

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.
MEDIA LAB ROOM #1121

The 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, Jamie Willson

District Personnel: Brian Schmitt, Superintendent, Brian Edmister, PK-6 Principal, Paula Mighells, Curriculum Coordinator/Dean of Students, Erin Ostrander, Business Official, Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

Staff Members: Bryan Brockway, Kim Marciano, Donna Slawson

Guests present: Barb Woolston

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Persons to Address the Board:

- Barb Woolston discussed the coaching policy. She feels its needs to be reviewed and changed.

Presentations to the Board:

- No presentations scheduled

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Board of Education minutes of the reorganizational meeting dated July 11, 2023, and regular meeting/work session dated July 25, 2023, as submitted.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS: Motion made by Eric Knapp, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Treasurer's Reports as submitted: Extra-Curricular Activity 6/1-6/30/2023; Payroll Account 6/1-6/30/2023; Agency Account 6/1-6/30/2023; General Fund – Community Bank, N.A. 6/1-6/30/2023; School Lunch Fund 6/1-6/30/2023; Scholarship Fund 6/1-6/30/2023; Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 6/1-6/30/2023; Capital Fund 6/1-6/30/2023; Special Aid Account 6/1-6/30/2023.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Accounts Payable June Warrant Reports - Dated July 12, 2023 as submitted: School Lunch Fund #12, Federal Fund #11, General Fund #12, Capital Fund (HADD) #6.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

AWARD ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School awards the Energy Performance Contract for building energy services to:

~ **TRANE Technologies** – preliminary project estimate: \$2,032,857

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICES: Motion made by Eric Knapp, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School authorizes the Superintendent to share services for the 2023-23 school year, as needed with Belfast Central School, Friendship Central School, Fillmore Central School, and Whitesville Central School. GVCS will provide special education classes for students and will received payment for such services.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

SET TAX LEVY AND SIGN TAX WARRANT: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School sets the tax levy and signs the tax warrant dated 8/8/2023 for the 2023-24 school year as follows: Amount to be raised for the school district - \$3,093,180.00, amount to be raised for the Angelica Town Library - \$55,500.00, amount to be raised for the Belmont Town Library - \$55,000.00.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the consent agenda items as follows:

1. Appoint the following **Chaperones/Scoreboard/Timers/Scorebook** for 2023-24 school year:
Denise Baker, Jaci Rizzo, Pam Winterhalter, Josie Preston, Rollie Duttweiler, Kelli Zenoski, Brooke Bradt, Penny Shipman, Miranda Hemphill, Nanette Vossler, Reagan Ryan, Lyn VanTassel, Karen Bliven, Nicole Norasethaporn, Tracie Campbell, Ben Campbell, Sara Donlon, Kaitlyn Bailey, Brandy Hutchison, Tracy George, Rita George, Alyssa Heitman, Linda Warner, Brock Mapes, Kristy Herring, Michelle Haggstrom, Shawn Clancy, Courtney Gilluly, Bill Shipman, Candie Mitchell, Mackenzie Edmister, Kyle Dougherty, Kayla Marsh, Jenn Turybury, Rhonnie Tilton, Maureena Chamberlain, Lisa Scott-Schneider, Sarah Miller, Alissa Cleveland
2. Appoint the following **Board Committees** for the 2023-24 school year:
 - (a) Athletic Committee – Dr. Schmitt, Sara Donlon, Bryan Brockway, Eric Knapp, Tim Hand, Max Gilluly
 - (b) Budget, Personnel & Negotiations Committee – Dr. Schmitt, Erin Ostrander, Heath Gordon, Eric Knapp, Jamie Willson
 - (c) Governing Committee – Dr. Schmitt, Heath Gordon, Eric Knapp & alternating BOE member
 - (d) Health & Wellness Committee – Dr. Schmitt, Fred Grusendorf, Max Gilluly, Michelle Kelley
 - (e) Policy Committee – Dr. Schmitt, Eric Knapp, Michelle Kelley, Jamie Willson
 - (f) Safety & Security Committee – Dr. Schmitt, Sara Donlon, Brian Edmister, Chris Graham, Tory Rounds, Eric Knapp, Tim Hand, Michelle Kelley, Kim Marciano, Kathy Johnson, Nicole Norasethaporn
 - (g) Wall of Fame Committee – Tim Hand, Eric Knapp, Max Gilluly
3. Approve the **Returning Substitute List** for the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted.
4. Approve **Faculty & Staff Handbook** as submitted for the 2023-24 school year.
5. Approve the **7-12 Student Handbook** as submitted for the 2023-24 school year.
6. Approve the **PK-6 Handbook** as submitted for the 2023-24 school year.

7. Approve *Athletic Code of Conduct, GV/BC Handbook, and Coaches Handbook* as submitted for the 2023-24 school year.
8. Approve *CSE/CPSE Recommendations* dated August 2, 2023 as submitted.
9. Approve *Natasha Freeman* of Rushford as a substitute teacher aide, etc., pending fingerprint clearance; *Cariann Scholes* of Houghton as a substitute teacher aide, etc., pending fingerprint clearance; and *Connie Schuld* of Friendship as a substitute teacher aide etc., pending fingerprint clearance. Pay as per Board policy.
10. Approve Agreement between *Genesee Valley Central School District* and *Peaceful Resolutions for Living, d/b/a Peaceful Schools*, to provide the following services in support of tiered social emotional and social behavioral health initiative and the goals and objectives of the related grant goals and objectives, term of agreement July 1, 2023 and terminate June 30, 2024, if not previously terminated pursuant to terms in agreement as submitted.
11. Approve *Out of District Student Attendance* requests to attend GVCS for the 2023-24 school year: *Maverick Auman* (PK3), *Maxon Auman* (1st) & *Amelia Auman* (4th) from Wellsville School District; *Jonathan Baker* (12th) from Wellsville School District; *Lynlee Bell* (1st) & *Harper Bell* (6th) from Friendship School District; *Owen Berry* (PK4) from Friendship School District; *Maeve Chichester* (K) from Hornell School District; *Calum Clancy* (PK4) & *Clara Clancy* (1st) from Alfred-Almond School District; *Ethan Davenport* (10th) from Scio School District; *Kora Davis* (1st) Cuba-Rushford School District; *Laci Dean* (5th) from Wellsville School District; *Sophia Diallo* (2nd) from Friendship School District; *Briella Drake* (2nd) & *Bryson Drake* (4th) from Alfred-Almond School District; *Ila Edmund* (PK4), *Eloise Edmund* (K) & *Amelia Edmund* (6th) from Scio School District; *Ada Griffin* (8th) from Wellsville School District; *Addison Hall* (4th) from Wellsville School District; *Lyla Hanchett* (2nd) from Belfast School District; *Zayne Heitman* (3rd) & *Braylen Heitman* (7th) of Fillmore School District; *Ryker Holmes* (10th) & *Kiara Holmes* (11th) from Belfast School District; *Jaxson Jordan-Pruitt* (PK4) from Wellsville School District; *Kinleigh Karn* (PK4) from Cuba-Rushford School District; *Madyson Mahoney* (5th) from Geneseo School District; *Ian Mackenzie* (10th) & *Madison Mackenzie* (12th) from Friendship School District; *Bryson Miller* (1st), & *Riley Miller* (4th) of Wellsville School District; *Gabriella Miller* (1st) of Belfast School District; *Aria Nix* (2nd) of Scio School District; *Adeline Palmer* (1st) & *Emmett Palmer* (2nd) from Belfast School District; *Noah Patton* (7th) from Alfred-Almond School District; *Maya Preston* (PK4) & *Roman Preston* (1st) of Friendship School District; *Taelyn Raney* (K) & *Grace Raney* (2nd) from Wellsville School District; *Patrick Rifenberg* (1st) of Bolivar-Richburg School District; *Reese Scholes* (2nd), *Randal Scholes* (4th) & *Rae Scholes* (6th) from Belfast School District; *Xander Scott* (K) from Wellsville School District; *Camden Shaw* (1st) & *Coen Shaw* (4th) of Wellsville School District; *Paisleigh Ann Sheehy* (K) of Canaseraga School District; *Anna Tawil* (K) & *Adam Tawil* (1st) from Northern Potter, Genesee, PA; *Max Vossler* (4th) & *Rowan Vossler* (8th) from Wellsville School District; *Brynn White* (4th) & *Aason White* (8th) from Scio School District; *Jaxson Wyre* (6th) from Fillmore School District; *Makenzie Turybury* (8th) & *Evan Turybury* (11th) from Wellsville School District.
12. Approve the following *After School Program Workers*:
 - ~ *Girls on the Run Facilitators* – Erica Grantier, Heidi White, Alissa Cleveland & Jaymie Marble, rate of pay shall be \$20.00 per hour.
 - ~ *Teacher Aides* – Deb Auman, Kristy Herring, Venessa Manka, & Nathan Slawson, rate of pay shall be \$15.00 per hour.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE SUMMER WORKDAYS: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School authorizes summer work days for *Alyssa Heitman* – as needed to help with summer duties, rate of pay shall be current hourly rate.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE AIDE FOR THE SUMMER PROGRAMS: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Eric Knapp – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints *Jessica Rainey* as a substitute aide for the *Summer Recreation Program*, and *Summer School Program* which runs from July 10th – August 18, 2023, rate of pay shall be per CSEA contract.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE SUBSTITUTES FOR THE SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves *Nichole Chamberlain* and *Katie Bartlett* as substitute workers for the 2023 Summer Food Program, rate of pay shall be per CSEA contract.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

