

GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA

Meeting: Regular

Date: September 13, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Place: HS Library

\* *Board Action Items*

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**, if needed

**C. PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

We appreciate you taking the time to attend our meeting and welcome your comments. If you would like to share your thoughts with the board, please state your name and address and please limit your comments to 3 minutes. If you would like a response please be sure to include your phone number or email address on the sign in sheet. Please turn cell phones off or to silent and no texting. Thank you for coming.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**E. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES-as submitted**

E.1. Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting

**F. ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

*Due to end of year audit Treasurer reports will be attached to the October agenda.*

**G. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:**

**G.1. Dr. Christopher Brown**–Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Implement Restorative Practices, Wit and Wisdom at Elementary, Strategic Planning process, Recap Board of Education Retreat and COVID Testing process

**G.2. Scott Robinson**-Extended School Year Summer School Results

**G.3. Erica Hasselstrom**-Summer Professional Development Offerings and Participation

**\*H. CONSENT AGENDA**

The following appointments are pending clearance of NYS fingerprinting requirements:

**H.1.a. Substitutes:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby re-appoint the submitted list of Substitutes at the approved rates.

**H.1.b. Substitute Teacher:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Nichaela Commisso** as Substitute Teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

**H.1.c. Substitute Teacher Assistant:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Nichaela Commisso** as Substitute Teaching Assistant for the 2021-22 school year.

**H.1.d. Substitute Bus Drivers:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Tashonta McCool and Kathryn Williams** as Substitute Bus Drivers for the 2021-22 school year.

**H.1.e. Substitute Bus Monitor:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Tammy Spears** as Substitute Bus Monitor for the 2021-22 school year.

**H.1.f. Appoint Bus Driver-John Peck:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **John Peck** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Bus Driver, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**H.1.g. Appoint Bus Monitor-Jessica Clark:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Jessica Clark** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Bus Monitor, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**H.1.h. Appoint Bus Monitor-Polyxeni Sakkali:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Polyxeni Sakkali** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Bus Monitor, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**H.1.i. Appoint Bus Monitor-Eftychia McCarthy:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District

does hereby grant **Eftychia McCarthy** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Bus Monitor, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**H.1.j. Appoint Food Service Helper-Angela McMillen:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Angela McMillen** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Food Service Helper, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**H.1.k. Appoint Food Service Helper-Jessica Clark:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Jessica Clark** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Food Service Helper, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**H.1.l. Resignation Tammy VanRiper:** 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 from **Tammy VanRiper**, as Cleaner, effective August 20, 2021.

**H.1.m. Appoint Temporary Cleaners:** 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 Beal, Michael Cupp and Ezra Hill** as temporary cleaners for the 2021-22 school year.

**H.1.n. Resignation Stacey Reynolds:** 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 from **Stacey Reynolds**, as Teacher Aide, effective August 16, 2021.

**H.1.o. Appoint Teacher Aide-Jenna McGregor:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Jenna McGregor** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**H.1.p. Appoint Teacher Aide-Danielle Conde:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Danielle Conde** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**H.1.q. Appoint Teacher Aide-Rebecca Gang:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Rebecca Gang** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**H.1.r. Resignation Megan Walters:** 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 from **Megan Walters**, as Teacher Aide, effective September 13, 2021.

**H.1.s. Resignation Jossie Decker:** 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 from **Jossie Decker**, as Teacher Aide, effective August 24, 2021.

**H.1.t. Appoint Teacher Aide-Fawn Ortiz:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Fawn Ortiz** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**H.1.u. Appoint Clerk-Rebecca Harford:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Rebecca Harford** a full time Civil Service appointment as a Clerk, at an hourly rate per contract, effective August 31, 2021 with a probationary period from August 31, 2021 to August 31, 2022.

**H.1.v. Create Physical Therapist Position:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby create a 1.0 FTE Physical Therapist position effective September 1, 2021.

**H.1.w. Appoint Physical Therapist-Jennifer Denysenko:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Jennifer Denysenko** a full time Civil Service appointment as Physical Therapist, at step 25 per MWTA contract, effective October 12, 2021 with a probationary period from October 12, 2021 to October 12, 2022.

**H.1.x. 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 2021-22 school year:

<b>Mentor</b>	<b>New Teacher</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>James Santonastaso IV</b>	Erin McMahon	Year 1
<b>Kara Jones</b>	Erin Fisher	Year 1
<b>Amy Harter</b>	Nicole Browning	Year 1
<b>Jennifer Twomey</b>	Brianna Liddiard	Year 1
<b>Brittany Phillips</b>	Ryanne Hughes	Year 1
<b>Lisa Wizeman</b>	Andrea McNeil	Year 1
<b>Krista Brunner</b>	Jennifer Denysenko	Year 1

**H.1.y. Activity Advisors:** 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 people as activity advisors for the 2021-22 school year:

<b>Activity Advisor</b>	<b>Name</b>
Art Club (High School)	<b>Mark Rowe</b>
Art Club (Middle School)	<b>Katie Stamm</b>
Entrepreneur Club	<b>Kathleen Alvord</b>
MS Drama Club Spring Musical Director	<b>Jennifer Mitchell</b>
FFA	<b>Mary Coolbaugh</b>
Freshman Advisor	<b>Andrea Robertson</b>
Freshman Advisor	<b>Wendy Warters</b>
Future Educators	<b>Shawna Turco</b>
Honor Society	<b>James Santonastaso IV</b>
Honor Society	<b>Beth Mineo</b>
Horticulture Club	<b>Mary Coolbaugh</b>
Intramurals	<b>Karen Lahue</b>
Intramurals MS	<b>Jeff Anthony</b>
Substitute MS Intramurals	<b>Ruth Walters</b>
Substitute HS Intramurals	<b>Todd Cunningham</b>
Substitute HS Intramurals	<b>Angela Schwert</b>
Substitute HS Intramurals	<b>Matthew Silco</b>
Jazz Ensemble (6 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>Matthew Bond</b>
Jazz Ensemble (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>Matthew Bond</b>
Jazz Ensemble (HS)	<b>Elizabeth Prusinowski</b>
Junior Advisor	<b>Penny Ayers</b>
Junior Advisor	<b>Jennifer Mitchell</b>
Masterminds	<b>TBD</b>
HS Musical Director	<b>Damian Grzeskowiak</b>
HS Musical Director	<b>Holly Noel Blueye</b>
Senior Advisor	<b>Wendy Kierst</b>

Senior Advisor	<b>Amy Harter</b>
Sophomore Advisor	<b>Justin Devlin</b>
Sophomore Advisor	<b>Shawna Turco</b>
Student Senate (MS)	<b>Deanna McLellan-Tuck</b>
Year Book (HS)	<b>Mark Rowe</b>
Year Book (HS)	<b>Damian Grzeskowiak</b>
Year Book Club (MS)	<b>Stephanie Ellerstein</b>
PRISM	<b>Madison Kosuda</b>
PRISM	<b>Caitlin Foley</b>
Vocal/Instrument Director	<b>Holly Noel Blueye</b>
Student Council (Gorham)	<b>Jennifer Allen</b>
Student Council (Gorham)	<b>Polly Simmons</b>
Spelling Bee	<b>TBD</b>
HS Student Council	<b>Madison Kosuda</b>
HS Student Council	<b>Lindsay MacUmbur</b>
Envirothon	<b>Jonathan Pragle</b>
MS Ski Club	<b>Kathleen Alvord</b>
MS Ski Club	<b>Jessica Frank</b>

**H.1.z. Approve Teaching Assistant-Computer Lab/Library Media Center Assignment Stipends:**

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District does hereby approve the following Teaching Assistants-Computer Lab/Library Media Center Assignments for the 2021-22 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Level</b>
<b>Sarah Keller</b>	Level II
<b>Karen Clark</b>	Level I
<b>Daniel Wender</b>	Level II
<b>Marsha Lazarus</b>	Level II
<b>Linda Stell</b>	Level I
<b>Jennifer Green</b>	Level III

**H.1.aa. Annual Appointment-Wellness Coordinator:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School does hereby make the following appointments for the 2021-2022 school year:

Wellness Coordinator	<b>Wendy Kierst</b>	\$1250
Wellness Coordinator	<b>Karen Lahue</b>	\$1250

**H.1.bb. Appoint REACH Coordinator-Morgan Drake:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Morgan Drake** as REACH Coordinator at a stipend of \$5,600 for the 2021-22 school year.

