

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING & WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.
MEDIA LAB ROOM

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

***Note: Unfortunately we had some technical difficulties throughout the meeting.*

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 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; Fred Grusendorf; Josh Shannon; Eric Knapp and Max Gilluly

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, and Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

Staff Members: Erin Graham (left at 5:55 p.m.), Donna Slawson

Guests present: Mary Presutti

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Persons to Address the Board:

- No guests scheduled

Presentations to the Board:

- School Board Recognition week – Dr. Schmitt thanked all of our board members for their time and dedication to our school. They were given bags created by our students, as well as dinner provided by the cafeteria staff.
- Megan Retchless & Erin Graham discussed the new 6:1:1 special education classroom and student support services we provide. They explained the benefits of housing these students in house rather than sending them out to other placements.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, 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 20, 2022 as submitted.

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

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS: Printed copies available for public

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report by Ms. Ostrander – Erin handed out and reviewed the 2023-24 Budget Calendar. Please let her know of any changes or suggestions before the next Board of Education meeting so the calendar can be added to the agenda for approval.

APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORTS: Motion made by Heath Gordon, 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: **REVISED** Agency Account 7/1-7/31/2022 & 8/1-8/31/2022; Extra-Curricular Activity 9/1-9/30/2022; Payroll Account 9/1-9/30/2022; Agency Account 9/1-9/30/2022; School Lunch Fund 9/1-9/30/2022; Capital Fund 9/1-9/30/2022; Special Aid Account 9/1-9/30/2022; Scholarship Fund 9/1-9/30/2022; Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 9/1-9/30/2022.

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

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: 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 Accounts Payable Warrant Reports dated October 5, 2022 as submitted: Federal Fund #2, School Lunch Fund #3, General Fund #3.

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

APPROVE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS: Motion by Josh Shannon, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Corrective Action Plan *and* Extra Classroom Corrective Action Plan, dated October 1, 2022 to State Education Department as presented.

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

***Board of Education President, Tim Hand asked for this motion to be moved to after Executive Session:*

APPROVE BOCES RENTAL AGREEMENTS: Motion made by _____, seconded _____ - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the BOCES Lease Agreements for Special Education Classrooms, Distance Learning Classroom Space and Support Services for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

VOTE: Yes _____, No _____, Abs. _____

***Note: Technical difficulties.*

AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICES: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School authorizes the Superintendent to share services for the 2022-23 school year, as needed with Scio Central School. GVCS will provide special education classes for students and will received payment for such services.

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

APPROVE SEQRA RESOLUTION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: 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:

A RESOLUTION, DATED OCTOBER 18, 2022, OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “DISTRICT”) CONFIRMING THE DETAILS OF A CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT INVOLVING MODEST IMPROVEMENTS AT THE DISTRICT’S BUS GARAGE, AND CONFIRMING THE PROJECT AS BEING A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA.

WHEREAS, the Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”), after consultation by District officials with the District’s retained architectural firm of Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect D.P.C. (“Hunt”), has resolved that the District should undertake a capital outlay project involving certain modest improvements at the District’s bus garage, such work being anticipated to include, but not necessarily be limited to, the removal and replacement of the existing overhead sectional doors and electric door openers, as well as all associated work (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of the Project (inclusive of all preliminary and incidental costs) has been determined by Hunt to be \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the Project is to be financed by the application of \$100,000 of funds earmarked for such purpose as a “Transfer to Capital Fund” in the District’s approved (2022-2023) budget, with the work on the Project being expected to be completed during the 2022-2023 fiscal year of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to reserve the right to expand, contract or modify the scope of the Project in light of the level of future construction bids received, with the understanding that the estimated maximum cost of the Project will not exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York State Education Department (“SED”) 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 that are not subject to review under SEQRA and that such activities include “maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility” and “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site...;” and

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes such maintenance, repair, or in-kind, same-site replacement, rehabilitation, or reconstruction activities; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the 2017 Memorandum of Understanding (a/k/a the “Letter of Resolution” or the “MOU”) between the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (“OPRHP”) (a/k/a State Historic Preservation Office or “SHPO”) and SED, and the terms of the MOU’s exemption form, a project is exempt from SHPO review if, among other possible reasons, 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 Registers (the “Registers”); and

WHEREAS, as indicated in the Cultural Resource Information System (“CRIS”), SHPO has determined in 2016 that the District’s bus garage is “not eligible” for listing on the Registers because it does not meet the criteria for inclusion in the Registers; and

WHEREAS, although the bus garage is “not eligible” for listing on the Registers, and it has been determined that the proposed work is exempt from review by SHPO (given that it has no anticipated impacts on historic and archeological resources under the terms of the MOU), Hunt may nonetheless submit information on the proposed work to SHPO for confirmation;

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

RESOLVED, that funding for the Project has been included as a “Transfer to Capital Fund” line item (not exceeding \$100,000 in amount) in the District’s approved budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, with the understanding that the Project will be completed during the 2022-2023 fiscal year of the District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect immediately.

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

APPROVE CLOSURE OF CLASS OF 2022 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

ACCOUNT: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the closure of the Class of 2022 account with a balance of \$802.81 transferred to the Student Activity Reserves Account and be used towards purchasing outdoor furniture.

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

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Eric Knapp, 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 ***Emergency Management Plan*** dated August 31, as submitted.
2. Approve ***out of district student attendance*** requests to attend GVCS for the 2022-23 school year: Maya Preston (3PK) from Belfast School District
3. Approve the following with the After School Program:
 - Miranda Hemphill as ***Facilitator*** for ***Movie Critics Club***, pay is \$20/hour.
 - Jennifer Hunt as ***Aide***, pay is \$15/hour. (*replaces Pam Russell*)
 - Miranda Slawson as ***Substitute Aide***, pay is \$15/hour.
4. Approve the following **Substitutes**: ***Donald Baker*** of Belmont as a substitute teacher, fingerprint clearance on file; ***Mackenzie Edmister*** of Belmont as substitute teacher aide or secretarial, etc., fingerprint clearance on file; ***Joshua Haingray*** of Houghton as substitute teacher, teacher aide, etc., ***Elyse Serra*** of Wellsville as teacher aide substitute, etc. pending fingerprint clearance; ***Shelby Treusdell*** of Angelica as substitute custodial, teacher aide, etc., pending fingerprint clearance; and ***Candace Lunn*** of Angelica as substitute teacher aide, fingerprint clearance on file. Pay as per Board policy.
5. Approve Nathan Slawson as a ***volunteer*** with the Youth & Government and Drama Club under the supervision of Donna Slawson.

6. Approve *overnight trip* request from Donna Slawson and Nancy George for approximately 30 Middle School **Youth and Government students** to experience legislative experience at the Capital Building in Albany, New York on November 20-22, 2022.
7. Approve the *CSE/CPSE Recommendations* dated October 14, 2022 as submitted.
8. Approve *Maureena Chamberlain* as After School Monitor for the 2022-23 school year, pay shall be \$30/hour (*replaces Erika Hyer-Scott*).

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves *Damian Johnson* to a non-probationary position of long term substitute teacher aide effective September 15, 2022. Pay shall be \$13.20/hour with benefits, as per Board Policy.

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of *Jaurdan Wallace* as cleaner, effective October 7, 2022.

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of *Pam Russell* as Teacher Aide and After School Program Aide, effective October 7, 2022 to accept the position of cleaner

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

APPOINT FULL TIME CLEANER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Eric Knapp, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints *Pam Russell* to the position of full time cleaner effective October 8, 2022. The rate of pay shall be as per CSEA contract. (*Replaces Jaurdan Wallace*)

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

APPOINT ONE FULL-TIME TEACHER AIDE POSITION: 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 *Kristy Herring* to the position of Teacher Aide, effective on or about November 2, 2022. There is a ten-month probationary period to commence on November 2, 2022 and concluding on November 1, 2023 (not including July & August). The rate of pay shall be as per the CSEA contract. (*Replaces Pam Russell*)

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of *Erika Hyer-Scott* as Social Studies Teacher, effective October 28, 2022.

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: 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 accepts the resignation of *Michael Mead* as Business Teacher to accept the position of Social Studies Teacher as of October 26, 2022.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

AMEND MOTION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to amend the motion made at the March 28, 2022 Board of Education meeting for *Michael Mead's* appointment: Change Mike's tenure area from Business to Social Studies. He holds a Permanent New York State Teaching Certificate in Social Studies certification area. His probationary period and rate pay will not change. (*Replaces Erika Hyer-Scott*)
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of *Sabrina Wesche* as Teacher Assistant effective October 23, 2022 to accept the position of Special Education Teacher.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

CREATE & APPOINT ONE FULL-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

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 & appoint *Sabrina Wesche* who holds a Teacher Assistant Certificate, to the position of Special Education Teacher in the Special Education tenure area, for probationary period of four (4) years, to commence on October 24, 2022 and conclude June 30, 2026. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Sabrina 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 salary for the 2022-23 school year shall be Step 1, with benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT MODIFIED CHEERLEADING CO-COACH: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints *Kayloni Dziedzic* to the position of Modified Cheerleading Co-Coach for the 2022-23 school year, pay as per GVEA contract.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, 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 *Angela Burrows* for the period of on or about October 6, 2022 and return on or about November 14, 2022, using accumulated sick and personal time, and the remainder shall be unpaid leave.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE MEMO OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CSEA: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approve the Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA as submitted. The term of the assignment is July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2027.

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

APPOINT BOWLING COACH: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Heath Gordon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints *Karl Nurse* to the position of Bowling Coach for the 2022-23 school year, pay as per GVEA contract.

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- *Monday, November 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting
- Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting

**End of Regular Meeting

WORK SESSION AGENDA:

- I. BOCES Classrooms at GVCS / GV Philosophy regarding Special Education Students** – *Dr. Schmitt asked to talk about #1 in Executive Session.*
- II. 2023-24 Budget Calendar** – *Erin discussed this at the beginning of the regular meeting. Any feedback please include Dr. Schmitt along with Erin Ostrander.*
- III. Community School overview** – *Dr. Schmitt asked to table this topic until after Executive Session, as part of the discussion depends on conversion during Executive Session.*
- IV. Form a committee for planning next Board of Education Retreat** – *With much discussion, all board members agreed to continue having Board of Education retreats but would like to stay locally. Dr. Schmitt asked board members to bring ideas to the next Board of Education meeting on November 14th.*
- V. Review the GVCS Stand Analysis Report** – *The report was reviewed and discussed with questions and answers. All Board of Education agreed to have the GVCS Stand Cook and Stand Coordinators be paid by GVCS instead of coming out of the GVCS Stand Activity Account starting with the 2023 fair. The GVCS Stand Building at the fairgrounds was also discussed. Roof needs to be repaired and the work is supposed to be started in the spring by GV students.*

**Fred Grusendorf left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

- VI. Board of Education topics – Upcoming Capital Project:** *Dr. Schmitt asked representatives from HUNT, Inc. to come speak at the December Board meeting. Explain our option; costs vs priorities; wants vs needs.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School suspends the regular order of business at 6:46 p.m. to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel discussion.

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

RESUME REGULAR MEETING: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School resumes the regular order of business at 9:13 p.m.

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

***Moved motion*

APPROVE BOCES RENTAL AGREEMENTS: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the BOCES Lease Agreements for Special Education Classrooms, Distance Learning Classroom Space and Support Services for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk