

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPT GV & BOCES BUDGET /
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.
IN THE AUDITORIUM

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

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Tim Hand, President presiding.

Roll Call was taken by District Clerk:

Members Present: Tim Hand, President; Heath Gordon, Vice-President; Bev Evans, Don Baker; Fred Grusendorf

Members Absent: 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

Staff Member: Miranda Hemphill, Deanna Hillman, Erika Hyer-Scott, Stephanie Anger, Karen Romance, Mark Levine, Dan Anger, Megan Retchless, Donna Slawson

Guests: Patti Shultz, Eric Knapp, Chelsea Dunham, Halley Kasperski, Brooke Seitz

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons to Address the Board:

- On behalf of Tom & Patti Shultz, Patti presented a letter to the Board of Education and Dr. Schmitt regarding Megan Retchless. Dr. Schmitt read the letter out loud, it stated what a wonderful teacher Mrs. Retchless is and the change she has made with their son Hunter. They are forever grateful to her.

Presentations to the Board:

- No presentations scheduled

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Board of Education minutes of the regular meeting & work session dated March 29, 2021, as submitted.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS: Printed copies available for public

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report was given by Ms. Ostrander: 2021-22 budget increased just over \$200,000 (1.21%). Stimulus funds in the legislation budget is a one-time funding and will last until 2023-24 school year. These funds can be used for learning loss, after school and over the summer (further details on how we can use the funds will come later this month).
- Dr. Schmitt discussed progress on grants we have applied for.

APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORTS: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Treasurer’s Reports as submitted: Extra-Curricular Activity 3/1-3/31/2021; Payroll Account 3/1-3/31/-2021; Agency Account 3/1-3/31/2021; General Fund – Community Bank, N.A. 3/1-3/31/2021, School Lunch Fund 3/1-3/31/2021, Scholarship Fund 3/1-3/31/2021, Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 3/1-3/31/2021, Capital Fund 3/1-3/31/2021, Special Aid Account 3/1-3/31/2021.
VOTE: Yes 5, 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 29, 2021 as submitted: School Lunch Fund #9, Capital Fund (HADD) #10, Federal Fund #9, General Fund #9.
VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE APPROPRIATION STATUS DETAIL REPORT: Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Appropriation Status Detail Report dated 7/1/2020 – 3/31/2021 as submitted.
VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE REVENUE STATUS REPORT: Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Heath Gordon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Revenue Status Report dated 7/1/2020 – 3/31/2021 as submitted.
VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE COOPERATIVE NATURAL GAS BID: Motion made by Heath Gordon, 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 2022-19
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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 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ADOPT 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET: Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adopts the 2021-2022 school year budget in the amount of \$17,535,366 as presented.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD: Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Heath Gordon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Property Tax Report Card for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

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

1. Adopt the **2021-22 School Year Calendar** as presented.
2. Approve the **overnight trip** request from Miranda Hemphill (senior class advisor) for the Senior Class of 2021 to go to Greek Peak, Cortland, NY June 15-16, 2021, as presented.
3. Approve **Jeremy Slawson** of Genesee, PA as a volunteer with the Varsity Baseball team under the supervision of Kevin Scott; and **Toma Hutchison** of Angelica as a returning volunteer with the Modified Baseball team under the supervision of Andrew Daciw.
4. Approve the following scorekeepers/timers for 2020-21 spring sports season: **Brock Mapes, Ben Campbell, Julia Deichmann, Donna Faller, Shawn Clancy, Tracie Campbell, Raegan Ryan, Erika Scott, Jaci Rizzo, Lyn VanTassel and Pam Duttweiler.**
5. Approve to change the 2020-21 school year calendar to close school on Friday, May 28, 2021 due to excess snow days.
6. Approve first reading of the following Board of Education Policies: **#3420** Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the District; **#3421** Title IX and Sex Discrimination; **#5633** Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms; **#5670** Records Management; **#5670R** Records Management (Regulation); **#5676** Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data; **#7551** Sexual Harassment of Students

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE BOCES 2021-22 BUDGET: Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Don Baker – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adopts the 2021-22 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

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

CAST ONE VOTE FOR EACH VACANCY:

Area 1 – Vacancy – 2 year term X

Leslie Buckley
342 West State Street
Wellsville, NY 14895

Area 2 – Vacancy – 3 year term X

Charles Bessette
2588 Harland Ames Road
Bolivar, NY 14715

Area 5 – Vacancy – 3 year term X

Ira Katzenstein
1830 Windfall Road
Olean, NY 14760

Area 6 – Vacancy – 3 year term X

Michael Conroy
6355 Stinson Road
Arcade, NY 1400

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE DISTRICT SAFETY PLAN: 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 adopts the Genesee Valley Central School District, District Safety and Education Plan, Revised as of April 14, 2021 to be approved.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

GRANT TENURE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby grants tenure to **Erin Ostrander**, who holds New York State School District Building Leader Professional Certification, is hereby appointed to a tenure position in the Administrative tenure area, effective on June 30, 2021.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

GRANT TENURE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby grants tenure to **Kaycee Majot**, in the Elementary tenure area, effective June 30, 2021. Ms. Majot is initially certified in the elementary certification area.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

GRANT TENURE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby grants tenure to **Stephanie Anger**, who holds a Professional New York State Teaching Certificate in Chemistry 7-12, is hereby appointed to a tenured position in the Science tenure area, effective June 30, 2021.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

GRANT TENURE: 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 hereby grants tenure to **Deanna Hillmann**, in the Elementary tenure area effective June 30, 2021. Mrs. Hillman is initially certified in the elementary certification area.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

GRANT TENURE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby grants tenure to **Karen Romance**, who holds a Professional New York State Teaching Certificate in the Students with Disabilities 1-6 certification area, is hereby appointed to a tenured position in the Special Education tenure area, effective on June 30, 2021.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

GRANT TENURE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Heath Gordon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby grants tenure to **Mark Levine**, pending receipt of certification, is hereby appointed to a tenured position in the Technology tenure area, effective on June 30, 2021.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

GRANT TENURE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby grants tenure to **Miranda Hemphill**, who holds a Teacher Assistant Level III Certification, is hereby appointed to a tenured position in the Teacher Assistant tenure area, effective on June 30, 2021.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

GRANT TENURE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby grants tenure to ***Erika Hyer-Scott***, who holds a Professional New York State Teaching Certificate in Social Studies certification area, is hereby appointed to a tenured position in the Social Studies tenure area, effective on June 30, 2021.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION & CSE/CPSE CHAIRPERSON: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Heath Gordon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints ***Megan Retchless***, pending receipt of certification, who is eligible for School Building Leader Certificate in the School Building Leader certificate area, to the position of Director of Special Education & CSE/CPSE Chairperson tenure area for a probationary period of 3 years, to commence on July 1, 2021 and conclude on June 30, 2024. Salary for the 2021-22 school year shall be \$70,000 for this 12 month position and benefits shall be as per the GVAA contract. (*Replaces Carol McCarville*)

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT LITERACY 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***, pending receipt of certification, who is eligible for an initial New York State Teaching Certificate in Childhood Education certification area, to the position of Literacy Teacher in the Elementary tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence August 24, 2021 and conclude June 30, 2025. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Alayna 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 base salary for the first year of appointment shall be Step 1, for the 2021-22 school year, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract. (*fills a vacant position from Cynthia Emrich*).

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

RESCIND MOTION: 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 rescinds the motion appointing ***Halley Kasperski*** as Long Term Substitute made at the March 29, 2021 Board meeting.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints ***Halley Kasperski***, who holds an initial New York State Teaching Certificate in Childhood Education certification area, to the position of Elementary Teacher in the Elementary tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence April 12, 2021 and conclude April 11, 2025. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Halley 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 base salary for the first year of appointment shall be Step 2, for the 2021-22 school year, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract. (*Replaces an Elementary teacher*)

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Heath Gordon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints ***Brooke Seitz***, pending receipt of certification, who is eligible for an initial New York State Teaching Certificate in Childhood Education certification area, to the position of Elementary Teacher in the Elementary tenure area for a probationary period of four (4)

years, to commence August 24, 2021 and conclude June 30, 2025. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Brooke 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 base salary for the first year of appointment shall be Step 1, for the 2021-22 school year, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract. (*Replaces Kristen Sanasith in 4th Grade, as she is switching to PK3 teacher*).

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints **Chelsea Dunham**, who holds an initial New York State Teaching Certificate in Childhood Education certification area, to the position of Elementary Teacher in the Elementary tenure area for a probationary period of three (3) years, to commence August 24, 2021 and conclude June 30, 2024. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Chelsea 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 base salary for the first year of appointment shall be Step 5, for the 2021-22 school year, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract. (*New position ~ Math Intervention teacher*)

VOTE: Yes 5, 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 Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves a maternity leave of absence request for **Devan Healy** for the period of on or about July 12, 2021 – August 20, 2021, using accumulated sick time.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR WELLNESS DIRECTOR: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves additional 30 hours this summer and an additional 10 hours per week for Wellness Director, starting August 1, 2021 until October 12, 2021.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Paige Hadsell** as Teacher Assistant and Tech Crew Advisor, effective April 23, 2021.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Cortney Schwager** as Teacher Aide, effective April 9, 2021.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following substitute for the 2020-21 school year, pay as per Board policy:

- **Alexis Lombardo**, as a non-certified substitute teacher, fingerprint clearance on file.
- **Cortney Schwager** substitute as a teacher aide, cleaner, café worker, fingerprint clearance on file.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried

APPOINT LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER-AIDE: 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 *Mandy Slawson*, to a non-probationary position of term-substitute as teacher aide effective April 12, 2021 through on or about June 25, 2021. Pay shall be \$12.50 per hour with no benefits as per Board policy. (*LT Sub for Courtney Schwager*)

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Monday, May 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. – Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, May 18, 2021 Noon – 8:00 p.m. – District Election & Accept Vote Results
- Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. - Accept Vote Results

Informational / Discussion:

- Dr. Schmitt recognized the many people that helped make a smooth transition re-opening our school back to 5 days a week.
- BOE Meeting Schedule – meeting held the day after school vote to accept vote results to be held the same night as vote in the future. After a brief discussion the Board meeting schedule will be amended at the May 10th Board meeting.
- Reviewed the “Dear District Residency” letter to go in the May/June issue of the Jag.
- Update Athletic Merger Discussion – Preliminary discussion regarding merging sports teams with Belfast: all sports will be offered to students in both Genesee Valley & Belfast schools; possibly host joint summer camp for teams with lower participation - tennis, golf, volleyball & swimming for grades 5-12; offer summer clinics for athletes with their coaches; equal opportunity from both school districts; again this a very preliminary discussion with many things to discuss and plan for such as transportation, coaches, equipment, practice sites, etc.; Administration from both school districts will meet next on July 22, 2021.
- Tour Cafeteria – updates from capital project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO START AFTER TOUR OF CAFETERIA: 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 6:53 p.m. to tour the cafeteria then to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel discussion.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

RESUME REGULAR BUSINESS: Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Bev Evans - 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 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Heath Gordon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 7:55p.m.

VOTE: Yes 5, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk