# GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

## March 11, 2019 Board Room immediately following 6pm Budget workshop.

Board Members Present: Sheila Brown, President, Cindy Hall-Vice-President, Jeff Allen, Mike Bentley, Sue Campbell, Cory Clark, Sue Craugh and Phyllis Frantel

Absent: Keri Link

Administrators Present: Jeramy Clingerman, Sharene Benedict, Bonnie Cazer, Clayton Cole, Dan Blankenberg, Erica Hasselstrom, Gil Jackson, Zoe Kolczynski, Paul Lahue, Cheryl MacDonald, Eric Pasho, Lee Ann Shipman, Jenn Taft and Susan Wissick

*Sheila Brown called the meeting to order at 6:24pm.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Jeff Allen, seconded by Cory Clark at 6:36pm for the Board to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person.   
Yes 8 No 0 (Absent Keri Link) MC

Meeting reconvened at 6:58pm.

**PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mabel Deal, Stanley: Mrs. Deal wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day. The musical was excellent. The musical was well attended and students/staff worked very hard.

Allison Sachelli, Middlesex: Mrs. Sachelli expressed concerns about disciplining students. Her feelings are if the student participates in certain extracurricular activities the discipline is different. When students don’t follow the code of conduct they shouldn’t be allowed to be a lead in the musical.

Mrs. Sachelli also let the Board know she couldn’t find the athletic code of conduct or the extracurricular code of conduct on the school website. Swim team had many accomplishments and wanted to celebrate changing the record board and was notified as she was walking into the building it was cancelled.

Mrs. Sachelli will be coming another time to talk about an illegal suspension of her son.

Lucian Sachelli, Rushville, NY: Mr. Sachelli agreed with everything Mrs. Sachelli said. He doesn’t feel it’s equal for all the athletes. Some students do things even worse and nothing happens. The swim team is losing swimmers and doesn’t seem fair to the swim team.

Catrina Oswald, Penn Yan: Mrs. Oswald appreciates everything the Board has done. She agrees with Allison. From extracurricular code of conduct back to school code of conduct there are regulations about alcohol, conduct upholding the values of pride. Every student signs the agreement and is binding. Students are treated differently, students should be treated with respect and dignity they deserve.   They should have an environment that is safe. People should be treated fairly and not a favorite because of the sport they are in. Student should be disciplined not punished. Some instances it feels like let this student go they are all good kids. They just messed up. There should be a level of expectation. When her son was a senior the swim team missed out on getting a sectional title because of how a swimmer was disciplined.

Motion by Cory Clark seconded by Sue Craugh to approve the agenda.  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**Yes 8 No 0 (Absent Keri Link) MC

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

The Board accepted the minutes of the February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting as submitted.  
The Board accepted the minutes of the February 25, 2019 Special Meeting as submitted.

**ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER’S REPORT**The Board accepted the treasurer’s report as submitted.

**ADMINISTRATORS’ REPORTS**

**Jeramy Clingerman**: Mr. Clingerman presented to the Board about ESSA. There are four categories of the plan. If the District is not meeting benchmarks a plan will need to be submitted. NYSED is gathering data over a two year period of time and how students are performing. NYSED will use multiple measures of success to identify schools beginning with 2017-18 school year results.  Currently we are in good standing.

Mr. Clingerman shared about changing the structure of the Administration team. He was looking at combining titles and rolls into one then creating a new position. He has decided to stay with the current model. Principals will be taking on more with multi-tiered system of supports for students (MTSS). Need to have all the buildings aligned so everyone is consistent.

Mr. Clingerman presented to the Board about 1:1 Technology Initiative. Using the smart bond funds every student will have a device. Teaching students to use technology as a learning tool, appropriately and collaboratively. Students in grades 6-12 will be able to use the Chromebooks in school and at home. Students K-5 will have Chromebooks in their classrooms. There might be a transition period for 5th grade students showing responsibility, care with device they may be able to start taking them home. The committee is working on finishing the handbook.

Some questions: What happens if a student loses a Chromebook? Committee is looking at different ways to track, look at each situation was it intentional, truly a mistake, out of the student’s control. Mrs. Lehman is talking with other schools, so far expenses have been lower than expected.

Motion by Cory Clark seconded by Phyllis Frantel to approve the consent agenda.  
**CONSENT AGENDA**:

**Personnel Agenda:** In an effort to expedite the business of the Board of Education, but in no way meant to diminish the importance of each item, a Consent Agenda has been developed.

The following appointments are pending clearance of NYS fingerprinting requirements:

**Substitute Teacher:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District does hereby appoint **Thomas Kenney and** **Sarah Williams** as Substitute Teacher for the 2018-19 school year.

**Substitute Teaching Assistant:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District does hereby appoint **Thomas Kenney and** **Sarah Williams** as Substitute Teaching Assistant for the 2018-19 school year.

**Appoint Bus Driver-Melissa Radder:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Melissa Radder** to a probationary Civil Service Position as a Bus Driver, effective March 11, 2019, with a probationary period starting March 11, 2019 through March 11, 2019, at the starting hourly rate per the Bus Drivers’ Association Contract.  
 **Amend Mentor:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint Kate Burley as Mentor for Angela Bates at a stipend of $300.

**Mentors:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint the following mentors for the 2018-19 school year:

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| **Mentor** | **New Teacher** | **Year** | **Stipend** |
| **Jason Green** | Holly Parish | 1 | $300/half comp day |
| **Beth Mineo** | Deanna Gentner | 1 | $600/comp day (prorated) |
| **Paul Lahue** | Eric Pasho | 1 | $600 prorated |

**Amend REACH Appointments:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does

hereby make the following appointments for the 2018-19**:**

| **Position** | **Name** | **Stipend** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| McKinney Vento Tutor | **Wendy Kierst** | $36.77per hour |

**Tutor:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of

Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Rebecca Rulison** as a Tutor for the 2018-19 school year.

**Amend Spring Coach Appointments:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint the following people:

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| **Team** | **Coach** | **Base** | **Longevity** | **Stipend** |
| Modified A Baseball | **Katie DiMitry/Justin DiMitry** | $ 3,084 | $ 0 | $  3,084 |
| Boys Modified Lacrosse | **Robert Hall/Matthew Hall** | $2,313 | $ 0 | $2,313 |

**College Student Placement**: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does  
hereby approve the following for the 2019 Spring semester:

Keuka College

**Kaitlin Bordwell** Student Teacher Meredith Freida  
 Duration: March 18, 2019 through May 10, 2019

**Volunteers**: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the submitted list of volunteers for the 2018-19 school year.

**Resignation:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the resignation for purposes of retirement of **Dr. Susan Wissick**, effective August 14, 2019.

**Amend Long Term Substitute 1.0 FTE Art Teacher-Nicole Barber:** Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Nicole Barber** as a 1.0 FTE long term substitute Art Teacher position beginning November 5, 2018 through June 30, 2019, at Step 3, of the current teacher contract.  
 **Tenure Approval Andrea Bush:** In compliance with the provisions of 3012 of the education Law and part 30.3 of the rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Andrea Bush**, a probationary teacher appointed September 1, 2016, be appointed to tenure to the position of teacher in the Foreign Language tenure area. It having been shown that **Andrea Bush,** holds a valid New York State Professional Certification in Spanish 7-12 to teach in the aforesaid tenure area; and it further having been shown that the probationary period of **Andrea Bush** to teach in the district expires on March 22, 2019; the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant tenure to and appoint to tenure **Andrea Bush** effective March 22, 2019 to the position of Foreign Language teacher.

**Notice of Public Hearing and Call of the Annual Meeting of the Voters**:

Section 1: The Annual Meeting of the Voters of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, Rushville, New York, shall be conducted in HS gym of the Marcus Whitman High School, located at 4100 Baldwin Road, Rushville, New York, in said school district, on the 21 day of May, 2019, for the purpose of voting, by voting machine, upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting shall be kept open between the hours of noon and 8 pm local time.

Section 2: The public hearing on the proposed budget will occur on May 13, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Board Room in Room 446 in said district.

Section 3: That the notice of said public hearing and annual school election, including the propositions to be voted upon, shall be in substantially the following form, To Wit:

GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing of qualified voters of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District will be held in the High School Board Room, 4100 Baldwin Road, Rushville, New York, on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of presenting the school budget as adopted by the Board of Education for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Annual Meeting and School District Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, from Noon to 8:00 pm in the gym at the High School, 4100 Baldwin Road, Rushville, New York at which time the polls will be opened to vote to adopt the school budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, for the purpose of approving any propositions, and to authorize the required portion to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District; for the election of four members to the Board of Education, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the estimated amount of money which will be required for the ensuing 2019-2020 school year for school purposes, and the annual property exemption report, may be obtained by any taxpayer of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual budget vote, except Saturday, Sunday or a Holiday, at each school building in said District, or at the District Office, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education should be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, no later than Monday, April 22, 2019 at 5 pm. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the Board, be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, and state the name and residence of each candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the Clerk of the Board in the District Office.

Three seats for the Board of Education for three-year terms, beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022 will be filled; these seats are currently occupied by Suzanne Craugh, Keri Link and Mike Bentley.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk of the Board between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday, except holidays. The District Clerk must receive completed applications at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The District Clerk must receive absentee ballots no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the Office of the Clerk of the Board between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm on May 1-21, 2019.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that voting on the budget shall consist of voting, by machine, on the election of Board of Education Members, and on the following propositions, and on such other propositions as are authorized by law and the rules of this Board to be voted on at said time:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2019-2020 Budget

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – Buses

PROPOSITION NO. 3- Library Funding

By order of the Board of Education

of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District

Rushville, NY

Sharene Benedict

District Clerk

Section 4: That the school district clerk be, and here by is, authorized and directed to cause such notice of the public hearing and special meeting to be given in substantially the form hereinbefore prescribed by publishing the same four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks prior to the vote, the first publication to appear at least forty five (45) days before the event, and by giving such other notice as, in her discretion, may be deemed advisable.

Section 5: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**2019-20 District Calendar:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby adopt the 2019-2020 School District Calendar as submitted.

**Accept Lease:** Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, Ontario County, New York, pursuant to the Education Law accept the proposal for the use of acreage south and west of Baldwin Road north of Route 245 and acreage south of Baldwin Road and east of Middle Road for a two year agricultural use lease from Todd Gruschow.

**Accept Budget Transfers:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Audit

Committee, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the submitted list of budget transfers.

**CSE & CPSE Recommendations:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations as submitted and filed in the minute file.   
Yes 8 No 0 (Absent Keri Link) MC

*Mr. Clingerman thanked Dr. Wissick for her years of service.*

**PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BOARD**

Bob Lehman, Stanley: Mr. Lehman wished Cheryl and Susan a happy retirement. Mr. Lehman referred to earlier public comment that life is not fair there is no such thing as equal punishments. Keep doing what’s best for the situation at hand.

**BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:**

1. Safety Committee Minutes

2. Audit Committee Minutes

3. Budget Workshops-*This depends when state numbers come in*

April 2 5pm (tentative budget workshop)  
 April 8 6pm (tentative budget workshop)  
 April 11 special meeting/possibly approve budget  
 April 22 special meeting possibly approve budget (last day to approve)

4. Nominations for BOCES Board due March 25-There were none.

5. Important Dates:

March 12 special meeting (Superintendent Applications)

March 15 Regional Conference Day at Canandaigua Schools

March 18, 19, 21 special meeting (Superintendent Interviews)

April 1, 2, 4 special meeting (Superintendent Finalist interviews)

April 8 Regular Meeting

April 11 Special Board Meeting

April 22 Board Petitions due by 5pm

April 24 Wednesday Special Board meeting 7:30am   
 (BOCES budget and BOCES Board members)

Break 8:06pm

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Jeff Allen, seconded by Phyllis Frantel at 8:15pm for the Board to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person.   
Yes 8 No 0 (Absent Keri Link) MC

Meeting reconvened at 10:13pm.

Motion by Jeff Allen, seconded by Cory Clark to adjourn the meeting at 10:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharene Benedict  
District Clerk