

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPT BOCES BUDGET &
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING

The meeting was live-streamed on the school's website: www.genvalley.org

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Tim Hand, President presiding.

Roll Call was taken by District Clerk:

Members Present: Tim Hand, President; Amy Werner, Vice-President; Bev Evans, Heath Gordon; Donald Baker; Fred Grusendorf; Joshua Shannon

District Personnel: Brian Schmitt, Superintendent; Erin Ostrander, Business Official; Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presentations to the Board:

- No presentations scheduled

Persons to Address the Board:

- No scheduled guests

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 16, 2020, as submitted.

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

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

- No Administrator's Reports

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report was given by Ms. Ostrander: 1) As of today everything is up in the air. Currently we have at least a \$400,000 budget gap. The governor is able to continue to decrease funding throughout the school year. Hopefully we will know more after April 30th of how to plan and move forward with our budget. 2) The Corrective Action Plan mentioned below is our response to the Comptroller's Audit. It is straight forward as well as vague intentionally. We don't want to lock ourselves into something that we might not be able to accomplish in the next few years. 3) At our last board meeting we discussed decreasing the appropriated fund balance. Unfortunately that is probably not an option now, we will probably need to increase to offset the potential decreased from the government.
- Dr. Schmitt discussed possible dates in June for the school vote and board of education election. We won't be able to adopt the GV budget until a date is set, as our deadlines work backwards from the vote date. It has been discussed if voting will be in person or absentee ballot. Most are lobbying for in person because absentee voting will be more expensive and more time consuming.

APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORTS: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Treasurer’s Reports as submitted: Extra-Curricular Activity 3/1-3/31/2020; Payroll Account 3/1-3/31/2020; Agency Account 3/1-3/31/2020; General Fund – Steuben Trust 3/1-3/31/2020, School Lunch Fund 3/1-3/31/2020, Scholarship Fund 3/1-3/31/2020, Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 3/1-3/31/2020, Capital Fund 3/1-3/31/2020, Special Aid Account 3/1-3/31/2020.

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

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Amy Werner - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Accounts Payable Warrant Reports - Dated April 14, 2020 as submitted: School Lunch Fund #9, Capital Fund (HADD) #9, Federal Fund #9, General Fund #9.

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

APPROVE AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION LETTER: Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the letter to NYS Education Department for corrective action plan in response to the comptroller’s audit.

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

APPROVE COVID-19 RESOLUTION: Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, On March 14, 2020, the Allegany County Department of Health recommended that school Districts in Allegany County close to students, effective as soon as practicable, and until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, As of 12:00 AM on Sunday, March 15, 2020, the Allegany County Board of Legislators in collaboration with the Allegany County Department of Health declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the state of New York, signed an executive order closing schools statewide for two (2) weeks beginning on March 18, 2020 and **ending on May 15, 2020 unless extended by Governor Cuomo;**

WHEREAS, the Genesee Valley Central School District complied with these orders and closed to students and conducted a Superintendent’s Conference Day on March 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the undue hardship this unprecedented event may have on its community;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the undue hardship this situation may have to safely maintain and operate its facilities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the need to provide its vulnerable student populations with meals during the mandated closure;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the need to continue the essential functions of the Business Office,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes Dr. Brian Schmitt, Superintendent of Schools to take necessary measures, including waiving current District policies, and exercising the authority granted by General Municipal Law 92 to ensure the continuity of Business Office functions including but not limited to purchasing, bill payment, banking, and payroll for all District employees and long-term substitutes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes Dr. Brian Schmitt, Superintendent of Schools to designate select staff, faculty and administration as essential to address the aforementioned concerns;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes Dr. Brian Schmitt, Superintendent of Schools to establish parameters, review criteria, grant approvals, and/or otherwise approve requests for all employees including himself to work from home in order to: help to slow the spread of the pandemic, perform duties required by appropriate government agencies, and/or when the duties are essential to the operation of the district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this shall be effective from March 17, 2020 until official adoption and shall remain in effect until such time as the District is allowed to reopen to students and non-essential personnel and resume functions as prescribed by the aforementioned regulatory authorities.

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

APPROVE COOPERATIVE NATURAL GAS BID: Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Bev Evans - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following resolution:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PARTICIPATING IN A COOPERATIVE BID COORDINATED BY
THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF
ONTARIO, SENECA, WAYNE AND YATES COUNTIES
FOR**

Cooperative Natural Gas Bid WFL 2021-19

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, **Genesee Valley School District** of New York State desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties from year to year or, until this Resolution is rescinded, for the purchase of supply of natural gas. And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, **Genesee Valley School District** of New York State is desirous of participating with The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o... And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, **Genesee Valley School District** of New York State has appointed The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, **Genesee Valley School District** of New York State and making recommendations thereon...

THEREFORE...

BE IT RESOLVED, That The Board of Education, **Genesee Valley School District** of New York State and The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties hereby accepts the appointment of The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters related above...**And...**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Education **Genesee Valley School District** of New York State authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services... **And...**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Education **Genesee Valley School District** of New York State agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding... **And...**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The **Superintendent** on behalf of the Board of Education, **Genesee Valley School District** of New York State hereby is authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties for supply of natural gas and if requested to furnish The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts.

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

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPOINT ADDITIONAL COUNTY VOTE INSPECTORS: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Amy Werner - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints the following additional County Vote Inspectors for the Annual School Budget Vote, date to be determined, pay shall be \$11.95 per hour. **Angelica Site:** 4:00pm to 8:30pm – Pat Schmelzer. **Belmont Site:** 4:00pm to 8:30pm – Barb Zlomek. *Alternate:* Bob Drosendahl.

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

APPROVE BOCES 2020-21 BUDGET: Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Bev Evans – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adopts the 2020-21 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

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

CAST VOTE FOR BOCES BOARD MEMBERS: Motion made by Amy Werner, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School casts the following votes for the BOCES Board of Education Members:

Area 1 – Vacancy – 3 year term

Mrs. Jeri Reichman

PO Box 246

Whitesville, NY 14897

 X

Area 4 – Vacancy – 3 year term:

Mrs. Candace Clemens _____ X _____
3423 Fortune Drive
Allegany, NY 14706

Area 9 – Vacancy – 3 year term

Mr. Brad Sande _____ X _____
115 Fairmont Avenue
Salamanca, NY 14779

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

AMEND MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTE: 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 amends the motion made at the March 16, 2020 Board of Education meeting under consent agenda items approving Noah Windus as Sports-Aide Substitute.

Should read: Appoints **Noah Windus** to the position of after school Sports-Aide for Modified/Varsity Track Teams effective March 17, 2020, pay shall be \$11.80 per hour.

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

APPROVE ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO THE GVEA CONTRACT: 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 to extend the GVEA teacher contract for one year.

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Monday, May 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting *NOTE: changed from Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting to just Regular Meeting.

Informational / Discussion:

- ARC Grant is finalized - \$150,000 Building Trade Program – 2 year pilot - GV will partner with Alfred State College, Wellsville Central School and Allegany Land Bank. Grant covers: a trailer & tools required, extended club after school and through the summer, and a person to run the program for 2 years (shared person with Alfred State College & Wellsville Central School).
- Dr. Schmitt was contacted by Helen Evans from ARC having senior citizens volunteer at school from 1:00-5:00pm. Come in have lunch, help in classrooms, work with the after school program. Partner with Office of the Aging.
- GV is serving approximately 4000 meals per week to our district families. Technology is also available and being delivered. We graciously had 2 deliveries of sour cream and cottage cheese from Saputo.
- Thank you to Donna Slawson and all that helped make the virtual Washington, D.C. trip over the original spring break time, a big success.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Josh Shannon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 6:13 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk