

# GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2025

HS Library

Board Members Present: Sheila Brown, Cindy Hall, Ashley Conley (6:08pm), Phyllis Frantel, Keri Link, John Foust, Tessah Ciardi, Scott Lambert and Jessica Wickham

Administrators Present: Dr. Christopher Brown, Christopher Wickham, Sharene Benedict, Karissa Schutt, Paul Lahue, Erica Hasselstrom, Staci Thibodeau, Scott Robinson, Kayla Osika, Jenn Taft, Clay Cole, and Kevin Cousin

Administrators Excused: John Hicks, Bryan Lamb, Eric Pasho and Courtney Vencel

There was a budget workshop from 6pm to 6:16pm.

Sheila Brown called the meeting to order at 6:16pm.

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**Mabel Deal, Stanley:** She wished everyone a very Happy New Year and Happy Birthday to Dr. Brown.

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

### Approval of Agenda

Yes 9 No 0 MC

### Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting were accepted as submitted.

### Acceptance of Treasurers report

Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

### Administrators' Reports

Jenn Taft and Kevin Cousin presented to the Board about the state assessment scores. They also shared about the Holiday Shoppe the students enjoyed shopping for their families for the Holidays.

Dr. Brown thanked Erica Hasselstrom, Mickey Frieda, and Jackie Wickham working through the change in curriculum. He also thanked the leadership of Principals for supporting this change. We are getting there.

Capital project is underway at Valley and Gorham. February/March District will be receiving a Bond Anticipation Note to get the capital project off the ground.

Community may see some activity on Sundays at the MS/HS for open gyms, youth sports, community involvement, etc.

Congratulations to Heather Dimpfl receiving tenure. Well deserved.

The Board discussed with Dr. Brown about the steps to getting a student ex-officio board seat. It was decided to have the students in grades 9-11 complete an application and go through an interview process. Students will be notified through student square and in Social Studies classes of this process.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Tessah Ciardi to approve the following resolutions.

### 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.*

**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 **Isabella Amato, Scott Thurow, Gregory Davis-Falter, Shayla Vetter and Lorelei Phillips** 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 **Isabella Amato, Gregory Davis-Falter and Lorelei Phillips** as Substitute Teaching Assistant for the 2024-25 school year.

**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.

**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.

**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 **Jaden Wells** as Substitute Cleaner for the 2024-25 school year.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 amend the following coach appointment:

Team	Coach	Base	Longevity	Stipend
Varsity Assistant Boys Swimming Coach	Kyle Copper	\$646.33	\$0	\$646.33

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

**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.

**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.

**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

**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.

**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. *This was board approved on January 8, 2024.*

**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. *This was board approved on October 15, 2024.*

**Recall School Counselor-Ian Ellis:** Whereas, **Ian Ellis** 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 Ellis** 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 Ellis** has 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 Ellis** 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.

**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.

*Probationary appointment was board approved August 9, 2021.*

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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:**

Tuesday, Jan. 28 Audit Committee Meeting 5pm

Thursday, April 24 All Staff Appreciation Day

Friday, May 30 Special Olympics

Sheila encouraged other board members to attend the Valley Sing-A-Long in December. It was so cute and a lot of fun.

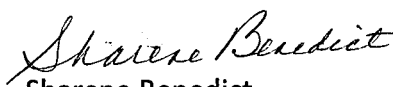
Saturday, Jan. 18 Winter Guard Competition-Artistry in Motion. We are hosting ten districts.

*Break 7:08pm*

**Executive Session** Motion by Cindy Hall seconded by Scott Lambert at 7:24pm for the Board to enter in executive session to discuss the employment history of particular person.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by John Foust to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sharene Benedict  
District Clerk