

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 – 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 5:37 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, Donald Baker (via Zoom); Fred Grusendorf; Joshua Shannon

District Personnel: Brian Schmitt, Superintendent; Brian Edmister, PK-6 Principal; Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal; Paula Mighells, Dean of Students/Curriculum Coordinator; Erin Ostrander, Business Official; Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk; Carol McCarville, CSE/CPSE Chairperson (left at 6:18 pm)

Staff Member: Bryan Brockway

Guests: Kristen & Justin Babbitt, Kristen Babbitt, Denise Fanton, Jeff McNinch, Shayne Ellessor (left at 6:02 pm), Jennifer Bigelow, Jason & Becky Scott (left at 6:40 pm)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons to Address the Board:

- Kristen Babbitt – discussed parents' concerns and eagerness to bringing our students back to full time.

- Dr. Schmitt responded after listening to parents concerns that he was on a webinar with other area superintendents and the Allegany County Department of Health earlier that day regarding any updates to our current CDC guidelines. As soon as the guidelines change from 6 feet to 3 feet social distancing, we will be able to bring our students back. With that being said, we are optimistic by spring (after break) we can bring Grades 1st – 12th back full time, and possibly Kindergarten. PK3 & PK4 will still be on a hybrid schedule. To make this happen our staff will need 2 weeks to prepare and setup rooms.

Presentations to the Board:

- Carol McCarville - gave an update on our Special Education programs

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Josh Shannon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of *Dean McKnight* as Board member and Board Committees', effective February 8, 2021.

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

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - 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 8, 2021, as submitted.

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

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS: Printed copies available for public

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report by Ms. Ostrander: preparing figures for 2021-22 school budget to present at the next Board of Education work session on March 29th; hopefully we will be getting some funding from the 3rd stimulus package.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS: 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 Treasurer's Reports as submitted: Extra-Curricular Activity 1/1-1/31/2021 and 2/1-2/28/2021; Payroll Account 1/1-1/31/2021 and 2/1-2/28/2021; Agency Account 1/1-1/31/2021 and 2/1-2/28/2021; General Fund – Steuben Trust 2/1-2/28/2021; School Lunch Fund 2/1-2/28/2021; Scholarship Fund 2/1-2/28/2021; Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 2/1-2/28/2021; Capital Fund 2/1-2/28/2021; Special Aid Account 2/1-2/28/2021.

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

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Accounts Payable Warrant Reports - Dated March 1, 2021 as submitted: School Lunch Fund #8, Capital Fund (HADD) #9, Federal Fund #8, General Fund #8.

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

APPROVE BOCES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING RESOLUTION: 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 BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Annual Resolution for 2021-22:

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 2021-2022 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 a 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 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE TOWN LIBRARIES PROPOSITION FOR MAY 2021 BALLOT: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to place a proposition on the May 18, 2021 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 2021-2022 in the amounts, respectively, of \$53,000 for the Angelica Free Library and \$53,000 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 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION FOR MAY 2021 BALLOT: Motion made by Bev Evans, 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 18, 2021 ballot for voters to approve the purchase of one 64-passenger school bus at an estimated cost not to exceed \$128,500, funds to be expended from the Transportation Reserve Fund.

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

APPROVE SEQR DECLARATION FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following 2021-22 Capital Outlay Project Type II action and thus, requires no further review under SEQR process.

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

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Heath Gordon, 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 the contract with **Orientation and Mobility Services** to provide Orientation and Mobility Services for the period of March 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021, rate of pay is \$80 per hour, as submitted.
2. Approve the following returning volunteers for 2020-21 school year: **Don Baker** with the Tennis team under the supervision of Lintz Bliven; **Brock Mapes** with the Varsity Volleyball team under the supervision of Darren Bradt; **Michaela Edmister** with the Girls JV Volleyball team under the supervision of Lisa Scott-Schneider.
3. Appoint the following chaperones/scorekeepers/timers/pitch counters for Spring 2021 Sports Season: **Tracy George, Kelli Zenoski, Miranda Hemphill, Denise Baker, Jaci Rizzo, Penny Shipman, Pam Winterhalter, Donna Slawson, Brooke Bradt, and Nicole Norasethaporn.**
4. Appoint the following **county vote inspectors** for the May 18, 2021 Annual School Budget Vote, pay shall be \$12.65 per hour. Angelica Site: 11:30am to 4:00pm – Theresa Gallmann, Jeaneane Finnemore, Janice Riley & 4:00pm to 8:30pm – Dave Fleming, Eileen Ostrander, Karen Ash. *Alternate:* _____. Belmont Site: 11:30am to 4:00pm – Deb Bigelow,

Bob Drosendahl, Suzie Thomas & 4:00pm to 8:30pm – Joyce Bledsoe, Margaret Horton, Barb Zlomek. *Alternate:* _____.

5. Approve the **CSE Recommendations** dated March 11, 2021 as submitted.

6. Approve a donation of \$200 to **Allegany County National Honor Society** for scholarships.

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

APPOINT LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: 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 appoints **Alayna Grastorf**, to a non-probationary position of term-substitute as a Business/Special Education Teacher effective on or about May 10, 2021 through on or about June 25, 2021. The rate of pay shall be 1/200th of Step 1 of the GVEA contract, with no benefits as per Board policy. (*LT Sub for Lauren Scholes*)

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

APPROVE MENTOR: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Josh Shannon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following teacher mentor for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, pay as per GVEA contract:

1) **Kimberly Douglas** - mentor for Alayna Grastorf - (long-term substitute for Lauren Scholes)

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 Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Nancy Houle** as Teacher Aide, effective August 31, 2021.

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Shawn Clancy** as Modified Track and Field Coach, effective March 3, 2021.

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

APPROVE MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves a maternity leave of absence request for **Emily Ring** for the period of on or about August 31, 2021 through on or about November 26, 2021, using accumulated sick time.

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

APPROVE MEMO OF AGREEMENT WITH GVEA FOR EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Memorandum of Agreement with GVEA in consideration of the district paying the cost associated with **Kristen Sanasith** obtaining her Initial Early Childhood birth – 2 Certification as submitted.

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

APPOINT GIRLS JV VOLLEYBALL COACH: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints **Lisa Scott-Schneider** as the Girls JV Volleyball coach for the 2020-21 school year, pay as per GVEA contract.

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

CREATE ONE FULL TIME DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION & CSE/CPSE CHAIRPERSON 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 approves to create one full time **Director of Special Education CSE/CPSE Chairperson** position effective July 1, 2021.

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

APPOINT MODIFIED TRACK & FIELD COACH: 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 appoints **Raegan Ryan** as the Modified Track & Field coach for the 2020-21 school year, pay as per GVEA contract. (*Replaces Shawn Clancy*)

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Monday, March 29, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. – Budget Work Session
- Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting (Adopt GVCS & BOCES Budgets)
- Monday, May 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. – Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 12:00-8:00 p.m. – District Vote
- Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. – Board Meeting to accept vote results

Informational / Discussion:

- Reviewed draft of **2021-22 School Year Calendar** (to be adopted at April 20th meeting)
- Next **Board Policy Committee Meeting** is March 29th at 4:30 p.m. in Dr. Schmitt's Office
- **BOCES Board Nominations** are due by March 20. If GVCS plans to nominate a BOCES Board member, the resolution will be placed on the April 20th Board agenda.
- **BOCES Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at the Center at Olean and will be via Zoom. Please let Pam Winterhalter know by March 18, 2021 if you plan to attend online so you get registered.
- **Board of Education Retreat** – reservations confirmed for Wednesday, June 30th & Thursday, July 1st, 2021 at The Belhurst Castle, Geneva, NY.
- **Board of Education Reorganizational Meeting** will be held at the Board Retreat on Thursday, July 1st at 1:00 p.m. at The Belhurst Castle, Geneva, NY.
- Discussion regarding the merger of 2021-22 Athletics with Belfast – with this we are looking to build our sports programs.
- Cafeteria building project should be completed after April break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School suspends the regular order of business at 7:15 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 ORDER OF BUSINESS: Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School resumes the regular order of business at 8:19 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT
RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular
meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk