

# BUDGET WORKSHOP 6PM

## GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### AGENDA

MEETING: REGULAR

DATE: January 13, 2025

TIME: Immediately following budget workshop.

PLACE: HS Library

#### *\*Board Action Items*

#### **A. Call meeting to order/Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **B. Public Access to the Board of Education**

We appreciate you taking the time to attend our meeting and welcome your comments. If you would like to share your thoughts with the board, please state your name and address and please limit your comments to three minutes. If you would like a response, please be sure to include your phone number or email address on the sign in sheet. Please turn cell phones off or to silent and no texting. Thank you for coming.

#### **\*C. Approval of Agenda**

#### **D. Acceptance of Minutes**

D.1. Minutes of the December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

#### **E. Acceptance of Treasurers report**

#### **F. Administrators' Reports**

- Dr. Christopher Brown-current budget, capital project, student ex-officio board seat, other
- Jenn Taft and Kevin Cousin-Testing results

#### **G. Consent Agenda**

*In an effort to expediate the business of the Board of Education, but in no way meant to diminish the importance of each item, a Consent Agenda has been developed.*

**G.1.a. Substitute Teachers:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Bella Amato, Scott Thurow, Gregory Davis-Falter and Shayla Vetter** as Substitute Teachers for the 2024-25 school year.

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**G.1.b. Substitute Teaching Assistants:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Isabella Amato and Gregory Davis-Falter** as Substitute Teaching Assistant for the 2024-25 school year.

**G.1.c. Substitute Teacher Aide:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Isabella Amato** as Substitute Teacher Aide for the 2024-25 school year.

**G.1.d. Substitute Bus Drivers:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Tyler Joslyn, Carrie Christensen and Christopher Paterson** as Substitute Bus Drivers for the 2024-25 school year.

**G.1.e. Appoint Teacher Aide-Theresa Hamman:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Theresa Hamman** a probationary Civil Service appointment as Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective March 3, 2025 to March 3, 2026.

**G.1.f. Resignation-Lisa Mortenson:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept resignation from **Lisa Mortenson**, Substitute Teacher, effective December 20, 2024.

**G.1.g. Resignation-Terence McArdle:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept resignation from **Terence McArdle**, Bus Driver, effective December 20, 2024.

**G.1.h. Resignation Ellanna Corcoran:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept resignation from **Ellanna Corcoran**, Bus Monitor effective November 26, 2024.

**G.1.i. Create Temporary Automotive Mechanic position:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve creating one (1) Temporary Automotive Mechanic position as needed.

**G.1.j. Amend Coach Appointment:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint the following coaches:

Team	Coach	Base	Longevity	Stipend
Varsity Assistant Boys Swimming Coach	<b>Kyle Copper</b>	\$646.33	\$0	\$646.33

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*This was approved at the November 12, 2024 meeting.*

**G.1.k. Resignation Kyle Copper:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept resignation from **Kyle Copper**, Varsity Assistant Boys Swimming Coach effective December 3, 2024.

**G.2. Field Trip-Senior Class:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby acknowledge the initial proposal of the 2026 Senior Class going to Baltimore, MD April 17, 2026 to April 19, 2026.

**G.3. College Student Placement:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the following for the 2025 Spring semester:

## **Keuka College**

**Alyssa Chase**                      Field Period                      Joelle Davis  
Duration: January 6, 2025 to May 15, 2025

**G.4. Volunteers:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the submitted list of volunteers for the 2024-25 school year.

**G.5. Amend Long Term Substitute Reading Teacher-Marris Eck:** Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Marris Eck**, as a 1.0 FTE long term substitute reading teacher position beginning approximately December 13, 2023 through December 12, 2024, at Step 2, of the current teacher contract.

**G.6. Amend Long Term Substitute Elementary Teacher-Larkin Ryan:** Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Larkin Ryan**, as a 1.0FTE Long Term Substitute Elementary Teacher from approximately October 18, 2024 through January 24, 2025, at Step 5, of the current teacher contract.

**G.7. Recall School Counselor-Ian Horvath:** Whereas, **Ian Horvath** is listed on the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District Preferred Eligibility List in the tenure area of School Counselor, and whereas, it appearing that **Ian Horvath** has the greatest number of years of service in the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District of any school counselor on the Preferred Eligibility List in the tenure area of School Counselor, and that **Ian Horvath** has

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been offered and has accepted a 1.0FTE School Counselor position in the tenure area of School Counselor for the 2024-2025 school year, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District resolves that **Ian Horvath** is recalled to a 1.0FTE position as School Counselor in the tenure area of School Counselor as of January 9, 2025. At the time of layoff, Mr. Horvath served six (6) months of a four-year probationary appointment. With three and one-half years remaining in the probationary term, Mr. Horvath's new tenure date is July 9, 2028..

**G.8. Amend Probationary Appointment-Molly Bero:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby amend the appointment of **Molly Bero**, who holds a Professional Certificate Childhood Education Grades 1-6 and a Professional Certificate Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 to a teaching position in the tenure area of Elementary, for a four year probationary appointment commencing August 10, 2021 and ending on November 4, 2025 contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation of which the fourth year during the probationary period must be Effective or Highly Effective to be eligible for tenure; salary starting at Step 8 of the current MWTa contract.

**G.9. Tenure-Heather Dimpfl:** In compliance with the provisions of 3012 of the education Law and part 30.3 of the rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Heather Dimpfl**, a probationary Special Education Teacher appointed February 14, 2022 be appointed to tenure to the position of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions-General Special Education Teacher tenure area. It having been shown that **Heather Dimpfl**, holds a valid New York State Permanent Certification in Students with Disabilities in the aforesaid tenure area; and it further having been shown that the probationary period of **Heather Dimpfl** to be a Special Education Teacher in the district expires on February 13, 2025; the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant tenure to and appoint to tenure **Heather Dimpfl** effective February 13, 2025 to the position of Special Education Teacher.

**G.10. Approve Memorandum of Agreement:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve a memorandum of agreement with Marcus Whitman Teacher's Association regarding nurses working with Mosaic Health Center.

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**G.11. Accept the Annual Single Audit:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Audit committee, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the Extra-Classroom Activity Fund Audit Findings for the 2023-2024 school year.

**G.12. Approve CSE and CPSE Recommendations:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the CPSE/CSE recommendations as submitted and filed in the minute file.

## **H. Public Access to the Board**

## **I. Board Member Items**

Important Dates:

Tuesday, Jan. 28 Audit Committee Meeting 5pm

Thursday, April 24 All Staff Appreciation Day

Friday, May 30 Special Olympics

**J. Executive Session:** *I move that the Board enter executive session to discuss employment history of a particular employee.*

## **K. Adjourn Meeting**

**GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES**

December 9, 2024

HS Library

Board Members Present: Sheila Brown, Cindy Hall, Ashley Conley, Phyllis Frantel, Keri Link, John Foust, Tessah Ciardi, Scott Lambert and Jessica Wickham

Administrators Present: Dr. Christopher Brown, Christopher Wickham, Sharene Benedict, John Hicks, Scott Robinson, Eric Pasho, Karissa Schutt, Kayla Osika, Paul Lahue and Bryan Lamb

Administrators Excused: Erica Hasselstrom, Staci Thibodeau, Jenn Taft, Clay Cole, Courtney Vencel and Kevin Cousin

Sheila Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

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**Mabel Deal, Stanley**, she thanked the Board and Administrators for all their hard work. Really glad her sons got to attend school here and how Marcus Whitman is a great place.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Phyllis Frantel to approve the following resolution.

**Approval of Agenda**

Yes 9 No 0 MC

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes of the November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting were accepted as submitted.

**Acceptance of Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer reports were accepted as submitted.

**Students/Staff Celebrations**

Student athletes were recognized from Golf, Boys Cross Country Team, Cheer, Tennis, Football, Girls Swimming and Girls Soccer.

Kerri Mitchell-DePorter was recognized as an Athena Award Honoree.

Jenn Taft was recognized for receiving Award of Distinction for a School Leader.

**Administrators' Reports**

**Lynne Rutnik**, WFL BOCES Superintendent presented to the Board about how BOCES provides shared services and programs to support the educational needs of students, educators, and communities. Helen Snyder, student presented to the Board on how much she enjoys the New Visions program at the Finger Lakes Tech and Career Center.

**Dr. Christopher Brown** thanked Mr. Pasho, Mrs. Osika and Mr. Robinson for making our National Honor Society celebration a success. The parents were notified in advance, and they were appreciative. Congratulations to all the students inducted. 2025-26 Budget building process has begun. Dr. Brown will present on this after the Holidays.

**Christopher Wickham** presented to the Board about reserves. Reserves are used to help balance the budget. The New York State Comptroller's Office helps guide district on how the funds are used. Per Auditors, we are in good standing with our reserves.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Ashley Conley to approve the following resolutions.

**Consent Agenda**

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**Substitute Teachers:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Christyan Borsching, Lisa Robinson, Kim Hey, Laura Hoffman and Devin Grover** as Substitute Teachers for the 2024-25 school year.

**Substitute Teaching Assistants:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Devin Grover, Mark Rowe, Laura Hoffman and Lisa Robinson** as Substitute Teaching Assistants for the 2024-25 school year.

**Substitute Teacher Aides:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Devin Grover and Lisa Robinson** as Substitute Teacher Aides for the 2024-25 school year.

**Substitute Cleaner:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Roxanne Smith** as Substitute Cleaner for the 2024-25 school year.

**Substitute Bus Driver:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Carleen Pierce** as Substitute Bus Driver for the 2024-25 school year.

**Appoint Bus Monitor-Jennifer Gute:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Jennifer Gute** a probationary Civil Service appointment as Bus Monitor, at an hourly rate per contract, effective December 10, 2024 to December 10, 2025.

**Resignation-Lisa Robinson:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the resignation for the purpose of retirement, **Lisa Robinson**, Teacher Aide, effective end of workday January 8, 2025.

**Resignation-Jazmyne Mitchell:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the resignation, **Jazmyne Mitchell**, Teacher Aide, effective December 6, 2024.

**Activity Advisor:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the following people as activity advisor for the 2024-25 school year:

Activity Advisors	Name	Base	Longevity Pay	Total Pay
Intramurals	Angela Schwert	\$12.46 per hour	\$0	TBD

**Coach Appointments:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint the following coaches:

Team	Coach	Base	Longevity	Stipend
Modified Indoor Track	Jody McLaughlin	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Modified Indoor Track	Seth Pritchard	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000

**College Student Placement:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the following for the 2025 Spring Semester:

**SUNY Brockport**

Brendan Bode                      Student Teacher                      Bonnie Prendergast  
Duration: January 27, 2025 to March 21, 2025 and  
   Student Teacher                      Amy Dobbertin  
Duration: March 24, 2025 to May 15, 2025

**Hobart and William Smith**

Collen Jump                      Student Teacher                      Amanda Cooney  
Duration: January 20, 2025 to May 2, 2025

**Volunteers:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the submitted list of volunteers for the 2024-25 school year.

**Tenure-Sarah Newman:** In compliance with the provisions of 3012 of the education Law and part 30.3 of the rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Sarah Newman**, a probationary Elementary Teacher appointed January 6, 2020, be appointed to tenure to the position of Elementary tenure area. It having been shown that **Sarah Newman**, holds a valid New York State Professional Certification in Early Childhood and Professional Certification Childhood Education Grades 1-6 in the aforesaid tenure area; and it further having been shown that the probationary period of **Sarah Newman** to be an Elementary Teacher in the district expires on January 2, 2025; the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant tenure to and appoint to tenure **Sarah Newman** effective January 2, 2025 to the position of Elementary Teacher.

**Approve Memorandum of Agreement:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Marcus Whitman Teacher’s Association for Modified Indoor Track Coaches.

**Accept Bid:** Whereas, sealed bids for Gorham Elementary and Middlesex Valley buildings were solicited by the Marcus Whitman Central School District and,  
Whereas, sealed bids for the construction of renovations to school Buildings were opened in the High School at 3:00 PM on November 15, 2024 and,  
Be it further resolved that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign contract for the following low bids, once all bidding requirements are met:

General Construction Contract #101	Base Bid
Iversen Const. Corp.	\$4,470,000
Plumbing Construction Contract #102	
Kuehne Const. Inc.	\$689,000
HVAC Construction-Gorham Elementary Contract #103	
Landry Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$4,270,000
HVAC Construction-Middlesex Valley Elementary Contract #104	
Landry Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$5,200,700

**Accept the Extra-classroom Activity Fund Audit Findings:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Audit committee, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the Extra-Classroom Activity Fund Audit Findings for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Accept the Extra-classroom Activity Fund Corrective Action Plan:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Audit committee, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex



Central School District does hereby accept the Extra-Classroom Corrective Action Plan for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Approve Annual Reserve Narrative/Plan:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation from the Audit Committee, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the Annual Reserve Narrative/Plan.

**Approve Amended Policy:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the first reading and waive the second reading of **Policy 1120 School District Records**.

**Approve Request for Variance for a Junior-Senior High School:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve request for **Variance for a Junior-Senior High School**.

**Approve Amended Danforth Contract:** This Amendment No. 2 by and between Gorham-Middlesex Central School District (“Customer”) and Danforth Company (“Danforth”) amends the Energy Performance Contract (“Agreement”) entered by the parties on or about October 10, 2023, and shall be effective as of the same date.

WHEREAS, Customer and Danforth entered the Agreement, subject to approval by the New York State Education Department (“NYSED”), by which Danforth is to perform certain work on Customer’s property consistent with the scope and standards set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Customer and Danforth agree that modifications to certain provisions of the Agreement are necessary and advisable; and

WHEREAS, the Customer and Danforth agree the language in each of the following paragraphs shall be amended as set forth with amended and/or new language in bold italics and deleted text being struck through and meant to replace and otherwise supersede prior language contained in the original Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Customer and Danforth agree as follows:

**Energy Performance Contract (EPC) and Lighting Scopes of Work.**

**Approve CSE and CPSE Recommendations:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the CPSE/CSE recommendations as submitted and filed in the minute file.  
Yes 9 No 0 MC

**Public Access to the Board**

No comments.

**Board Member Items:**

Important Dates:

Thursday, April 24 All Staff Appreciation Day

Special Olympics Friday, May 30

*Break 6:51pm*

**Executive Session** Motion by Tessah Ciardi seconded by Keri Link at 6:59pm for the Board to enter in executive session to discuss the employment history of particular person.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Scott Lambert to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharene Benedict  
District Clerk