

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING &
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.
MEDIA LAB ROOM

The regular meeting was livestreamed on the school's website: www.genvalley.org

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Heath Gordon, President presiding.

Roll Call was taken by District Clerk:

Members Present: Heath Gordon, President; Eric Knapp, Vice-President; Tim Hand, Fred Grusendorf; Max Gilluly; Michelle Kelley

Members Absent: Jamie Willson

District Personnel: Brian Schmitt, Superintendent, Brian Edmister, PK-6 Principal, Sarah Taylor, Director of Special Education & CPSE/CSE Chair, Paula Mighells, Curriculum Coordinator/Dean of Students, Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

Staff Member: Kim Marciano, Donna Slawson, Nichole Bagley, Julia Wesche, Nathan Slawson, Pat Kozlowski

Guests: David Haggstrom, Molly Pike, Casey Jones, Emila Mejia (GV Student)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons to Address the Board:

- No scheduled guests

Presentations to the Board:

- Dave Haggstrom presented the Angelica Town Library Budget, and Molly Pike handed out the Belmont Town Library Budget (on behalf of Curtis Decker who was unable to attend).
- Dr. Schmitt presented the 2024-2025 school year budget followed by questions and answers. The Budget Packet is available on our website and in the District Office.
- Heath Gordon, Board President announced the vote information:

*The Annual Budget Vote and Election of Board of Education Members will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 12:00 Noon until 8:00 p.m. There will be two election districts – Angelica residents vote at the Angelica Grange Hall, and Belmont residents vote at the GVCS Pool Vestibule. All Ballots will be opened starting at 8:00 p.m. Residents will vote on the 2024-2025 school budget, propositions for the purchase of 1-(72) Passenger School Bus/ use of transportation reserve funds, increase support for the Angelica & Belmont Town Libraries, and vote on two board of education members. Petitions have been filed by **Eric Knapp, Shawn Grusendorf and James Cartwright.***

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Board of Education minutes of the regular meeting/adopt BOCES budget dated April 16, 2024, and budget work session/adopt GV budget meeting dated April 22, 2024, as submitted.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS: Printed copies available for public

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Accounts Payable Warrant Reports – Dated April 30, 2024 as submitted: School Lunch Fund #11, Federal Fund #10, General Fund #11.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE SEQRA RESOLUTION FOR 2024-25 CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION, DATED MAY 7, 2024, OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “DISTRICT”) CONFIRMING THE DETAILS OF A CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT INVOLVING MODEST IMPROVEMENTS AT THE DISTRICT’S MAIN CAMPUS BUILDING, AND CONFIRMING THE PROJECT AS BEING A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA.

WHEREAS, the Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”), after consultation by District officials with the District’s retained architectural firm of Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect D.P.C. (“Hunt”), has resolved that the District should undertake a capital outlay project involving certain modest improvements at the Main Campus Building, such work being anticipated to include, but not necessarily be limited to, replacement of floor finishes, replacing a transaction window, providing security film on various interior windows, and replacement of the loading dock lift, as well as all associated work (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of the Project (inclusive of all preliminary and incidental costs) has been determined by Hunt to be \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the Project is to be financed by the application of \$100,000 of funds earmarked for such purpose as a “Transfer to Capital Fund” in the District’s approved (2024-2025) budget, with the work on the Project being expected to be completed during the 2024-2025 fiscal year of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to reserve the right to expand, contract or modify the scope of the Project in light of the level of future construction bids received, with the understanding that the estimated maximum cost of the Project will not exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York State Education Department (“SED”) guidance and policy, the District/Board of Education is the appropriate agency to be the lead agency to undertake Project review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5 of the SEQRA Regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) provides that certain activities are Type II actions that are not subject to review under SEQRA and that such activities include “routine activities of educational institutions,” “maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility;” “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site...unless such action meets or exceeds any [Type I] thresholds in section 617.4”; and

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes such routine activities of educational institutions; maintenance or repair activities; and/or in-kind, same-site replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction activities; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (a/k/a the “MOU” or the “Letter of Resolution”) between the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (“OPRHP”) (a/k/a the “State Historic Preservation Office” or “SHPO”) and SED, and the terms of the MOU’s exemption form, a project is exempt from SHPO review if, among other possible reasons, a building is 50 years old or older but has previously been evaluated by SHPO and found not to meet the criteria for inclusion in the State and National Registers of Historic Places (the “Registers”); and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the final determination of the District’s Board of Education that the Project is a Type II action, which is not subject to review under SEQRA, and that the Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for the Project has been included as a “Transfer to Capital Fund” line item (not exceeding \$100,000 in amount) in the District’s approved budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, with the understanding that the Project will be completed during the 2024-2025 fiscal year of the District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect immediately.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Eric Knapp, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the consent agenda items as follows:

1. Approve the following substitute: *Audrey Newman* from Belmont as substitute teacher aide, etc., pending fingerprint clearance; *Eddie Polanowski* from Angelica as a substitute cafeteria worker, fingerprint clearance on file; *Mya White* from Belmont as a substitute teacher aide, clerical, etc., pending fingerprint clearance; and *Christina Hammonds* from Scio as a substitute teacher aide, clerical, etc., pending fingerprint clearance.
2. Approve the *CSE/CPSE Recommendations* dated May 3, 2024 as submitted.
3. Approve Tina Edmister and Michaela Edmister as Facilitators for the *American Red Cross Babysitter’s Training Course* run through the Extended School Day Program, rate of pay shall be \$20.00 per hour.
4. Approve *School Psychology Pre-Doctoral Internship Agreement* between Genesee Valley Central School and Skyler Stisser beginning July 1, 2024 and end on June 30, 2025. The rate of pay shall be an educational stipend of \$21,000 payable to Skyler Stisser.
5. Approve the following Memorandum of Agreement with the GVEA:
 - *Rotary Interact Advisor* position to be added to the list of extracurricular advisor positions shown on Schedule B of the GVEA contract for the 2023-2024 school year and thereafter. Pay shall be \$500 as per the GVEA as new advisor stipend.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF COMMITMENT: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Memorandum of Commitment with the *Allegany Council on Alcoholism & Substance Abuse, Inc. (ACASA)* for the 2024-25 school year for a cost of \$4,000 as submitted.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

AMEND MOTION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to amend the motion made at the March 12, 2024 Board meeting to read as follows: Appoints Brian Edmister, III as an after school substitute teacher aide for sports with the Track and Field Team. This will be for practices and meets during the 2023-24 sports season. *The rate of pay shall be \$15.00 per hour per the CSEA contract not per GVEA contract.*

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 21, 2024 Noon to 8:00 p.m. – District Budget Vote and Tally Ballots
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:30 p.m. – Accept Vote Results (in the Main Conference Room)
- Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting
- Tuesday, July 9, 2024 – Reorganizational Meeting (time/place to be determined)

Informational / Discussion:

Dr. Schmitt discussed the following:

- A new draft of the 2024-25 Board of Education meeting schedule will be handed out at the May 21st board meeting to review and to adopt at the June meeting.
- Smart Schools Bond will be presented at the June 11th board meeting, which is updating our current camera system and network.
- The new PK playground equipment has been installed except the fence and matting.
- YMCA Daycare at GVCS: what would be needed such as an exterior door and a double sink, cost to the district, tuition for families, ages that could attend, hours, a space/room, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School suspends the regular order of business at 6:20 p.m. to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel discussion.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS & ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Eric Knapp, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School resumes the regular order of business & Adjournment at 7:10 p.m.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk