

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.
MEDIA LAB ROOM #1121

An Executive Session was held at 5:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Josh Shannon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School enters into executive session at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of personnel discussion (*tenure review*).

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 5:27 p.m. to begin the regular order of business.

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

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

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Timothy Hand, President presiding.

Roll Call was taken by District Clerk:

Members Present: Tim Hand, President; Heath Gordon, Vice-President; Bev Evans; Fred Grusendorf; Joshua Shannon; Eric Knapp; Max Gilluly

District Personnel: Brian Schmitt, Superintendent; Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal; Megan Retchless, Director of Special Education/CPSE/CSE Chair; Paula Mighells, Curriculum Coordinator/Dean of Students; Erin Ostrander, Business Official; Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

Staff Member: Jaci Rizzo (left at 5:35 p.m.), Pat Kozlowski, Julia Wesche & Jill Vossler (all 3 left at 5:45 p.m.), Chris Graham (left at 6:20 p.m.), Donna Slawson

Guests: Cassidy Hand (left at 5:35 p.m.), Mike Saglibene & Jeff Robbins from HUNT Architects (left at 6:20 p.m.), Thai Norasethaporn (left at 6:20 p.m.), Lauren Haggstrom

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons to Address the Board:

- No persons to address the Board

Presentations to the Board:

- Cassidy Hand and Jaci Rizzo presented Prom 2023 details – The Prom will be on June 3, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at the Alfred Lake Lodge. Ticket price includes meal, unlimited drinks and transportation to and from the Alfred Lake Lodge. Transportation will include pick up and drop off at GVCS and the Angelica Grange.
- Pat Kozlowski, Jill Vossler, Julia Wesche presented overnight trip request for Odyssey of the Mind to Syracuse, NY on April 14-15, 2023 for OM State Competition, followed by Questions and Answers.
- Jeff Robbins and Mike Saglibene from HUNT Architects presented on Capital Project followed by Questions and Answers.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Board of Education minutes of the regular meeting dated February 28, 2023, as submitted.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report by Ms. Ostrander: continuing to work on a draft of the 2023-2024 school budget to present at the Board of Education work session on March 28th.
- Budget Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 4:15 p.m. The following Board members are on the committee: Eric Knapp, Heath Gordon & Fred Grusendorf.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS: Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Heath Gordon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Treasurer's Reports as submitted: Extra-Curricular Activity 2/1-2/28/2023; Payroll Account 2/1-2/28/2023; Agency Account 2/1-2/28/2023; General Fund – Community Bank, N.A. 2/1-2/28/2023, School Lunch Fund 2/1-2/28/2023, Scholarship Fund 2/1-2/28/2023, Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 2/1-2/28/2023, Capital Fund 2/1-2/28/2023, Special Aid Account 2/1-2/28/2023.

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

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Accounts Payable Warrant Reports - Dated February 22, 2023 as submitted: General Fund #8, School Lunch Fund #8, Federal Fund #7

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

APPROVE BOCES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING RESOLUTION: Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Josh Shannon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Annual Resolution for 2023-24:

WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of public school districts in Cattaraugus County and Allegany County, New York, to bid jointly for **various supplies, commodities, and/or services in the 2023-24 fiscal year, and**

WHEREAS, The ***Genesee Valley Central School*** is desirous of participating with other School districts in Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties in the joint bidding of all or some of the supplies, commodities, and/or services as mentioned above, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and as determined by district need, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Boards of Education Wish to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting of the results to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the ***Genesee Valley Central School*** Board of Education Hereby appoints the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services to represent it in all matters related above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the ***Genesee Valley Central School*** Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into contract for the purchase of the above mentioned supplies, commodities, and/or services, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the *Genesee Valley Central School* Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the *Genesee Valley Central School* Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by the majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations with the successful bidder(s).

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

APPROVE TOWN LIBRARIES PROPOSITION FOR MAY 2023 BALLOT: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to place a proposition on the May 16, 2023 ballot for voters to approve a tax levy increase for Angelica and Belmont Town Libraries, such proposition shall be worded as follows: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to, and will, levy and collect taxes in the District in the fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amounts, respectively, of \$55,500 for the Angelica Free Library and \$55,000 for the Belmont Free Library to provide public library services, and pay over such funds to the Board of Trustees of each library, respectively.

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

APPROVE BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION FOR MAY 2023 BALLOT: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Josh Shannon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to place a proposition on the May 16, 2023 ballot for voters to approve the purchase of one 64-passenger school bus at an estimated cost not to exceed \$155,097, funds to be expended from the Transportation Reserve Fund.

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

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

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

1. Approve second reading/adoption of the following Board of Education Policies: **#6161** Conference/Travel Expense reimbursement; **#7150** Remote Instruction.
2. Approve **Three Cheers** for PreK curriculum proposal, cost \$8,865.54 for the 2023-24 school year budget.
3. Approve Agreement between Genesee Valley Central School District and **Peaceful Resolutions for Living, Inc. 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 December 1, 2022 and terminate June 23, 2023, if not previously terminated pursuant to terms in agreement as submitted.
4. Adopt the **2023-24 School Year Calendar** as presented
5. Appoint the following **County Vote Inspectors** for the May 16, 2023 Annual School Budget vote, pay shall be \$14.35 per hour.

Angelica Site: 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Jeaneane Finnemore, Penny Miller & Sharon Presutti & 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – David Fleming, Marilyn Warner, David Haggstrom. *Alternate:* Karen Ash.

Belmont Site: 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Bob Drosendahl, Dirk Knapp & Suzanne Thomas & 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Joyce Bledsoe, Barb Zlomek, Mary Presutti. *Alternate:* Marcella Tronetti.

6. Approve the *CSE Recommendations* dated March 11, 2023 as submitted.
7. Approve donation of \$200 to *Allegany County National Honor Society* for scholarships.
8. Approve *Mark Hunter* as a volunteer with the JV Boys Baseball team under the supervision of Dale Thomas.

VOTE: Yes 7, 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 Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to amend the motion made at the January 10, 2023 Board meeting for *Rhonda Slocum*. **Amend her end date from June 23, 2023 to June 24, 2023.**

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Maureen Kelley** as 3rd Grade Teacher due to retirement, effective June 30, 2023. Retirement benefits shall be under the terms and conditions of the GVEA Contract.

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

APPOINT ADVISORS: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Eric Knapp, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints the following advisors for the remainder of 2022-2023 school year, pay shall be pro-rated a per GVEA contract:

ADVISORS:

- ~ Future Farmers of America (FFA) Advisor (1) – *Carolyn Wright*
- ~ Creative Arts Advisors (2) – *Alva Robbins & Cassidy Mountain*

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. – **changed to:** Budget Work Session & Regular Mtg.
- Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting (Adopt GVCS & BOCES Budgets)
- Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. – Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 12:00-8:00 p.m. – District Vote / BOE to accept vote results after polls close and votes are tallied

Informational:

- Please send any topics you want to discuss at the Budget Work Session to Dr. Schmitt or Pam Winterhalter as soon as possible.
- Dr. Schmitt mentioned that he might call a snow day on Thursday, March 16th due to the lack of substitutes with so many teachers and students out sick.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Heath Gordon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 6:42 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk