

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION - 5:00 P.M. & REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.
MEDIA LAB ROOM

WORK SESSION AGENDA:

Introduction of new employees / staff with Board of Education

Protocol for addressing Board of Education in public

2022-23 Budget Calendar

****End of Work Session*

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

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Tim Hand, President presiding.

Roll Call was taken by District Clerk:

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

Member Absent: Eric Knapp

District Personnel: Brian Schmitt, Superintendent; Brian Edmister, PK-6 Principal, Paula Mighells, Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

Staff Members: Donna Slawson

Guests present: Nathan Slawson

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Persons to Address the Board:

- No guests scheduled

Presentations to the Board:

- School Board Recognition week – Dr. Schmitt
- Nathan Slawson presented the BOE members with a sweatshirt that was designed by him through Jag Designs.
- Tim Hand read a statement dated October 5, 2021 from the NYS School Board Association regarding School Boards being attacked throughout the Country. Tim stated, “Over the last few months we have discussed the way the public should address the Board. On behalf of all of the Board members, we want the public to come to our Board meetings, we want your involvement, we want you to hear what we are doing, and also be able to express your concerns but in a respectful manner.”

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Josh Shannon, 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 dated September 13, 2021 as submitted.

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

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS: Printed copies were available for public

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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: Payroll Account 9/1-9/30/2021; Agency Account 9/1-9/30/2021, School Lunch Fund 9/1-9/30/2021; Capital Fund 9/1-9/30/2021; Special Aid Account 9/1-9/30/2021; Scholarship Fund 9/1-9/30/2021, Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 9/1-9/30/2021.

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

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: 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 Accounts Payable Warrant Reports dated October 6, 2021 as submitted: Federal Fund #3, School Lunch Fund #3, General Fund #3.

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

APPROVE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS: Motion by Josh Shannon, seconded by Bev Evans – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the District Audit Corrective Action Plan *and* Extra Classroom Corrective Action Plan, dated October 1, 2021 to State Education Department as presented.

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

APPROVE REVENUE STATUS AND APPROPRIATION STATUS DETAIL REPORTS: Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Revenue Status *and* the Appropriation Status Detail Reports dated 7/1/2021- 9/30/2021 as submitted.

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

APPROVE SEQRA RESOLUTION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

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 resolution:

A RESOLUTION, DATED OCTOBER 18, 2021, OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “DISTRICT”) DETERMINING THE DISTRICT’S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 2021 (INVOLVING CLASSROOM FLOOR FINISHES UPGRADES AND THE INSTALLATION OF CLASSROOM ACCESS CONTROLS) TO BE A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA THAT WILL NOT RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, the outbreak of Covid-19, a serious respiratory disease caused by a novel strain of coronavirus, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has passed several pieces of significant legislation in response to the pandemic (collectively, the “Relief Legislation”), which serve to provide funding for pandemic-related measures and attempt to address financial stability, liquidity, safety and health issues through a variety of stimulus measures; and

WHEREAS, the Relief Legislation has made funding for various purposes available to local school districts and other entities, with the funds being distributed by the various states through an application process; and

WHEREAS, the District has applied to the State of New York, for funding for certain purposes permitted under the Relief Legislation, and such application has been granted; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”), with the assistance of the District’s architect (Hunt Engineers, Architects and Surveyors, or “Hunt”) has identified certain classroom flooring and classroom access/security upgrades that are to be accomplished with a portion of the funding, and the New York State Education Department (“NYSED”) has reviewed and approved such proposed use of the funding involved (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NYSED guidance and policy, the Board is the appropriate body 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 that 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” and “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of and construction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site;” and

WHEREAS, Hunt has reviewed the specifics of the Project and offered the Board its judgement that the proposed Project constitutes such routine activities of educational institutions; maintenance or repair activities; and/or in-kind, same-site replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction activities; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the 2017 Memorandum of Understanding (a/k/a Letter of Resolution or “MOU”) between the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (a/k/a State Historic Preservation Office or “SHPO”) and NYSED, and under the terms of the MOU’s exemption form, a project is exempt from SHPO review if (i) a building is less than 50 years old at the time of project initiation and it is not the work of a recognized Master Architect, Designer or Builder, or associated with persons or events significant in the history of the State of New York, or (ii) a building is 50 years old or older but has previously been evaluated by SHPO and found not to meet the criteria for inclusion in the State and National Register, or (iii) the project work on a building falls under exempt work items specified in Appendix A of the Letter of Resolution/MOU, has been designed in accordance with the Letter of Resolution/MOU, certain scope of work items have been submitted to SHPO for review and approval if required by the Letter of Resolution/MOU, and therefore the Project will have little or no potential impact on the character of historic resources; and that, regardless of any of the three exemptions being selected, any portions of the Project that include site work or ground disturbance, not covered under the work items specified in Appendix A, will be submitted to SHPO for review of possible impacts to archeological resources; and

WHEREAS, according to SHPO’s Cultural Resource Information System database, none of the District’s buildings are either listed on or determined to be “eligible” for listing on the State and National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, although Hunt has determined that the proposed work involved with the Project falls within the types of exempt work items identified in Appendix A of the Letter of Resolution/MOU (and therefore the proposed work is exempt from review by SHPO under item (iii) described above), and that it will have no anticipated impacts on cultural resources, Hunt may nonetheless submit information on the work to SHPO for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, Hunt has evaluated the specifics of the Project and has advised the Board of its judgment that the Project constitutes a Type II action under SEQRA, as documented in the materials from Hunt that are attached as Exhibit A hereto and that are incorporated herein by this reference;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is the final determination of the Board, based on its review of the materials submitted by Hunt concerning the Project, that the Project constitutes a Type II action, which is not subject to review under SEQRA, and that the proposed action will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment.

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

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Bev Evans, 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. Approve the *Emergency Management Plan* dated October 1, 2021, as submitted.
2. Approve *Amanda Robbins* as a volunteer in the music department under the supervision of Alva Robbins.
3. Approve the *CSE/CPSE Recommendations* dated October 14, 2021 as submitted.

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

AUTHORIZATION OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Don Baker, seconded by Josh Shannon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School authorizes to employ Temporary, Part-time, Per-Diem or Substitute Personnel with fingerprint clearance and to temporarily fill vacant positions pending consideration and appointment by the Board of Education at the next Board of Education meeting.

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

APPOINT LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER: Acting on the recommendation of the Board of Education President - Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints *Michael Mead* to a non-probationary position of long-term Special Education Teacher, effective October 6, 2021. The base salary for 2021-22 shall be Step 1 with benefits in accordance with the GVEA negotiated contract. (*Replaces Brandy Hutchison*)

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

APPOINT MENTORS: 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 the following teacher mentors for the 2021-22 school year, pay as per GVEA contract:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Mentee</u>
Valerie Burton	Erica Grantier
Stephanie Newton	SueAnn Lindquist

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

APPROVE SUBSTITUTES: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – 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 substitutes:

- **Chad Szymkowiak** of Olean as substitute teacher, etc., pending fingerprint clearance.
- **Cristina Chapelle** of Belmont as substitute bus driver, pending passing CDL road test and fingerprint clearance.
- **Sarah Morrison** of Belmont as custodial substitute, fingerprint clearance on file.
- **Thomas Merry** of Wellsville as custodial substitute, fingerprint clearance on file.
- **Rebecca Grooms** of Belmont as custodial substitute, fingerprint clearance on file.
- **Theresa Kozłowski** of Wellsville as substitute teacher aide, etc., pending fingerprint clearance.
- **Lindsay Warner** of Belmont as substitute teacher aide, clerical, etc., pending fingerprint clearance.
- **Zachary Lehman** of Belmont as custodial substitute, fingerprint clearance on file.

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

APPROVE STUDENT WORKER: 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 **Caleb Webster** as a student worker under the supervision of Chris Graham for the 2021-22 school year, pay shall be minimum wage.

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

APPOINT ROBOTICS ADVISOR: 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 appoints **Tracie Campbell** as Robotics Advisor for the 2021-22 school year, pay as per GVEA contract.

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

APPOINT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM SKI CLUB ADVISORS: 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 appoints the following after school program ski club advisors for the 2021-22 school year, rate of pay shall be \$15.00/hour: **Brooke Bradt, Darren Bradt, Brittany Hutley** and **Pam Winterhalter**

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

APPOINT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AIDE: 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 appoints **Candie Mitchell** as full time after school program aide for the 2021-22 school year, rate of pay shall be \$15.00/hour.

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

APPOINT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM SUBSTITUTE AIDES: 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 the following after school substitute program aides for the 2021-22 school year, rate of pay shall be \$15.00/hour: **Stacy Higby, Michaela Edmister** and **Theresa Pease**

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

APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO ACCORD BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Acting on the recommendation of the Board of Education President - Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints **Anne Campbell** to the ACCORD Corporation Board of Directors, effective October 18, 2021.

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Monday, November 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting
- Monday, December 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting

Informational / Discussion:

- Changing the by-laws for Wall of Fame Inductions – a meeting will be scheduled with the WOF committee to review the by-laws and to discuss any changes to the process.
- 2022 Future of Education Technology Conference – let Pam Winterhalter know by the end of October if you are interested in going to this conference.
- Student Attendance on November 12th – Dr. Schmitt would like to change student attendance for all students in grades PK-12 to be off. This day will be Parent-Teacher Conferences and a Superintendent’s Day with no student attendance. All members were okay with this.
- BOE group picture for the yearbook will be prior to the November 15th meeting. Please meet in the Media Lab room by 5:15 p.m. for the picture.
- Next Board Policy Committee Meeting is November 15th at 4:30 p.m. – policies to be reviewed will be available by the beginning of November.
- The Fifth Annual Genesee Valley Academic Honors Dinner will be held on Monday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please let Paula Mighells know by Thursday, October 28th if you would like to attend.
- Dr. Schmitt discussed the following items:
 - 1) Changing the Board of Education agenda - move mentors, student workers, substitutes, afterschool program workers to the consent section of the agenda. If an items needs more discussion we will pull that item for a later meeting.
 - 2) Outside speakers at the soccer field need upgrading – would like to include with the next capital project.
 - 3) Anne Campbell will be presenting at the November 15th Board meeting about the RAM Clinic that was held at Genesee Valley on October 9th & 10th.
- The Board would like to review the results of the Community Survey that was sent out. Dr. Schmitt suggested this be added to the agenda at the BOE work session on January 24, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Don Baker - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 6:18 p.m.
VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk