

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022 – 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 5:30 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, Fred Grusendorf, Josh Shannon, Eric Knapp, Max Gilluly

District Personnel: Brian Schmitt, Superintendent, Erin Ostrander, Business Official, Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk, Brian Edmister, PK-6 Principal, Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal, Megan Retchless, Director of Special Education & CSE/CPSE Chairperson, and Paula Mighells, Dean of Students/Curriculum Coordinator

Staff Members: Donna Slawson, Kim Marciano, Holly Burger, Kim Douglas, and Donna Faller (left at 6:05 p.m.)

Guests: Don Baker (in at 5:33 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons to Address the Board:

- GVEA Executive Committee addressed the Board of Education regarding some concerns they have such as the following: being understaffed in many areas, returning the STEAM Instructional Coach back to full-time and also expanding this roll to better support the needs of students to prepare for college and the work force, free up the library to be more available to students throughout the day, working more closely with the Board of Education and Administration Team with making decisions, etc.

Presentations to the Board:

- No presentations scheduled

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Board of Education minutes of the work session & regular meeting dated October 18, 2022 as submitted.

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

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS: Printed copies available for public

Sara Donlon: The Girls varsity soccer team was celebrated throughout the halls before the sectional finals; Principals recognition of students nominated by their teachers; discussed moving the Building Trades Program from the bus garage to the Innovation Center and having more adult supervision - hiring another Teacher Assistant.

Brian Edmister: PK parents were invited to join their students for Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 17th; talked about what Woz Ed is – Digital Literacy, learning apps and other programs such as animation and engineering; upcoming the Math Intervention teachers are having our 1st Fact Fluency Frenzy for K-6, which is like a math Olympics; parent-teacher conferences were well attending this year via text, remind, TEAMS, in person, phone calls to help work around parents schedules.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report by Ms. Ostrander – Erin announced the date of our annual Senior Citizens concert & dinner; reviewed financial information on the agenda; currently working on the budget for next year; with being said requests for requisitions will be sent out in the next couple weeks to staff.

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 10/1-10/31/2022; Payroll Account 10/1-10/31/2022; Agency Account 10/1-10/31/2022; General Fund – Community Bank, N.A. 9/1-9/30/2022 & 10/1-10/31/2022; School Lunch Fund 10/1-10/31/2022; Capital Fund 10/1-10/31/2022; Special Aid Account 10/1-10/31/2022; Scholarship Fund 10/1-10/31/2022; Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 10/1-10/31/2022.

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

APPROVE WARRANT 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 Accounts Payable Warrant Reports - dated November 7, 2022 as submitted: Federal Fund #3, School Lunch Fund #4, General Fund #4

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

APPROVE AGED TAX EXEMPTION: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to continue the Allegany County Aged Tax Exemption at \$15,000 income level sliding scale.

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

APPROVE FINANCIAL RESERVE PLAN: Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Financial Reserve Plan document dated November 14, 2022 as submitted.

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

APPROVE REVENUE STATUS AND APPROPRIATION STATUS DETAIL REPORTS: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Appropriation Status Detail Report dated 7/1/2022-9/30/2022 as submitted.

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

ACCEPT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Heath Gordon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the School Tax Collector's Report for the 2022-23 school year, as submitted.

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

APPROVE SEQRA RESOLUTION FOR ENERGY PERFORMANCE PROJECT: Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Bev Evans - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 14, 2022 OF THE GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “DISTRICT”) CONFIRMING THE DISTRICT’S PLANNED ENERGY PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 2022 TO BE A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”), after consultation by District officials, the District’s retained architectural firm of Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect D.P.C. (“Hunt”) and Day Automation (“Day”), has determined to undertake a particular \$1.5 million (estimated maximum cost) “Energy Performance Improvements Project, 2022” pursuant to Article 9 of the Energy Law, such work being anticipated to include, but not necessarily be limited to, the replacement of HVAC units, interior lighting, improvements to the building envelop such as weather-stripping and insulating wall-to-roof gaps, along with the implementation of a variety of energy conservation measures at the District’s campus and site thereof (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York State Education Department (“NYSED”) guidance and policy, the local school 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...unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4;” and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education for the District, as lead agency, has reviewed the detailed information relating to the Project and has determined, based upon information and recommendations received from Hunt and Day, and its own evaluation, that the Project constitutes such maintenance, repair, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction activities;

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 the terms of 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 Register of Historic Places (the “Registers”); and

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

WHEREAS, although the District’s campus/building is “not eligible” for listing on the Registers, 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, based on such review and consideration, the Board of Education of the District, as lead agency, hereby confirms its initial finding and formally resolves that the proposed Energy Performance Contract Project, 2022 is a Type II action that is not subject to review under SEQRA, and will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE SEQR RESOLUTION FOR 2022 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:

RESOLUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 14, 2022, OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “DISTRICT”) DETERMINING THE DISTRICT’S FEDERALLY-FUNDED PROJECT (INVOLVING CERTAIN HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES AT THE DISTRICT’S CAMPUS) TO BE AN UNLISTED ACTION WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FUNDING OF SUCH PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT’S APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT’S GRANT APPLICATION.

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 economic stimulus and relief 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 Board of Education of the District (the “Board”), with the assistance of the District’s architect (Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect D.P.C., or “Hunt”) has identified certain health and safety-related upgrades and improvements that are proposed to be undertaken using funding under the Relief Legislation; and

WHEREAS, such proposed upgrades and improvements include, but are not necessarily to be limited to, the development of a new playground adjacent to the existing elementary school playground, the installation of outdoor exercise equipment, and the replacement of HVAC units (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the District has applied to the New York State Education Department (“NYSED”) for funding for the Project under the Relief Legislation, and such application has been granted; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with State Education Department guidance and policy, the District and the Board constitute, collectively, the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) for the environmental review of the Project, which constitutes an Unlisted Action under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the District and Board have duly considered the Project, the Environmental Assessment Form attached hereto as Exhibit A, the criteria for determining whether the Project will have a significant adverse impact on the environment as set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c) of the SEQRA regulations, and such other information as may have been deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the District and Board have identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, have taken a hard look at these areas, and have made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for the determination under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of the Project (inclusive of all preliminary and incidental costs) has been determined by Hunt to be \$586,000; and

WHEREAS, the District is proposing that the Project be financed by the expenditure of \$586,000 of Relief Legislation funds that have been made available to the District; and

WHEREAS, the District reserves the right to expand, contract or modify the nature and scope of the Project in light of the level of future bids received, with the understanding that the estimated maximum cost of the Project will not exceed \$586,000;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the final determination of the District’s Board that (1) the Project constitutes an Unlisted action under SEQRA and (2) that the Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment (as set forth in a reasoned elaboration of the basis for such determination that has been provided in the Environmental Assessment Form and the related Negative Declaration documents that are attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to sign and file all documents for the Project that are necessary to comply with SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District hereby accepts the grant funding for the Project under the Relief Legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all of the expenses associated with the Project (including, without limitation, the costs of the anticipated work on the Project and the undertaking of any reasonably required additional work associated with the Project, as well as necessary architectural and engineering costs, legal costs and other related incidental costs), all of which are hereby declared to be ordinary and contingent expenses of the District, shall be initially funded (to the extent necessary) by the advance(s) of up to \$586,000 from the District’s General Fund, with such advance(s) being anticipated to be restored and reimbursed utilizing the grant monies that the District expects to receive for the work on the Project pursuant to the Relief Legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools, the School Business Official and other appropriate District officials be, and they hereby are, authorized to work with the District's contractors and/or architects/engineers to develop and complete the plans and specifications for the Project, to solicit (in accordance with NYSED guidance) cost proposals/quotes/bids for the work on the Project, to enter into (in the case of the Superintendent, only) contracts for the work on the Project on behalf of the District, and to undertake such other actions as may be reasonably necessary for the District to undertake, carry out and complete the Project as soon as may be reasonably practicable, all in accordance with applicable New York State law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the consent agenda items as follows:

1. Approve *First Reading* of the following Board of Education Policies: **#1510** Regular Board Meetings and Rules (Quorum and Parliamentary Procedure); **#3220** Use of Assistance Animals; **#5320** Expenditures of School District Funds; **#5321** Use of the District Credit Card; **#5322** Use of Personal Cell Phone; **#5323** Reimbursement for Meals/Refreshments; **#6161** Conference/Travel Expense Reimbursement; **#7540** Suicide; **#7552** Student Gender Identity; **#8110** Curriculum Development, Resources, and Evaluation; **#8330** Objection to Instructional Materials and Controversial Issues; **#8340** Instructional Materials and Nonpublic School Students.
2. Approve the following After School Program workers for the 2022-23 school year:
 - Brittany Hutley as *Substitute Ski Club Advisor*, rate of pay shall be \$20.00/hour.
 - Miranda Slawson as *Facilitator with the Drama Club*, effective November 1, 2022, rate of pay shall be \$20.00/hour.
3. Approve Shawn Clancy, Courtney Gilluly, Bill Shipman and Candie Mitchell as *additional Chaperone/Scorekeeper* for the 2022-23 school year.
4. Approve the **2023-24 Budget Development Calendar**, as submitted.
5. Approve Memorandum of Agreement with GVEA to add **(1) Bowling Coach** to the extracurricular positions.
6. Approve the **CSE/CPSE recommendations** dated November 10, 2022 as submitted.
7. Approve the following Substitutes: **Ethan Porter** of Belmont as teacher aide, pending fingerprint clearance; **Carla Travis** of Angelica as teacher aide, clerical, etc., pending fingerprint clearance,
8. Approve **Devin Cline** of Belmont as a volunteer with the Boys Volleyball team under the supervision of Darren Bradt.

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

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE: Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Max Gilluly – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approve **Kyle Dougherty** from Wellsville as non-certified substitute teacher, etc., pending fingerprint clearance.

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

AMEND MOTION: 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 amend the motion made at the October 18, 2022 Board of Education Meeting for Kristy Herring. **Amend the following:** 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. **To read:** *There is a ten-month probationary period to commence on November 7, 2022 and concluding on November 6, 2023 (not including July & August). The rate of pay shall be \$15.55/hour.*

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

APPOINT MENTOR: 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 appoints the following teacher mentor for the 2022-23 school year, pay as per GVEA contract:

Mentor

Donna Faller

Mentee

Sabrina Wesche

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

APPOINT BOYS MODIFIED BASKETBALL COACHES: 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 **MacKenzie Hamer** and **Don Baker** as Boys Modified Basketball Coaches for the 2022-23 school year, pay as per GVEA contract.

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

APPOINT BOYS MODIFIED BASKETBALL COACH: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints **Kyle Dougherty** as Boys Modified Basketball Coaches for the 2022-23 school year, pay as per GVEA contract.

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 Eric Knapp - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Kim Marciano** as Department Coordinator for Phys. Ed./Special Areas, effective November 14, 2022.

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. – **Shared Decision Making Team Meeting** will be held in the Media Lab Room #1121
- Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. – **Budget, Personnel & Negotiations Committee Meeting** will be held in the District Conference Room
- Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 4:30 – **Safety & Security Committee Meeting** will be held in the Main Conference Room
- Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – **Regular Board of Education Meeting**
- Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. – **Regular Board of Education Meeting**

Informational / Discussion:

- Letter from St. Bonaventure regarding the RAM clinic.
- Overnight trip request from Alva Robbins - Jazz Band to travel to Chicago on April 3-8, 2023.
- July 2023 Board of Education Retreat/Reorganizational Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Josh Shannon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School suspends the regular order of business at 6:17 p.m. to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel discussion.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

RESUME REGULAR BUSINESS: Motion made by Heath Gordon, seconded by Fred Grusendorf – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School resumes the regular order of business at 7:27 p.m.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Bev Evans, seconded by Josh Shannon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 7:28 p.m.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk