



Glen Rock Middle School/High School HSA  
May 9, 2018 9:00AM Media Center

*Respectfully submitted by Jen Scherer*

Attendees (31): Mona Milbrodt, Holly Goshin, Kathy Duggan, Heidi Ryan, Jen Scherer, Sandi Stern | John Arehart, Karen Asher, Joanna Ernst, Megan Findley, Alex Fried, Karen Fried, Brad Howe, Elaine Howe, Dan Kastleman, Laura Kastelman, Mary Alice Kinsella, Larry Klein, Jim Leonard, Sara Mazin, Robyn Murray, Sue Needleman, Ann Marie Small Podd, Joe Quvus, Jane Ryan, Michele Sapoff, Jeff Schaefer, Leslie Schraer, Denise Schwendeman, Angela Vila | **Dial-in**: Angela Crawford, Kerri Luftman, Christian Schwarzbek, Pam Sturiale

1. Welcome, Sign-in, and Approval of [March 23 Minutes](#) – (28 votes to approve, 3 abstained)
2. Principal's Reports – Principals unable to attend- MS concert conflict and Mr. Arlotta had a family emergency
3. BOE Report
  - Superintendent Search Update – Sharon Scarpelli – Mr. Watson will be at GR for one more year. The BOE is reviewing proposals from search firms to find a replacement. The BOE is hoping to hire someone who will have overlap with Mr. Watson. Angela Vila: Are they looking to hire someone with Superintendent experience? Sharon's response: "We will see what the search firm presents." Jen Scherer: Will there also be a committee of parents, educators etc. to interview potential candidates? Sharon's response: "I believe we will have a committee like that, too". Kathy Duggan: Was it always the plan to have Mr. Watson for two years? Sharon's response: "We were hopeful that he would stay for two years."
  - Other updates – Ed Hayward (BOE)- Referendum vote being talked about next week on 5/17 at the open session. Varsity Letters will now include clubs and activities, given to clubs that compete. Regarding question from March 23 about participation by incapacitated students in classes via video attendance, Ed noted that it requires a great amount of bandwidth to be successful. He believes there are plans to upgrade the core infrastructure this summer, which should improve access across the building and the district. The district tech Dept. would have to provide details. Question of tenure came up. Ed's response: "Tenure is granted to administrators after 4 years and 1 day."
4. New Business
  - Vote on Bylaws Amendments (8 votes scheduled, 1 postponed) [**Note**: The [proposed changes presented at the meeting](#) are available on the GRChips website.]

Tabled the vote on any changes to the Grad Ball section - Art. VI, Section 3. HSA President Mona Milbrodt explained: "As posted on our website and sent via email to all members, our originally proposed amendment to this section would have deleted the specific provisions for conducting Grad Ball as a committee of the HSA. We will NOT vote on that amendment tonight, leaving the bylaws wording and the status of the Grad Ball committee unchanged for now. Here's why: Several parents expressed their concern that our proposed amendments would prevent the continuation of Grad Ball. Of course, cancellation of Grad Ball was NOT our intent, which we've stated repeatedly. At our last meeting (March 23), to ensure concerns were adequately addressed, an exploratory committee of parents volunteered to look at various options: the benefits and risks of keeping Grad Ball as a committee, spinning it off into a free-standing organization, having another entity sponsor it, and other such options. The committee sat down with Heidi Ryan and I – in our roles as future and present HSA presidents – to present

their findings and suggestions for protecting the Grad Ball tradition and limiting the liability of the HSA – something we are ALL committed to. The work of the exploratory committee is ongoing. For that reason, we will NOT vote on any changes to the Grad Ball section tonight. Dan Kastelman added that the exploratory committee has been addressing the HSA’s concerns. eg: insurance, financial guidelines, liability of Grad Ball members. Dan also highlighted the ability of the HSA and the community to come together for a solution.

**Art. I, Sec 1 and 2:**

- Additions that elaborate on mission/purpose of the HSA – for clarity  
**Vote- passed (unanimous)**

**Art II, Sec 1:**

- Additional wording on the non-discriminatory nature of HSA  
**Vote – passed (unanimous)**

**Art III, Sec 4 and 9:**

- Updates to role of Executive Vice President, timing of budget presentation  
**Vote – passed (unanimous)**

**Art. VII, Sec. 2, 5- 7:**

- Changes to expenditure limits and signing authority – for clarity/consistency  
Mary Alice Kinsella mentioned her concern at the expenditures less that \$250. She felt this amendment should be more clearly stated. Joe Quvus explained it was for already approved monies. Larry Klein feels we need to fix the language. After discussion, the article passed.  
**Vote- passed (27 yes, 4 opposed)**

**Art. VIII, Sec 1:**

- Changes reflect communication channels are HSA, not district  
**Vote – passed (unanimous)**

**Art. IX, Sec. 1-4:**

- New bylaws - officers’ liability and indemnification  
Elaine Howe questioned whether this covered all people who conduct business on behalf of the HSA? Mona responded that it just covered the officers.  
**Vote – passed (30 yes, 1 abstain)**

**Art. X, Sec. 1:**

- Clarification of Exec Board's role in asset distribution if HSA is dissolved.
- Removal of Roberts Rules as parliamentary authority  
**Vote – passed (30 yes, 1 opposed)**

• **Presentation of proposed Executive Board nominees for 2018-19 slate**

<b>President- Heidi Ryan</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> VP (Communications) Mona Milbrodt</b>
<b>Exec VP (Fundraising) - Jennifer Scherer</b>	<b>Treasurer - Sara Mazin</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VP (Wish List) Holly Goshin</b>	<b>Secretary – Jackie Pappas</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP (Fed Secretary) Kathy Duggan</b>	<b>President Emeritus- Sandi Stern</b>

**Presentation of proposed HSA budget for 2018-19 – by Gretchen Horwitz, HSA Treasurer**

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Angela Vila announced that a co-chair is still needed for next year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade pool party.

### **Wish List**

Holly Goshin, next year's Wish List Committee chair, spoke on behalf of Ann Feige.

- \$1,000 was granted for two new tables for the newly established Table Tennis Club
- Mr. Feldman (AP Psychology class) took a trip to Pennsylvania for a full day seminar and collective review of AP test material
- \$750 granted toward \$4,250 request from Ms. Rusin/Mr. Kroft of Alliance for a gender inclusivity workshop, is currently on hold until next year

### **Old Business/ Reminders**

- Teacher Appreciation Week- lunch lottery, coffee bar, and baked goods day was a big success at the MS and HS
- May 21 is the Grad Ball theme meeting

Motion to adjourn by Mona Milbrodt, seconded by Heidi Ryan

Meeting ended at 9:00 pm.