

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.
MEDIA CENTER ROOM #1121

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

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m. by Heath Gordon, President presiding.

Roll Call was taken by District Clerk:

Members Present: Heath Gordon, President; Max Gilluly, Vice-President; Tim Hand, Michelle Kelley, Jamie Willson, Shawn Grusendorf and James Cartwright

District Personnel: Brian Schmitt, Superintendent; Brian Edmister, PK-6 Principal; Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal (in at 5:54 p.m. and left at 6:25 p.m.), Sarah Taylor, Director of Special Education & CSE Chair (in at 5:59 p.m.), Erin Ostrander, Business Official; Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

Staff Members: Kim Marciano, Denise Baker (left at 5:33 p.m.)

Guests: Hope Ford (left at 5:33 p.m.), Mike Saglibene and Jeff Robbins from HUNT (left at 6:07 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons to Address the Board:

- No persons to address the Board

Presentations to the Board:

- Class of 2025 to present Senior Trip plans – Hope Ford, class president, presented to the Board the details of the Senior Class Trip to Virginia Beach in June 2025.
- Presentation by Jeff Robbins and Mike Saglibene from HUNT - update on Capital Project. Jeff and Mike will come back and discuss this more at the January 14th Board meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Board of Education minutes of the regular meeting dated November 12, 2024, as submitted.

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

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS: Printed copies available for public

- Brian Edmister reported that the UPK Audit that was supposed to be December 4th is rescheduled to June 6, 2025.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: *NEW*

- **Wellness Committee:** Shawn Grusendorf reported – a suggestion was made to collaborate with Allegany County next year for trunk or treat, and to include more activities. The nurses reported how they keep track of absences, and how students are seen through Tel-a-Med to help parents save on costly doctor visits.
- Dr. Schmitt and Shawn recently attended the **Winter RSA (Rural Schools Association) Conference in Sarasota, NY**. Shawn stated the speaker was a great, and one of the things that was discussed is the Governor's office and New York State are very receptive to changing the criteria to benefit rural schools receiving state aide.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report by Erin Ostrander – Erin discussed a little about the changes with state aide. A few things the state is talking about, having a separate formula for Special Education funding, about fully funding to transition to electric buses, etc. She will be learning more at a webinar next week. She is continuing to work on next year's budget, and will be presenting more at the budget committee meeting next week.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS: Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Treasurer's Reports as submitted: Extra-Curricular Activity Account 7/1-7/31/24, 8/1-8/31/2024, 9/1-9/30/2024 & 10/1-10/31/2024; General Fund – Community Bank, N.A. Account 10/1-10/31/24 & 11/1-11/30/24; School Lunch Fund 11/1-11/30/2024; Payroll Account 11/1-11/30/2024; Agency Account 11/1-11/30/2024; Scholarship Fund 11/1-11/30/2024; Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 11/1-11/30/24; Capital Fund 11/1-11/30/2024; Special Aid Account 11/1-11/30/2024.

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

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Accounts Payable Warrant Reports - dated November 20, 2024, as submitted: General Fund #4, School Lunch Fund #4; Capital Fund (HADD) #3, Federal Fund #4.

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

ACCEPT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the School Tax Collector's Report for the 2024-25 school year, as submitted.

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

APPROVE ENERGY PREFORMANCE CONTRACT (EPC): Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Energy Performance Contract (EPC) with TRANE Technologies, as submitted, subject to review and approval by the districts legal counsel.

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

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by Michelle Kelley - 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: **#1640** Absentee, Military, and Early Mail Ballots; **#5683** Evacuation, Lockdown, and Emergency Dismissal Drills; **#5840** Artificial Intelligence (AI); **#6214** Incidental Teaching; **#6550** Leaves of Absence; **#7223** Advanced Coursework; **#7224** Virtual Instruction; **#7440** Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration; **#7470** Student Government; **#7513** Medication and Personal Care Items; **#7521** Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions; **#7530** Child Abuse and Maltreatment
2. Approve to **Abolish Policy #5240** School Tax Assessment and Collection/Property Tax Exemptions, due to being outdated.
3. Approve **Donna Holmes** of Belmont as a clerical substitute, fingerprint clearance on file.
4. Approve **CSE/CPSE Recommendations** dated December 5, 2024, as submitted.

5. Approve the following volunteers: ***Eric Weinman*** and ***Molly Weinman*** with the Modified Boys Basketball team under the supervision of Cooper Weinman, as submitted; and ***Shelby Beardsley*** with the varsity cheerleading team under the supervision of Macy Beardsley, as submitted.

6. Approve ***Sabrina Harrington*** as a chaperone, etc. for the 2024-25 school year.

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of ***Kara Layman*** as a cleaner effective November 12, 2024, to accept the position of full-time custodian effective November 13, 2024.

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

APPOINT GVCS STAND P.M. ADVISOR: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints ***Candie Mitchell*** as GVCS Stand P.M. Advisor for the 2025 Fair Season, pay as per GVEA contract.

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

APPROVE LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves ***Connor Ordway*** to a non-probationary position of Long-Term Teacher Aide effective December 11, 2024 through on or about June 25, 2025, fingerprint clearance on file. The rate of pay shall be per CSEA contract with benefits, as per Board Policy. (*working with a new student*)

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

APPROVE LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves ***Raina Haight*** to a non-probationary position of Long-Term Teacher Aide effective December 11, 2024 through on or about June 25, 2025, fingerprint clearance on file. The rate of pay shall be per CSEA contract with benefits, as per Board Policy. (*working with a new student*)

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of ***Rolland Duttweiler*** as Math Teacher due to retirement, effective June 30, 2025. Retirement benefits shall be under the terms and conditions of the GVEA Contract.

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of ***April Cole*** as Elementary Teacher/Math Intervention Teacher due to retirement, effective June 27, 2025. Retirement benefits shall be under the terms and conditions of the GVEA Contract.

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Brian Edmister, II** as Elementary Principal due to retirement, effective July 1, 2025. Retirement benefits shall be under the terms and conditions of the GVAA Contract.

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

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves a leave of absence request for **Jessica Rainey** from her position of Teacher Aide, for the period of on or about January 24, 2025 through on or about April 22, 2025, using accumulated time off.

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

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves a leave of absence request for **Kaycee Majot (Schmidt)** from her position of 4th Grade Teacher, for the period of on or about April 28, 2025 through on or about July 1, 2025, using accumulated time off and the sick bank.

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. – Budget, Personnel & Negotiations Committee Meeting, District Office
- Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 4:15 p.m. – Board Agenda Meeting, District Office (Heath, Max & Michelle)
- Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 4:45 p.m. – Budget, Personnel, & Negotiations Committee Meeting, District Office
- Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting, Media Lab Room
- Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. – Policy Review Committee Meeting, District Office
- Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. – Work Session Only

Informational / Discussion:

- Yearbook Ad from the Board of Education – Board members all agreed on half page ad.

** Erin Ostrander left the meeting at 6:29 p.m.*

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Michelle Kelley – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School suspends the regular order of business at 6:29 p.m. to enter into executive session for the purpose of contract discussion.

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

** Dr. Brian Schmitt left the meeting at 6:52 p.m.*

** Erin Ostrander re-entered the meeting at 6:52 p.m.*

RESUME REGULAR BUSINESS: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by James Cartwright – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School resumes the regular order of business at 8:54 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Max Gilluly – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 8:54 p.m.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk