

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.

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

Team Leader (7 th Grade)	Matthew Palmer
Team Leader (8 th Grade)	Keith Walters
Team Leader ECO	Malcolm Mackenzie

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:

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

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

Girls Varsity Swimming	Megan Walters
Girls Modified Swimming	Mike Smith

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	Rebecca Cline
Gorham Elementary	Nicole Barber
Middle School	Lisa C. Thompson
High School	Brian Ellis

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	Holly Blueye
Field Band Assistant Director	Kyle White
Field Band Color Guard	Damian Grzeskowiak

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		
Angela Woodward	Student Teacher	Ashley Inclema
Duration: November 1, 2021 through December 15, 2021		
Kaitlyn Ryder	Student Teacher	Jason Green
Duration: September 7, 2021 through October 21, 2021		
Madeline Petell	Student Teacher	Kristin Tomion
Duration: September 7, 2021 through October 21, 2021		
Nicole Goulette	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 Regular Meeting

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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
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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