**H.1.cc. Amend Yearly Building Per Diem Substitutes:** 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 yearly building per diem substitutes:

High School                      **Michael Nash**

**H.1.dd. Amend Fall 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:

Team	Name
Girls Varsity Swimming Asst	<b>Miranda Dunton</b>
Varsity Football Asst. Coach	<b>Cody Carmichael</b>

**H.2. 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 2021 fall semester:

Nazareth

**Ashley Smith**                      Student Teacher                      Marcy Adams  
Duration: October 25, 2021 through December 15, 2021

**Madelyn Jenkins**                      Student Teacher                      Gwen Winkler  
Duration: September 7, 2021 through October 21, 2021

**Jessica Klem**                      Student Teacher                      Bailey Colonna  
Duration: September 7, 2021 through October 21, 2021

**Hannah Chesner**                      Student Teacher                      Delana Hey  
Duration: September 7, 2021 through October 21, 2021

Hobart William Smith

**Joseph McCoy**                      Student Teacher                      Lucinda Moses  
Duration: September 7, 2021 through December 3, 2021

**Linda Stockman**                      Student Teacher                      Anne Hoffman  
Duration: September 7, 2021 through December 3, 2021

**Karina Connolly**                      Student Teacher                      Jennifer Lengyel  
Duration: September 7, 2021 through December 3, 2021

**Emma Vangorder**                      Student Teacher                      Amy Dobbertin  
Duration: September 7, 2021 through December 3, 2021

**Caitlyn Andrews** Student Teacher Michelle Freida  
Duration: September 7, 2021 through December 3, 2021

**Kailyn Canavan** Student Teacher Joanne Emerson  
Duration: September 7, 2021 through December 3, 2021

**Marris Eck** Student Teacher Marcy Adams  
Duration: November 1, 2021 through December 15, 2021

### **SUNY Cortland**

**Hannah Keech** Student Teacher Karen Lahue  
**Duration:** September 7, 2021 through December , 2021

**H.3. 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 2021-22 list of volunteers.

**H.4. Donation:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does accept the donation from **Budding Readers** donating books to UPK and Kindergarten students throughout the 2021-22 school year.

**H.5. Field Trip:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby acknowledge the final proposal FFA going to FFA Convention Indianapolis, IN October 26, 2021 –October 30, 2021.

**H.6. Accept Specialist Position:** 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 following specialist position. Teacher in the following position remain in their current tenure track.

Special Education Reading Interventionist **Lisa Wizeman** effective August 13, 2021

**H.7. Resignation Melissa Butler:** 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 from **Melissa Butler**, as English Teacher, effective August 5, 2021.

**H.8. Resignation Gary Beach:** 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 from **Gary Beach**, as Elementary Teacher (Sixth Grade Math), effective August 18, 2021.

**H.9. Long Term Substitute Teacher-Kelly Karszes:** 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 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Kelly Karszes**, as a 1.0FTE long term substitute elementary teacher from approximately September 1, 2021 through approximately October 29, 2021, at Step 6, of the current teacher contract.

**H.10. Long Term Substitute Teacher-Ryanne Hughes:** 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 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Ryanne Hughes**, as a 1.0FTE long term substitute elementary teacher from September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at Step 1, of the current teacher contract.

**H.11. Probationary Appointment Special Education Teacher-Erin Fischer:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3102 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby amend appointment of **Erin Fischer**, who holds a Students with Disabilities Professional Certificate, Childhood Education Professional Certificate, Early Childhood Professional Certificate and Students with Disabilities (Birth-2) Professional Certificate to a Special Education Teaching position in the tenure area of Education of Children with Handicapping conditions-General Special Education Teacher, for a four year probationary appointment commencing August 24, 2021 and ending on August 23, 2025, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the two years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at Step 11 of the current MWTA contract.

**H.12. Probationary Appointment Secondary English Teacher-Erin-Kathleen McMahon:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3102 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby appoint **Erin-Kathleen McMahon**, who holds a Permanent English Certificate to an English Teaching position in the tenure area of English, for a four year probationary appointment commencing August 23, 2021 and ending on August 22, 2025, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at Step 18 of the current MWTA contract.

**H.13. Resignation Deanna Bagley:** 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 from **Deanna Bagley**, as Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective August 16, 2021.

**H.14. Probationary Appointment Special Education Teacher-Andrea McNeil:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3102 of the Education Law and in

compliance with part 30-1.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby appoint **Andrea McNeil**, who holds an Initial Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6, Initial Early Childhood Certificate, and a Permanent Physical Education Certificate to a Special Education Teacher position in the tenure area of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions-General Special Education, for a four year probationary appointment commencing September 1 and ending on August 31, 2025, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at Step 5 of the current MWTA contract.

**H.15. Eliminate School Social Worker Position:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby eliminate School Social Worker position effective September 1, 2021.

**H.16. Create School Counselor Position:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby create a 1.0 FTE School Social Worker position effective September 1, 2021.

**H.17. Probationary Appointment School Counselor-Brianna Liddiard:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3102 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby appoint **Brianna Liddiard**, who holds a Provisional School Counselor Certificate to a Counselor position in the tenure area of School Counselor, for a four year probationary appointment commencing September 1, 2021 and ending on August 31, 2025, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at Step 1 of the current MWTA contract.

**H.18. Amend Provisional Probationary Appointment School Social Worker to Appoint Social Worker-Dawn Pietropaolo:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Dawn Pietropaolo** a full time Civil Service appointment as Social Worker, at step 2 per MWTA contract, effective August 10, 2021 with a probationary period from August 10, 2021 to August 10, 2022.

## **I. PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BOARD**

### **J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:**

Buildings and Grounds Committee Minutes (attached)

#### **Meetings:**

9/21 Tuesday 4CSBAGeneral Membership Hybrid Meeting

9/23 Thursday Regional Dignity, Equity and Inclusion Meeting-Regent Norwood

9/28 Tuesday Audit Committee Meeting-auditors attending

9/30 Thursday Regional Dignity, Equity and Inclusion Meeting-Roseann Bayne  
10/9 4CSBA Legislative Committee (zoom)

**\*K. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Board will enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

**\*L. ADJOURN MEETING**

**GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 9, 2021  
MS Cafeteria

*Public Hearing was held at 6pm on Student Code of Conduct, Extracurricular Code of Conduct, Title I and IDEA and also Professional Development Plan.*

*Board Members Present: Sheila Brown, Cindy Hall, John Foust, Sue Campbell, Chad Hunt, Phyllis Frantel and Jeff Allen*

*Absent: Cory Clark and Keri Link*

*Administrators Present: Dr. Christopher Brown, Zoe Kolczynski, Sharene Benedict, Brenda Lehman, Bonnie Cazer, Eric Pasho, Jenn Taft, Scott Robinson, Paul Lahue, Andrea Smith, LeeAnn Shipman and Dan Blankenberg*

Sheila Brown called the meeting to order at 6:25pm.

**PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Elaine Barge, Rushville:** Mrs. Barge asked what is the back to school and ongoing school year look like? Who is responsible for what happens? Board of Education, Superintendent, State? How much of a say do parents have? The survey that went to parents/community last year was great.

Motion by Chad Hunt, seconded Jeff Allen to approve the following resolution.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Yes 7 (absent: Cory Clark and Keri Link) No 0 MC

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Re-Organization and Regular Board of Education Meeting dated July 12, 2021 was accepted as submitted.

**ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

*Second phase of the Audit is completed. Should have June statements for the September meeting.*

**ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:**

**Dr. Christopher Brown:** Thanked all those who treated him wonderfully at the Ontario County Fair. It was great to see our students involved.

Congratulations to the 2021 Class Hall of Fame Inductees: David Burley (1972), Amy (Kierst) Sleeman (1999), Brian Western (1987), the 1947-48 Gorham Baseball Team Section V Class C Champs with a 33 game win streak, and Ron Clark as the #1 MW Fan. Hall of Fame Ceremony will be Thursday, Oct. 7 at 7pm in the HS Auditorium.

Dr. Brown shared that Free and Reduced Lunch applications still need to be completed for grant purposes. Grants use a percentage of free/reduced population when completing the documents. Federal Government is sponsoring free breakfast and lunch for all students for the 2021-22 school year. Please spread the word to have families complete the form that coming out in the District calendar.

Dr. Brown also shared we are short staffed for cleaners, custodians, teacher aides, clerical and teaching assistants. We have tried to look at positions and still short nothing changes for the students. Use of Facilities might be different to have staff maintain building while it's in use could be an issue, bus rides may take longer no substitutes to fill in bus runs. The District needs to stay within contractual obligations. For instance, we have staff that has worked here four years and a new person could start with higher pay. We can't do that.

Dr. Brown thanked Dan Blankenberg, Director of Facilities and Zoe Kolczynski, Business Official with all their help. Some areas of the project needed to be pushed to get done. We had to do some negotiations for the past week and half to continue getting top quality work and not settling for less for instance the weight room floor. The second floor should be completed the second week of October and the building will be ready for the beginning of school. The Board will be given a tour on August 24. District Office is coming along carpet and painting are starting.

Dr. Brown shared what the school year will look like. He would like students in school five days a week. Refocus to start the school year. Get away from what we did during COVID and keep moving forward. Some initiatives for this school year is restorative practices-building relationships in every department: custodians, bus drivers, etc.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training will be on August 19 for administration, Board of Education if anyone is interested in attending. This is to the standard to educate students/community that everyone matters. Understanding definitions and move forward.

FoodLink was held on August 10 along with a vaccine clinic at the Concession stand. CDC can impose rules over people as of July 27 utilizing mass transit must wear masks. As of right now, masks on buses didn't give guidance on physical distancing requirements, masks indoors (working with the counts in Yates/Ontario County low/moderate weighted average masks encourages if there's a significant/high increase then masks will be required.

Some common questions asked: Mandatory COVID vaccine Dr. Brown doesn't believe it will happen this year. Mask wearing a portion of the school year. Virtual is not an option this year. Parents will need to homeschool. If a doctor note virtual instruction through a BOCES program, other outside agency not school district. There will be no need to have an additional board meeting before the beginning of school.

**Joe Shields**, Ferrara, Fiorenza PC: Thanked the Board for continuing services with Ferrara, Fiorenza. The firm will be helping with policy manual. The District is staying with New York State School Boards for policy updates. Sheila thanked Joe Shields for his quick responses and easy answers.

Motion by Jeff Allen, seconded Phyllis Frantel to approve the following resolutions.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following appointments are pending clearance of NYS fingerprinting requirements:

**Substitute Teaching Assistant:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Sharon Simmons-Shepard** as Substitute Teaching Assistant for the 2021-22 school year.

**Resignation-John Sawers:** 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 the purpose of retirement from **John Sawers**, as Bus Driver, effective August 31, 2021.

**Substitute Bus Drivers:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Morgan Christler and John Sawers** as Substitute Bus Drivers for the 2021-22 school year.

**Substitute Bus Monitors:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Morgan Christler and Eftychia McCarthy** as Substitute Bus Monitor for the 2021-22 school year.

**Summer Cleaners:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Teri Ashley and Decouteau Blueye** as Summer Cleaners effective July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

**Create three Cleaner Positions:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby create three (3) 1.0 FTE civil service position of Cleaners effective August 9, 2021.

**Appoint Cleaner-Josephine Thompson:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Josephine Thompson** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Cleaner, at an hourly rate per contract, effective August 9, 2021 with a probationary period from August 9, 2021 to August 9, 2022.

**Appoint Cleaner-Amanda Lucas:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Amanda Lucas** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Cleaner, at an hourly rate per contract, effective August 9, 2021 with a probationary period from August 9, 2021 to August 9, 2022.

**Appoint Cleaner-Charles Gladle:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Charles Gladle** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Cleaner, at an hourly rate per contract, effective August 9, 2021 with a probationary period from August 9, 2021 to August 9, 2022.

**Resignation Shayna DuVal:** 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 from **Shayna DuVal**, as Bus Monitor, effective July 19, 2021.

**Resignation Barbara Parker:** 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 the purpose of retirement from **Barbara Parker**, as Bus Monitor, effective July 12, 2021.

**Approve Leave of Absence- Amy Mangiarelli:** 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 leave of absence for the 2021-22 school year.

**Resignation-Iva Tears:** 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 from **Iva Tears**, as Food Service Helper, effective August 31, 2021.

**Appoint Cook-Iva Tears:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Iva Tears** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as Cook, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**Resignation Catherine Young:** 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 from **Catherine Young**, as Teacher Aide, effective July 15, 2021.

**Appoint Teacher Aide-Jillian Boccacino:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Jillian Boccacino** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**Appoint Teacher Aide-Brendan Bode:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does

hereby grant **Brendan Bode** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**Appoint Teacher Aide-Kristen Clark:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Kristen Clark** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**Appoint Teacher Aide-Alaina Dhondt:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Alaina Dhondt** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

*Based on student need.*

**Appoint Teacher Aide-Katherine Green:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Katherine Green** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective September 1, 2021 with a probationary period from September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

**Department Chairpersons:** 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 people as department chairpersons for the 2021-22 school year:

Department Chairperson	Name
Dept. Chairperson for Arts In Education (6-12)	<b>Damian Grzeskowiak</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Arts In Education (Pre-K-2)	<b>Christopher Clark</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Arts In Education (3-5)	<b>Corrine DeRue</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Counselors (Pre-K-12)	<b>Kyle Cunningham</b>
Dept. Chairperson for English Language Arts (6-12)	<b>TBD</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Reading	<b>Shawna Crouse</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Fine Arts (K-12)	<b>Katie Stamm</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Foreign Language (6-12)	<b>Caitlin Foley</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Math (6-12)	<b>Amanda Cooney</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Music (K-12)	<b>Corrine DeRue</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Occupations/Technology (6-12)	<b>Kathleen Alvord</b>
Dept. of Chairperson for Physical Education (K-12)	<b>Todd Cunningham</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Pupil Support Services (6-12)	<b>Wendy Warters</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Science (6-12)	<b>Patrick Prusinowski</b>
Dept. Chairperson Library/Media Specialist UPK-12	<b>Christine Porschet</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Social Studies (6-12)	<b>Jody McLaughlin</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Special Education-Gorham	<b>Kara Jones</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Special Education-Valley	<b>Marcy Adams</b>
Dept. Chairperson for Nurse	<b>Michelle Rohring</b>
Team Leader UPK	<b>Anne Dhondt</b>
Team Leader Kindergarten	<b>Amy Zimmerman</b>
Team Leader (1 <sup>st</sup> Grade)	<b>Joanne Emerson</b>
Team Leader (2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)	<b>Mary Bradshaw</b>
Team Leader (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade)	<b>Jennifer Lengyel</b>
Team Leader (4 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	<b>Gwen Winkler</b>
Team Leader (5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	<b>Larkin Ryan</b>
Team Leader (6 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	<b>Kellie Fritz</b>
Team Leader (7 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	<b>Matthew Palmer</b>
Team Leader (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	<b>Keith Walters</b>
Team Leader ECO	<b>Malcolm Mackenzie</b>

**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 2021-22 school year:

<b>Mentor</b>	<b>New Teacher</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Amy Dobbertin</b>	Kacie Smith	3
<b>Michelle Freida</b>	Rachel (Skopinsky) Flowers	3
<b>Jennifer Lengyel</b>	Bonnie Prendergast	3
<b>Corrine DeRue</b>	Ariel Pirwitz	3
<b>Meredith Freida</b>	Jacob Clark	3
<b>Patrick Prusinowski</b>	Jonathan Pragle	3
<b>Matthew Silco</b>	Angela Schwert	3
<b>Jason Green</b>	Holly Brown	3
<b>Lisa Carey</b>	Shawna Turco	3
<b>Patricia Smith</b>	Tessa Stone	3
<b>Joanne Emerson</b>	Sarah Newman	3
<b>Kelli Fritz</b>	Emily Staychock	2
<b>Amanda Cooney</b>	Madison Kosuda	2
<b>Anne Hoffman</b>	Leah Schaffer	2
<b>Nancy Bell</b>	Hailey Wageman	1
<b>Caitlin Foley</b>	Courtney Ormsby	1
<b>Karen Newman</b>	Abigail Finley	1
<b>Michael Sullivan</b>	Michael Gorton	1
<b>Kerri DePorter</b>	Emily Joslyn	1
<b>Kerri DePorter</b>	Dawn Pietropaolo	1
<b>Larkin Ryan</b>	Molly Gray	2
<b>Dr. Clayton Cole</b>	Eric Pasho	3
<b>Paul Lahue</b>	Scott Robinson	3
<b>Erica Hasselstrom</b>	Andrea Smith	3

**Fall 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:

<b>Team</b>	<b>Coach</b>
Boys Varsity Soccer	<b>Justin Devlin</b>
Boys Modified A Soccer	<b>Jason Green</b>
Girls Varsity Soccer	<b>Greg O'Connor</b>
Girls Modified A Soccer	<b>Corrine DeRue</b>
Varsity Football	<b>Bruce Wagner</b>
Varsity Football Asst	<b>Michael Gorton</b>
Modified A Football	<b>Richard Gulvin</b>
Modified A Football	<b>Benjamin Ayres</b>
Girls Varsity Tennis	<b>Andrea Nolan</b>
Girls Modified A Tennis	<b>Ruth Walters</b>
Varsity Cross Country	<b>Jody McLaughlin</b>
Varsity XC Assistant	<b>David Helling</b>
Varsity Cheerleading	<b>Wendy Kierst</b>
Modified A Cheerleading	<b>Cassandra Gillette</b>
Girls Varsity Swimming	<b>Megan Walters</b>
Girls Modified Swimming	<b>Mike Smith</b>

*Appointments are based on current fall sports season. Season may be adjusted.*



**Yearly Building Per Diem Substitutes:** 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 yearly building per diem substitutes:

Middlesex Valley	<b>Rebecca Cline</b>
Gorham Elementary	<b>Nicole Barber</b>
Middle School	<b>Lisa C. Thompson</b>
High School	<b>Brian Ellis</b>

**Amend Summer Program Substitute 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 **Ellen Lightfoote, Jason Green, Karen Lahue, David Moore and Shannon Dunton as Substitutes** at per diem rate for the 2021 Summer Program.

**Field Band 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:

Field Band Director	<b>Holly Blueye</b>
Field Band Assistant Director	<b>Kyle White</b>
Field Band Color Guard	<b>Damian Grzeskowiak</b>

**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 2021 fall semester:

Nazareth College		
<b>Angela Woodward</b>	Student Teacher	Ashley Inclema
Duration: November 1, 2021 through December 15, 2021		
<b>Kaitlyn Ryder</b>	Student Teacher	Jason Green
Duration: September 7, 2021 through October 21, 2021		
<b>Madeline Petell</b>	Student Teacher	Kristin Tomion
Duration: September 7, 2021 through October 21, 2021		
<b>Nicole Goulette</b>	Student Teacher	Kristin Tomion
Duration: October 27, 2021 through December 15, 2021		

**Resignation of Katharine Muscato:** 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 of **Katharine Muscato**, as School Social Worker, effective September 3, 2021.

**Resignation-Catrina Oswald:** 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 of **Catrina Oswald**, as Teaching Assistant, effective August 31, 2021.

**Resignation-Teri Ashley:** 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 of **Teri Ashley**, as Teacher Aide, effective August 31, 2021.

**Probationary Teaching Assistant-Teri Ashley:** Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.8 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Teri Ashley**, who holds a Level I Teaching Assistant Certificate, to a Teaching Assistant position in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant for a four year probationary appointment commencing September 1, 2021 and ending on August 31, 2025, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting per Teacher Aides, Teaching Assistants and Clerical Employees Association for the 2021-22 school year.

**Resignation-Shari Cotroneo:** 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 of **Shari Cotroneo**, as Teacher Aide, effective August 31, 2021.

**Probationary Teaching Assistant-Shari Cotroneo:** Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.8 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Shari Cotroneo**, who holds a Level I Teaching Assistant Certificate, to a Teaching Assistant position in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant for a four year probationary appointment commencing September 1, 2021 and ending on August 31, 2025, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting per Teacher Aides, Teaching Assistants and Clerical Employees Association for the 2021-22 school year.  
*Shari is replacing Joanne Estey.*

**Provisional Probationary Teaching Assistant Appointment-Sarah Keller:** Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.8 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Sarah Keller**, who is working on a Teaching Assistant Certificate, to a Teaching Assistant provisional position in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant for a four year probationary appointment commencing August 16, 2021 and ending on August 15, 2025, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting per Teacher Aides, Teaching Assistants and Clerical Employees Association for the 2021-22 school year.

**Provisional Probationary Teaching Assistant Appointment-Daniel Wender:** Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.8 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Daniel Wender**, who is working on a Teaching Assistant Certificate, Initial Certification Education Technology Specialist, Initial Childhood Education Grades 1-6 and to a Teaching Assistant provisional position in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant for a four year probationary appointment commencing August 16, 2021 and ending on August 15, 2025, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting per Teacher Aides, Teaching Assistants and Clerical Employees Association for the 2021-22 school year.

**Probationary Appointment Elementary Teacher-Molly Gray:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3102 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby appoint **Molly Gray**, who holds an Initial Certificate Childhood Education Grades 1-6 and an Initial Certificate Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 to an Elementary Teaching position in the tenure area of Elementary Teacher, for a four year probationary appointment commencing August 10, 2021 and ending on August 9, 2025, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at Step 5 of the current MWTA contract.

**Probationary Appointment School Psychologist-Emily Joslyn:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3102 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby appoint **Emily Joslyn**, who holds a Provisional School Psychologist Certificate to a School Psychologist position in the tenure area of School Psychologist, for a four year probationary appointment commencing July 15, 2021 and ending on July 14, 2025, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at Step 1 of the current MWTA contract.

**Provisional Probationary Appointment School Social Worker-Dawn Pietropaolo:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-

Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3102 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby appoint **Dawn Pietropaolo**, who is working toward School Social Worker Certification to a School Social Worker position in the tenure area of School Social Worker, for a four year probationary appointment commencing August 10, 2021 and ending on August 9, 2025, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at Step 2 of the current MWTA contract.

**Approve Ontario County Shared Services Panel-Dr. Christopher Brown:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve Dr. Christopher Brown to serve on the Ontario County Shared Services Panel for the 2021-22 school year.

**Accept Organizational Chart:** 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 **Organizational Chart**.

**Approve School Resource Officer Contract:** 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 contract with Ontario, County, for the School Resource Officer Program at the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District for the dates of September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**Approve Tax Warrant:** Be it resolved that whereas the approved tax levy at \$15,500,090 has been aligned against the current assessments and the tax rates are available, the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does approve the tax warrant as submitted.

**Approve Changes to Student Code of Conduct:** 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 changes to the **Student Code of Conduct**.

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMENCEMENT OF E-CIGARETTES AND VAPING LITIGATION**

**WHEREAS**, the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices has increased dramatically among high school and middle school students in recent years, leading to significant risks of addiction, potentially life threatening respiratory ailments, and other health consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of e-cigarettes and vapid devices by students has caused the Marcus Whitman Central School (the "School District") to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District's Board of Education (the "Board") has been invited to join a nation-wide lawsuit by school districts against Juul Labs, Inc. the largest seller of e-cigarettes in the United States and other parties responsible for the production, marketing, sale and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to join this lawsuit to discourage the proliferation of e-cigarettes, end the marketing of e-cigarettes to children, and seek compensation for harm caused to the District due to e-cigarette use.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby resolves:**

1. To appoint the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC and approve the agreement to provide legal services in connection with pursuing claims for damages against Juul Labs, Inc. and others consistent with the recitals above;
2. To authorize the Superintendent to take all steps necessary for the District to become an active co-plaintiff to pending litigation filed on behalf of school districts Nationwide by the Frantz Law Group against Juul Labs, Inc. and others.

**Accept Professional Development Plan:** 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 **Professional Development Plan**.

**Accept The Budget Transfers:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, recommends to the Board of Education to accept budget transfers over \$10,000 and that the Budget Transfers over \$10,000.

Yes 7 (absent: Cory Clark and Keri Link) No 0 MC

#### **PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BOARD**

**Mabel Deal Stanley:** Wish you all a wonderful school year.

**Karen Shoemaker Stanley:** Thank you Superintendent for all the communication and Elaine Barge for asking questions. Everyone did an amazing job at the Ontario County Fair. We have amazing teachers and student displays were wonderful. Get to the State Fair our students will be there as well.

*Sheila Brown: Thank you to Dr. Brown, Dan Blankenberg and Zoe Kolczynski we don't have a clue of what's going on behind the scenes for the capital project. Hearing great things and looks fabulous.*

*Zoe Kolczynski-Dan Blankenberg is doing a great job keeping us apprised as the project progresses.*

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ITEMS:**

##### **Board Committees-**

- Audit Committee: Sue Campbell, Sheila Brown, Cindy Hall, Tara Farmer, Shawn Szabo, Jim Loomis
- Policy: John Foust, Sue Campbell
- Buildings and Grounds: Keri Link, Chad Hunt and Jeff Allen
- Safety Committee: Cory Clark

##### **Four County School Boards Assoc.:**

- Board of Directors: Sheila Brown Alternate: Cindy Hall
- Legislative Committee: Phyllis Frantel  
*This is a large committee meets one Saturday a month. Meetings are held via zoom. If Phyllis can't make a meeting she'll reach out to see who can fill in for her.*

##### **NYS School Boards Assoc.- Sheila Brown**

##### **Important Dates:**

- Board Retreat Tuesday, August 24 6pm-8pm Concession Stand-Topics will be goals and tour
- New Teacher Luncheon Wednesday, August 25 Noon at Nolan's-Sheila and Phyllis will be attending

**Thank you notes from Class of '71** Steve Mumby, Randy and Patti Eddinger, Duffy's and Edwards

NYSSBA Convention-as of right now, there's no zoom option for the conference. There is a zoom option for the Annual Meeting.

Zoe Kolczynski: I should have the tax rate by the end of the week. Dr. Brown will share this out in his Friday memo.

7:20pm break

Motion by Chad Hunt seconded by John Foust at 7:29pm for the Board to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of particular people.

Yes 7 (absent: Cory Clark and Keri Link) No 0 MC

Motion by Jeff Allen, seconded by Sue Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharene Benedict District Clerk

**MARCUS WHITMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

COMMITTEE: Building and Grounds  
LOCATION: High School Library  
DATE: August 19, 2021

Chad Hunt, Jeff Allen,,Dan Blankenberg, Christopher Brown, Zoe Kolczynski, Ted Mountain (SEI Design)  
Fran Schwartz-Wallace (SEI Design), Jennifer Kelly(SEI Design).

Absent: Keri Link

Ted Mountain shared the preliminary Building Condition Survey report.

Ted, Fran and Jen, shared some before and after pics of completed areas.

Meeting closed at 5:09PM

Respectfully Submitted,

*Zoe Kolczynski*  
Zoe Kolczynski  
School Business Official