr. Yaros-Ramos reported that the Linden Avenue Home and School Association is looking to fill positions for president, or co-presidents and chair spots.

Glen Ridge Association for Special Education (GRASE)

Glen Ridge Educational Foundation (GREF)

Glen Ridge Athletic Association (GRAA)

- Mr. Bonnett reported that the GRAA is working on refunds for the Spring sports season.

- Glen Ridge Arts Patrons Association (GRAPA)
- Gas Lamp Players
- Glen Ridge Music Parents Association (GRMPA)
 - Mr. de Leeuw reported on GRMPA and its new slate of officers.

Ms. Elisabeth Ginsburg has a standing abstention from any discussion and/or vote regarding the appointment of or payment to the law firm of Sciarrillo, Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC.

MINUTES

M-1 Board of Education Minutes

Moved: Mr. de Leeuw Seconded: Mr. Campbell

Approve the Glen Ridge Board of Education minutes of the following meetings:
 April 27, 2020 Exec Session and Regular Meeting

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Phillips reported on the updated School Health Related Plan that is available on our website.

A-1 Second Reading of New and/or Revised Policies and Regulations

Moved: Mr. Campbell Seconded: Mr. de Leeuw

Approve the second reading of new and/or revised policies and regulations of the Glen Ridge Board of Education as follows: (Exhibit A-1)

- P 0152 Board Officers (Revised)
- P 1581 Domestic Violence (M) (Revised)
- R 1581 Domestic Violence (M) (New)
- P 2422 Health and Physical Education (M) (Revised)
- P 3421.13 Postnatal Accommodations (New)
- P 4421.13 Postnatal Accommodations (New)
- P 5330 Administration of Medication (M) (Revised)
- R 5330 Administration of Medication (M) (Revised)
- P 7243 Supervision of Construction (M) (Revised)
- P 8210 School Year (Revised)
- P 8220 School Day (M) (Revised)
- R 8220 School Closings (Revised)
- P 8462 Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children (M) (Revised)

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

A-2 REVISED 2019-2020 School Calendar

Moved: Mr. Campbell Seconded: Mr. de Leeuw

Approve the REVISED 2019-2020 school calendar as presented. (Exhibit A-2)

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

A-3 Updated School Health-Related Closure Plans

Moved: Mr. Campbell Seconded: Mr. de Leeuw

Approve the Updated School Health-Related Closure Plans. (Exhibit A-3)

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

PERSONNEL

P-1 Appointments

Moved: Ms. St. Auburn Seconded: Ms. Lang

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following:

<u>Name</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u> <u>Guide/Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>End</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Account #</u> <u>PCR#</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
Laura Fitzpatrick FAS/LAS	Leave Replacement Part time School Counselor (.5) \$275 per day	1/2/20	6/18/20	11-000-218-104-00-00-02, 11-000-218-104-00-00-03 71-02-00/avq 71-03-00/avr	Replacing K. Reilly REVISED

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

BUSINESS

Ms. Ginsburg noted the generous donation of \$2,475 from the Glen Ridge Education Foundation to support the Virtual High School program. She thanked Ms. Fran Wong and the Foundation.

Mr. Bonnett asked about the change order on the exhaust fan at Linden Avenue School. Ms. Murphy explained that the work includes an exhaust fan system which required significant ductwork, exterior louvre, and fiberglass reinforced panel replacement into the existing window.

B-1 Financial Reports

Moved: Mr. Romano Seconded: Ms. Boyle-Vellucci

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, move to approve the following financial reports as recommended by the Finance Committee:

- a. Approve the Bills and Claims as per attached list, in the amount of **\$1,165,798.24** and further move that the following bills drawn on the current account in the total amount of **\$2,083,008.41** for Payroll, and materials received and/or services rendered, having been duly audited by the Business Administrator and submitted to the Board, be ratified by the Board. (Exhibit B-1.a)
- b. Approve transfers for the month of **April 2020** as presented and on file in the Board Office. (Exhibit B-1.b)
- c. Approve reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the period ending **April 30, 2020** Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13, and 6:20-2A.10 (d) and (e), and as certified by the Board Secretary, the Board certifies that no budgetary line account has been over expended or has obligations or payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Exhibit B-1.c)
- d. Approval of the Open Purchase Order Reports, as per attached, in the amount of **\$239,620.06** for 2019/2020 and **\$158,016.10** for 2020/2021. (Exhibit B-1.d)
- e. Student activity account bills list as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>April 2020</u>
Glen Ridge High School Athletics	\$400.00
Glen Ridge High School	\$13,850.14
Ridgewood Avenue School	Not available
Forest Avenue School	\$0
Linden Avenue School	\$0

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

B-2 Donation

Moved: Mr. Romano Seconded: Ms. Boyle-Vellucci

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept, with thanks, the following generous donations:

Donor	Item(s)	Value	Installation Included?	Exhibit
a. Glen Ridge Educational Foundation	Monetary (Virtual High School)	\$2,475.00	n/a	B-2.a

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

B-3 Application for Dual Use of Education Space

Moved: Mr. Romano Seconded: Ms. Boyle-Vellucci

Approve the submission of the applications for Dual Use of Educational Space for the 2020-2021 school year as follows (Exhibit B-3):

- Forest Avenue School - Room 7
 - Small Group Resource Center
 - Reading Instruction

- Linden Avenue School - Room 14
 - Special Education Kindergarten
 - Small Group Speech Instruction

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

B-4 Application for Toilet Room Facilities

Moved: Mr. Romano Seconded: Ms. Boyle-Vellucci

Approve the submission of the application for Toilet Room Facilities for Early Intervention, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Classrooms for the 2020-2021 school year for Rooms 101 and 102 at Central School. (Exhibit B-4)

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

B-5 Third Renewal of Food Service Management Company Contract with Pomptonian, Inc.

Moved: Mr. Romano Seconded: Ms. Boyle-Vellucci

Approve the third renewal of the food service management company (FSMC) contract for the 2020-2021 school year with Pomptonian, Inc. (Pomptonian). Pomptonian shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, a fee of \$.0542 per meal equivalent to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The District guarantees the payment of such costs and fees to the FSMC.

Cash receipts shall be divided by \$1.00 to arrive at an equivalent meal count.

The per meal management fee of \$.0542 will be multiplied by total meal equivalents.

The FSMC guarantees the District a minimum profit of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for the 2020-2021 school year.

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

B-6 Installation of Exhaust Fan at Linden Avenue School

Moved: Mr. Romano Seconded: Ms. Boyle-Vellucci

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, move to approve the proposal from Panoramic Window and Door Systems, Inc. to install an exhaust fan in the Nurse's Toilet room at Linden Avenue School at a cost of \$9,027.50.

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

B-7 Purchase of Instructional Desktops

Moved: Mr. Romano Seconded: Ms. Boyle-Vellucci

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, move to approve the purchase of 75 Instructional Desktops from Dell, Inc. under state contract at a cost of \$52,426.

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

B-8 Installation of Stair Treads and Flooring at Linden Avenue School

Moved: Mr. Romano Seconded: Ms. Boyle-Vellucci

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, move to approve contract with Gillespie Group to furnish and install stair treads and hallway flooring at Linden Avenue School at a cost of \$40,638.31, pricing as per NJ State approved Coop #65MCESCCPS.

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

B-9 IDEA Consolidated Grant Application

Moved: Mr. Romano Seconded: Ms. Boyle-Vellucci

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to approve the submission of the FY21 IDEA Consolidated Grant Application and the acceptance of the grant award funds as follows:

Basic: \$366,678

Preschool: \$12,559

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

B-10 CARES Emergency Relief Grant Application

Moved: Mr. Romano Seconded: Ms. Boyle-Vellucci

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to approve the submission of the FY20 CARES Emergency Relief Grant Application and the acceptance of the grant award funds in the amount of \$120,436.

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Shari Dreier, Glen Ridge resident, reported on an upload failure by the College Board on the recent AP exams and requested that the board join to advocate on behalf of the students.
- Mark Hoebee, Glen Ridge resident, also expressed his concerns with the issues with College Boards AP exams.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned to adjourn by Mr. Campbell. Dr. Yaros-Ramos seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Murphy, Board Secretary