AMEND APPOINTMENT AND APPOINT EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY CO-DIRECTOR:

Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to amend *Payton Watson's* appointment on August 16, 2022 as Director to Co-Director of the Extended School Day Program effective July 1, 2023; and to appoint *Jennifer Greene* as Co-Director of the Extended School Day Program, effective July 1, 2023, rate of pay shall be \$20.00 per hour.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT TEACHER AIDE POSITION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints *Candie Mitchell* as Teacher Aide effective August 28, 2023. There is a 10-month probationary period from August 28, 2023 – June 27, 2024, pay shall be per CSEA contract.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT TEACHER ASSISTANT POSITION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints *Miranda Tawil*, pending NYS Teacher Assistant Certification, to the position of Teacher Assistant ~ Building Trades Program, in the Teacher Assistant tenure area, effective July 1, 2023. There is a four-year probationary period to commence on July 1, 2023 and conclude on June 30, 2027 pending receipt of certification. The base salary for the 2023-24 school year shall be 50% of Step 2, and benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract. (*Replaces Heidi White*)

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of *Melissa Shafer* as an Elementary Teacher, effective August 1, 2023.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of *Megan Retchless* as the Director of Special Education, effective August 16, 2023.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of *Halley Kasperski* as an Elementary Teacher, effective August 27, 2023.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE PAY INCREASE FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVER INSTRUCTOR: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to increase pay to \$30.00 per hour for *Della Mulvey* as school bus driver instructor (SBDI).

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT FOOD SERVICE HELPER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints *Jody Clancy* to the position of Food Service Helper, effective August 23, 2023, pending fingerprint clearance. There is a 10-month probationary period from August 23, 2023 - June 22, 2024. The rate of pay shall be per CSEA contract.

(Replaces Sherri Hunt)

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints *Jamie Bump*, who holds a Permanent New York State Teaching Certificate in both Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 6) and Special Education K-12, to a full-time probationary position of Elementary Teacher effective August 28, 2023 in the Elementary tenure area. There is a probationary period of three (3) years, to commence August 28, 2023 and conclude June 30, 2026. This appointment includes Professional Development work during the summer of 2023. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on *Jamie* receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of the 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. The salary for the 2023-24 school year shall be Step 26, plus 20 sick days, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract. *(Replaces Halley Kasperski)*.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints *Lana Giovanniello*, who holds an Initial New York State Teaching Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), to a full-time probationary position of Elementary Teacher effective August 28, 2023 in the Elementary tenure area. There is a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence August 28, 2023 and conclude June 30, 2027. This appointment includes Professional Development work during the summer of 2023. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on *Lana* receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of the 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. The salary for the 2023-24 school year shall be Step 8, plus 20 sick days, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract. *(Replaces Melissa Shafer)*

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CSE/CPSE

CHAIRPERSON: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves *Tracie Bliven* as Interim Director of Special Education and CSE & CPSE Chairperson effective August 14, 2023, rate of pay shall be \$250 per day.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 1 (Heath Gordon) Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of *Pamela Russell* as a cleaner, effective September 1, 2023.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Friday, August 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. – BOE Retreat at L’Italia, Wellsville, New York
- Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. - Regular Board of Education Meeting
- Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular BOE Meeting & Work Session

Informational / Discussion:

- New Staff Orientation – Monday, August 28th
- Opening Day with all staff – Tuesday, August 29th, refreshments in the cafeteria 7:40 a.m. to 8:10 a.m., then Superintendent’s Welcome Back 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Board members are invited to attend.
- Meet the Teacher Night – Wednesday, August 30th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Fun in the Jungle Play ~ *Annie Jr.* – Wednesday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m.
- First Day of Student Attendance – Tuesday, September 5th

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Fred Grusendorf – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School suspends the regular meeting at 6:08 p.m. to enter into executive session for personnel discussion.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Eric Knapp, seconded by Max Gilluly – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School exits executive session at 7:21 p.m.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Eric Knapp, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 7:21 p.m.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk