

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET WORK SESSION, PUBLIC HEARING
& REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.
MEDIA CENTER, ROOM 1121

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

The Public Hearing Meeting for the Resolution to transfer funds from the Repair Reserve Fund to the General Fund was called to order at 5:29 p.m. by Tim Hand, President presiding. Questions and answers regarding the emergency pool repair. This meeting was closed at 5:31 p.m.

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

Roll Call was taken by District Clerk:

Member Present: Tim Hand, President; Amy Werner, Vice-Pres.; Bev Evans; Heath Gordon; Fred Grusendorf; Josh Shannon

District Personnel: Brian Schmitt, Superintendent; Erin Ostrander, District Treasurer; Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal; Brian Edmister, PK-6 Principal; Paula Mighells (in at 6:02 p.m.), Dean of Students/Curriculum Coordinator; Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

Staff Members: Chris Chamberlain; Donna Slawson (left at 5:55 p.m.)

Guests present: (1) student from Participation in Government class; 6 students from Youth and Government, Mr. Greene and Mr. Marra (YAG students & parents left at 5:55 p.m.).

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Presentations to the Board:

- Dr. Schmitt recognized Carol McCarville for receiving an award in Outstanding Leadership by Region 12 SAANYS (School Administrators Association of NYS).
- Dr. Schmitt presented overnight trip request for the Foreign Travel Trip Club (with Cuba-Rushford Club) to Spain, France and Monaco from April 8, 2020 to April 16, 2020.
- Donna Slawson along with 6 students from Youth & Government reported on their Albany experience. Mrs. Slawson recognized Genevieve Greene for being selected to go to National Conference in North Carolina.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Amy Werner - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Board of Education minutes of the regular meeting dated March 18, 2019 as submitted.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT by Erin Ostrander

- **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET**

APPROVE BUS PURCHASE AND TWO PASSENGER VANS PROPOSITION FOR MAY 2019 BALLOT: Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Heath Gordon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to place a proposition on the May 21, 2019 ballot for voters to approve the purchase of one 30-passenger school bus at an estimated cost not to exceed \$55,000, and two passenger vans at an estimated cost not to exceed \$50,000, funds to expended from the Transportation Reserve Fund.

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

APPROVE FUNDS TRANSFER: Motion made by Amy Werner, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the transfer of funds from the Capital Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$58,994.47 to close out old capital projects.

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

APPROVE RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE REPAIR RESERVE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND: 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 resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (“Board”) of the Genesee Valley Central School District (the “District”) held a public hearing, on April 1, 2019 (the “Public Hearing”) following the posting and publication of the appropriate public notice as required by law, for the purpose of obtaining public input regarding the proposed transfer of up to \$500,000 from the District’s Repair Reserve Fund to the District’s General Fund to cover the up-front expenses associated with a remedial capital improvements project (the “Project”) involving the removal and replacement of the concrete swimming pool deck at the District’s K-12 campus, at which hearing the Board considered any and all public input received;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and directs the transfer of up to \$500,000 from the District’s Repair Reserve Fund to the District’s General Fund to cover the up-front expenses associated with the Project, as generally discussed at the Public Hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to implement the operation and intent of this resolution.

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

APPROVE SEQRA/AUTHORIZING/INITIAL FUNDING RESOLUTION FOR POOL DECK EMERGENCY PROJECT: Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following resolution Fund:

A RESOLUTION, DATED APRIL 1, 2019, OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “DISTRICT”) DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION ARISING OUT OF THE THREATENED FAILURE OF THE CONCRETE SWIMMING POOL DECK AT THE DISTRICT’S K-12 CAMPUS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INITIAL FUNDING OF AN EMERGENCY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO REMEDY SUCH SITUATION; AND DECLARING SUCH PROJECT TO BE A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA.

WHEREAS, the Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”) is in the process of responding to the significant threat of failure of the concrete swimming pool deck at the District’s K-12 campus in Belmont, New York (the “Pool Deck”); and

WHEREAS, the District proposes to undertake, on an immediate basis due to the nature of the problem and the safety risks posed, a remedial capital improvements project involving the removal and replacement of the Pool Deck, some associated soil/foundation/structural improvements, and any additional measures that may reasonably be required to address and rectify the described situation (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the District proposes to undertake the Project for the general protection of the public and, specifically, for the restoration and continuation of a safe environment in the District’s swimming pool facility (the “Pool”), to ensure the safety of District employees, students and members of the public utilizing the Pool; and

WHEREAS, District officials and the District’s retained architect for the Project (Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect D.P.C.) have been in contact with the New York State Education Department regarding the need for (and details of) the Project, and the District has retained (or is in the process of retaining) contractors to undertake and complete the Project on an expedited basis; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with State Education Department 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 which 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/or “emergency actions that are immediately necessary on a limited and temporary basis for the protection or preservation of life, health, property or natural resources, provided that such actions are directly related to the emergency and are performed to cause the least change or disturbance, practicable under the circumstances, to the environment”; and

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes such routine activities of educational institutions; maintenance or repair activities; in-kind, same-site replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction activities; and/or emergency actions that are immediately necessary on a limited and temporary basis for the protection or preservation of life, health, property or natural resources;

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 the Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District finds that the situation described above: (1) requires immediate action to restore and preserve the physical integrity of the Pool Deck, and to ensure the safety of District employees, students and members of the public utilizing the Pool, and (2) constitutes an emergency within the meaning of Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Project shall be limited in general scope to those items of work that have been deemed by the District’s architects/engineers to be immediately necessary or advisable to ensure the safety of persons utilizing the Pool; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and directs the transfer of up to \$500,000 from the District’s General Fund to the District’s Capital Fund to cover the up-front expenses associated with the Project (including, without limitation, the costs of removal of compromised parts of the Pool Deck, replacement of damaged materials, and incorporation of corrective measures to prevent further damage and to prevent similar occurrences in the future, as well as any reasonably required additional work to address the described situation and associated structures or equipment, architectural and engineering costs, legal costs and all related incidental costs), all of which are hereby declared to be contingent expenses; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such expended amounts will be restored to the General Fund at the time of (and to the same extent as) the District’s receipt of any payments from the District’s property and casualty insurer resulting from the described events, and/or (more likely) the District’s receipt of State building aid that may be forthcoming in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools, the School Business Official, and other appropriate District officials be, and they hereby are, authorized to work with the District's contractors and/or architects/engineers to develop and complete the plans and specifications for the Project, to solicit (if practicable or required) public bids for the Project, to enter into (in the case of the Superintendent only) contracts for the Project on behalf of the District, and to undertake such other actions as may be necessary for the District to undertake and carry out and complete the Project as soon as reasonably practicable, all in accordance with applicable New York State law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.
VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE ADDITIONAL SCOREKEEPER/PITCH COUNTER: Motion made by Amy Werner, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves **Karen Bliven** as additional scorekeeper/pitch counter for the 2018-19 sports season.

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Amy Werner - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves **Brittany Button** of Richburg as substitute teacher aide in all areas, pending fingerprint clearance, for 2018-19 school year, pay as per Board Policy.

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Bethany Scarlata** as School Psychologist effective June 30, 2019.

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

CREATE SUBSTITUTE SENIOR STAND ADVISOR POSITION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Josh Shannon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School create one substitute senior stand advisor position, effective 2018-19 school year, pay shall be \$500 stipend.

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

APPROVE MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves a medical leave of absence for **Shannon Clendenin** on or about April 18, 2019 through on or about June 10, 2019. Mrs. Clendenin's time shall be unpaid leave.

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. – Adopt GV & BOCES Budgets
- Monday, May 13, 2019 at **5:30 p.m.** – Budget Hearing & Regular Board of Education Meeting
- Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 12-8 p.m. - District Election in Angelica and Belmont
- Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. – Board Meeting (accept vote results)

Informational / Discussion:

- Post cards from Nichole Wesche and Jonathan Rizzo – JASON Argonaut.
- BOCES 2019-20 Budget adoption & Board members.
- Tour the New Innovation Center.
- Discussion about Senior Stand Advisor and Managers Job descriptions – revisit at Reorganizational Board meeting in July.
- Small discussion on the State Budget passing.
- Discussion regarding the Wellness Director position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Amy Werner - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School suspends the regular order of business at 6:55 p.m. to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel discussion (**tenure review**).

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

RESUME REGULAR BUSINESS: Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Amy Werner - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School resumes the regular order of business at 7:55 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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