

GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA

MEETING: REGULAR
DATE: April 8, 2025
TIME: 6:00pm
PLACE: HS Library

**Board Action Items*

A. Call meeting to order/Pledge of Allegiance

B. Paul Lahue-Student Athletes

C. 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.

***D. Approval of Agenda**

E. Acceptance of Minutes

- E.1. Minutes of the March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting
- E.2. Minutes of the March 31, 2025 Special Meeting

F. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

G. Administrators' Reports

- Dr. Christopher Brown-Review Policy 1420, rest of the year update

H. 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.

H.1.a Substitute Teaching Assistant: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve **Misti Chambry and Brianna Murphy** as Substitute Teaching Assistant for the 2024-25 school year.

H.1.b 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 approve **Misti Chambry and Brianna Murphy** as Substitute Teacher Aide for the 2024-25 school year.

H.1.c 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 approve **Kevin Neale** as Substitute Bus Driver for the 2024-25 school year.

H.1.d. Appoint Teacher Aide-Tracy Schrader: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Tracy Schrader** a probationary Civil Service appointment as Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective April 24, 2025 to April 24, 2026.

H.1.e. Resignation-Tammy Speers: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the resignation of **Tammy Speers**, Bus Monitor and Food Service Helper effective March 21, 2025.

H.1.f. Resignation-Margaret Davison: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the resignation of **Margaret Davison**, Substitute Teacher effective March 21, 2025.

H.1.g. Yearly Building Per Diem Substitute: 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:

Matt Bond	Middle School Per Diem Yearly Substitute
Emma Hausauer	Middlesex Valley Per Diem Yearly Substitute

H.1.h. Marching Band 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:

Marching Band Asst. Director	Austin Kephart	\$2810.01
Color Guard Director	Jennifer Hubbard	\$1177.72

H.1.i. Mentor: 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 mentors:

Mentor	Mentee	Year	Stipend
Michael Salotto	Ian Ellis	1	\$360
Marcy Adams	Marris Eck	2	\$300

H.2. 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 Fall semester:

Keuka College

Kaitlyn Pickner	Student Teaching	Kristin Tomion
Duration: September 2, 2025 to October 17, 2025		

Brittany Ploof	Shadowing	Abby Finley
Duration: March 17, 2025 to March 28, 2025		

H.3. Field Trip-FFA State Convention: 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 final proposal of FFA going to NYS FFA Convention Syracuse Fairgrounds, Syracuse NY May 7, 2025 to May 9, 2025.

H.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.

H.5. Resignation-Brian Ellis: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the resignation of **Brian Ellis**, English Teacher effective April 18, 2025.

H.6. Amend Probationary Teaching Assistant-Joylette Aaron: Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.8 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Joylette Aaron**, who holds a Level I Teaching Assistant Certificate, to a Teaching Assistant position in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant for a two year probationary appointment commencing November 6, 2023 and ending on November 5, 2025, salary per Teacher Aides, Teaching Assistants and Clerical Employees Association for the 2023-24 school year.

H.7. Amend Probationary Teaching Assistant-Alicia Williamson: Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30-1.8 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Alicia Williamson**, who holds a Level I Teaching Assistant Certificate, to a Teaching Assistant position in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant for a two year probationary appointment commencing August 31, 2023 and ending on August 30, 2025, salary per Teacher Aides, Teaching Assistants and Clerical Employees Association for the 2023-24 school year.

H.8. Long Term Substitute Counselor-Alyssa Veloski: 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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Alyssa Veloski** , as a 1.0FTE Long Term Substitute Counselor, at step 5 of the current teacher contract, effective April 21, 2025.

H.9. Application of Herbicide: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby authorize the emergency application of Broadleaf Herbicide, by June 30, 2025 to maintain the quality of turf.

H.10. Board of Education Gorham-Middlesex Central School District Resolution:

WHEREAS, the annual meeting and election of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District (the “District”) is scheduled for May 20, 2025 (the “Annual Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) seeks to approve voter propositions for the Annual Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board resolves as follows:

The following propositions shall appear on the ballot for qualified voters to consider at the 2025 Annual Meeting, with the final budget number inserted after the approval by the Board of Education:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2025-2026 Budget

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$40,894,612 as a general fund appropriation for the 2025-2026 school year and to levy the necessary tax, therefore.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that voters at the annual meeting shall vote by machine unless machines are not available, on the election of Board of Education Members, and on the following propositions, and on such other propositions as are authorized by law and the rules of this Board to be voted on at said time:

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – Buses

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

Be it RESOLVED, to authorize the purchase of motor vehicles for use in the transportation program of the District, including two (2) 64 Passenger (64-84 pupils Conventional Diesel Type C) school buses, one (1) 30 Passenger (28-45 Pupils Conventional Diesel) Type C school bus, at a maximum estimated cost of \$522,966, expend therefore an aggregate sum not to exceed \$522,966, and be it further RESOLVED, that the sum of \$522,966 being the aggregate of the

aforesaid maximum estimated amounts, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be appropriated from the existing School Bus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, the unassigned fund balance or raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property in the District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued; and be it further RESOLVED that the District shall be authorized to enter into one or more purchase contracts on terms satisfactory to the Board of Education, with respect to one or more of the vehicles hereby authorized to be acquired.

PROPOSITION NO. 3- Gorham Free Library Funding

Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$132,700 (which is an increase of \$4,200 from the amount in effect currently of the sum of \$128,500) and to pay over such money to the trustees of the Gorham Free Library.

PROPOSITION NO. 4- Middlesex Reading Center Funding

Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$57,174 (which is an increase of \$10,140 from the amount in effect currently of the sum of \$47,034) and to pay over such money to the Town of Middlesex for disbursement to the Middlesex Reading Center.

PROPOSITION NO. 5- Rushville Reading Center Funding

Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$52,318 (which is an increase of \$2,012 from the amount in effect currently of the sum of \$50,306) and to pay over such money to the Village of Rushville for disbursement to the Rushville Reading Center.

H.11. 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 for Marcus Whitman Teacher Association regarding Workforce Development Coordinator.

H.12. Appoint Coordinator Workforce Development-Wendy Kierst: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Wendy Kierst**, Workforce Development Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year.

H.13. Approve Policies: 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 amended **Policy 2245 Ex-Officio Student Member to Board of Education and Policy 8113 Maximum Temperatures in school Buildings/Facilities.**

H.14. Accept Settlement Agreement with Ambulance Company:

WHEREAS, a District bus was involved in an accident and an ambulance from Stanley Hall Gorham Ambulance Service, Inc. responded to the scene; and

WHEREAS, the families of the students on the bus were billed by the ambulance company related to its response; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to avoid the time and expense of litigating the charges charged to the families by the ambulance company,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that

1. The terms of the Settlement Agreement to settle the above-referenced matter are hereby approved; and
2. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education and the District.

H.15. Approve Contract with the Marcus Whitman Custodial, Maintenance and Food Service Employees Association:

Whereas: the Superintendent and the Marcus Whitman Custodial, Maintenance and Food Service Employees Association have been negotiating the terms of a successor collective bargaining agreement; and

Whereas: on March 19, 2025 the Superintendent and the Association have entered into a Tentative Agreement covering terms and conditions of employment for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028; and

Whereas: the Association has ratified the terms and conditions of employment in this successor Agreement on March 25, 2025; and

Whereas: the Superintendent affirmatively recommends that the Board of Education take up this Tentative Agreement and that the Board approve the necessary funds for the implementation of the successor Agreement;

Now, Therefore, it is Resolved: That upon the affirmative recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve this successor 2025-2028 Agreement and, further that the Board approves the necessary funding for this Agreement.

Further, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to sign the Agreement to signify its approval.

H.16. Approve Contract with the Marcus Whitman Bus Drivers' Association:

Whereas: the Superintendent and the Marcus Whitman Bus Drivers' Association have been negotiating the terms of a successor collective bargaining agreement; and

Whereas: on March 19, 2025 the Superintendent and the Association have entered into a Tentative Agreement covering terms and conditions of employment for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028; and

Whereas: the Association has ratified the terms and conditions of employment in this successor Agreement on March 28, 2025; and

Whereas: the Superintendent affirmatively recommends that the Board of Education take up this Tentative Agreement and that the Board approve the necessary funds for the implementation of the successor Agreement;

Now, Therefore, it is Resolved: That upon the affirmative recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve this successor 2025-2028 Agreement and, further that the Board approves the necessary funding for this Agreement.

Further, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to sign the Agreement to signify its approval.

H.17. Accept General Resolution for The Purpose of Participating in a Cooperative Bid Coordinated by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties for

Various Commodities and/or Services

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, Gorham-Middlesex Central School District of New York State desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties from year to year or, until this Resolution is rescinded, for the purchase of Various Commodities and/or Services. And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, Gorham-Middlesex Central School District of New York State is desirous of participating with The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o... And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, Gorham-Middlesex Central School District of New York State has appointed The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, Gorham-Middlesex Central School District of New York State and making recommendations thereon...

THEREFORE...

BE IT RESOLVED, That The Board of Education, Gorham-Middlesex Central School District of New York State and The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties hereby accepts the appointment of The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters related above... And...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Education, Gorham-Middlesex Central School District of New York State authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters

regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services... And...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Education, Gorham-Middlesex Central School District of New York State agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding... And...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties on behalf of the Board of Education, Gorham-Middlesex Central School District of New York State hereby is authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties for various commodities and/or services and if requested to furnish The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts.

H.18. 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.

I. Public Access to the Board

J. Board Member Items

Monday, April 21 Board Petition Packets due by 5pm

Wednesday, April 23 Special Board Meeting 7:30am (Scott, Ashley, Sheila, Phyllis, Keri, Jessica, Tessah and John)

Thursday, April 24 All Staff Appreciation Day

May

Monday, May 12 Public Hearing -Board meeting immediately following

Tuesday, May 20 Budget Vote

Friday, May 30 Special Olympics

K. Executive Session I move to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of particular person and collective negotiations with Teacher Aides, Teaching Assistants and Clerical Employee Association.

L. Adjourn Meeting

GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2025

HS Library

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

Administrators Present: Dr. Christopher Brown, Christopher Wickham, Sharene Benedict, Erica Hasselstrom, Staci Thibodeau, Scott Robinson, Jenn Taft, Clay Cole, Bryan Lamb, Paul Lahue, Kayla Osika and Eric Pasho

Administrators Excused: Karissa Schutt, John Hicks, Courtney Vencel and Kevin Cousin

There was a budget workshop from 6pm to 6:47pm.

Sheila Brown called the meeting to order at 6:47pm.

Public Access to the Board of Education

Jeremiah Springer, Stanley: Mr. Springer shared his concerns about instructional materials. He is not in favor of some of the reading materials provided to students and also inquiring how teachers are helping students with reading disabilities.

Stacey Ryan, Stanley: Mrs. Ryan would like the warning list notification to be reviewed. She's not receiving notification a few days after the student is on the warning list and notification is not giving any pertinent information. Mrs. Ryan also shared some concerns about reading program.

Motion by Scott Lambert, seconded by Phyllis Frantel to approve the following resolution.

Approval of Agenda

Yes 9 No 0 MC

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

Administrators' Reports

Paul Lahue recognized our student athletes in Cheerleading, Boys Basketball, Bowling, Boys Swimming, Boys/Girls Indoor Track and Hockey.

Dr. Brown introduced Kristine Cameron who is filling in for Kayla Osika while she's out. As of right now, 2026 graduation will be June 18. He also did an overview of the strategic plan. Students will be making maple syrup in the sugar shack; Board was invited to stop in. Dr. Brown thanked our Administrators for all they're doing for students and staff, for their efforts in getting ready for summer and next year. There will be an Extended School Year Program.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Phyllis Frantel 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 approve **Brendan Bode, Ashley Smith and Sophia Smith**, as Substitute Teachers for the 2024-25 school

year.

Substitute Teaching Assistant: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve **Brendan Bode**, as Substitute Teaching Assistant 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 approve **Douglas Johncox**, as Substitute Bus Driver for the 2024-25 school year.

Resignation-Scott Thurow: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the resignation of **Scott Thurow**, Substitute Teacher effective February 3, 2025.

Resignation-Kyle Detwiler: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the resignation of **Kyle Detwiler**, High School Yearly Per Diem Substitute Teacher effective April 11, 2025.

Appoint Temporary Mechanic-Paul Martin: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Paul Martin** a temporary Civil Service appointment effective February 17, 2025.

Appoint Teacher Aide-Jodi Diaz: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Jodi Diaz** a probationary Civil Service appointment as Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective March 24, 2025 to March 24, 2026.

Resignation-Kassandra Mangiarelli: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the resignation of **Kassandra Mangiarelli**, Teacher Aide effective February 11, 2025.

Appoint Marching Band Director-Jeff Waite: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Jeff Waite**, Marching Band Director stipend \$3415 for the 2024-25 school year.

Spring Coach Appointments: *This item was pulled from consent agenda.*

Unpaid Leave of Absence-Dominique Robinson: *This item was pulled from consent agenda.*

Field Trip-FFA Camp Oswegatchie: 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 final proposal of FFA going to Camp Oswegatchie Croghan, NY August 3, 2025 to August 8, 2025.

Field Trip-FFA State Convention: 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 FFA going to NYS FFA Convention Syracuse Fairgrounds, Syracuse NY May 7, 2025 to May 9, 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.

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:

Finger Lakes Community College

Austin Wolfe Observation Lucinda Moses
Duration: March 11, 2025 to May 15, 2025

Appoint Interim Assistant Middle School/High School Principal-Kristine Cameron: 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 appoint **Kristine Cameron**, who holds an Initial Certificate School Building Leader, to the position of Interim Assistant Middle School/High School Principal in the tenure area of Administrator, pursuant to the terms of the agreement between Gorham-Middlesex Central School District and Administrators Association from approximately March 11, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

Appoint Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher-Marris Eck: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint, **Marris Eck** as Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher from February 3, 2025 to June 30, 2025 at Step 3 of the current teacher contract.

Amend Probationary Appointment Ian Garrett VanDerLinden: 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 appoint **Ian Garrett VanDerLinden**, who holds an Initial Students with Disabilities-Grades 7-12 Certification in the tenure area of Education of Children with handicapping Conditions-General Special Education for a four year probationary appointment commencing July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2028, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at step 3 of the current MWTa contract.

Notice of Public Hearing and Call of the Annual Meeting of the Voters of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a budget hearing, the presentation of the school budget as adopted by the Board of Education for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and the transaction of such other business as authorized by law for the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm in High School Library, 4100 Baldwin Road, Rushville, NY.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Annual Meeting and School District Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from Noon to 8:00 pm in the High School Gym, 4100 Baldwin Road, Rushville, NY at which time the polls will be opened to vote upon the school budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, upon any propositions, and for the election of three members to the Board of Education, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the estimated amount of money which will be required for the 2025-2026 school year for school purposes, and the annual property exemption report, may be obtained by any District resident during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual budget vote, except Saturday, Sunday or a Holiday, and on the date of the election, at each school building, or at the District Office, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Board of Education member must be filed in the District Clerk's office between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, no later than Monday, April 21, 2025 at 5 pm. Each petition shall be directed to the District Clerk, be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District and state the name and residence of each candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the District Clerk in District Office. Three seats for the Board of Education, each for three-year terms, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028, will be filled.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (585) 554-4848 extension 1805 or sbenedict@mwcsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 24, 2025. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission, or email.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee or early mail ballots may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday, except holidays. The District Clerk must receive completed applications at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The District Clerk must receive absentee or early mail ballots no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots or early mail ballots have been issued will be available in the Office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm during each of the five days prior to the election, except Sunday, and shall be posted at the polling place at the election of members of the Board of Education.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that voters at the annual meeting shall vote by machine unless machines are not available, upon the annual budget proposition, which shall appear on the ballot in the following form, after such budget has been finalized by the Board of Education:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2025-2026 Budget

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$___ as a general fund appropriation for the 2025-2026 school year and to levy the necessary tax, therefore.

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District Clerk is authorized to revise the legal notice to comply with legal requirements.

By order of the Board of Education
of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District
Rushville, NY
Sharene Benedict
District Clerk

Adopt 2025-26 School District Calendar: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby adopt the 2025-26 School District Calendar as submitted.

Accept Strategic Plan: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the **Strategic Plan.**

Accept Risk Operations Center (ROC) Intermunicipal Agreement:

WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the "ROC");

"WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, "Ed Law 2d") related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;"

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District authorizes the attorneys designated by the ROC to negotiate and approve of DPAs for software and/or technology resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District Board of Education grants the ROC and its designated attorneys the authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of DPAs and take such actions so as to effectuate the purposes and intent of this resolution.

SEQR for 2025 Capital Outlay Project:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District (“the Board”) has considered the effect upon the environment of the proposed Capital Outlay Project with the following Scope of Work to be completed:
Sewage ejector replacement and floor finish replacement. (“Proposed Action”)

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the scope of the project and has further received and considered the advice of its Architects with respect to the potential for environmental impact resulting from the proposed action, and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR part 616.5 (c), now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education as follows:

- 1) The Proposed Action does not exceed thresholds established under 6 NYCRR Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review Act, (“SEQRA”).
- 2) The Board hereby determines the Proposed Action as a **Type II** action in accordance with the SEQRA regulations.
- 3) No further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA.
- 4) This resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

Mabel Deal, Stanley: Mrs. Deal, congratulated all our athletes. They did an outstanding job. She wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day.

Board Member Items:

Student Ex-Officio Board Member: Eight applications have been submitted. Board will discuss the interview process in executive session.

Important Dates:

- Monday, April 21 Board Petition Packets due by 5pm
- Wednesday, April 23 Special Board Meeting 7:30am
- Thursday, April 24 All Staff Appreciation Day
- Friday, May 30 Special Olympics

Break 7:28pm

Motion by John Foust, seconded by Scott Lambert at 7:48pm to enter in executive session to discuss the employment history of particular person.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:48pm.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by John Foust to approve the following resolution.

Spring 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 appointments:

Team	Coach	Base	Longevity	Stipend
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Varsity Softball	Morgan Kidd	\$3,878	\$50	\$3,928
JV Softball	Kristin Burley	\$3,324	\$250	\$3,574
Modified A Softball	Stephanie Ellerstein	\$2,493	\$50	\$2,543

Yes 9 No 0 MC

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Scott Lambert to approve the following resolution.
Unpaid Leave of Absence-Dominique Robinson: Be it resolved that upon the board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the unpaid leave request from **Dominique Robinson**, Teacher Aide from May 20, 2025 to May 23, 2025.
Yes 8 No 1 (Ashley Conley) MC

Motion by Tessah Ciardi, seconded by Jessica Wickham to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharene Benedict
District Clerk

GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

March 31, 2025

HS Conference Room

Board Members Present: Sheila Brown, Phyllis Frantel, Keri Link, Tessah Ciardi and Jessica Wickham

Board Members Excused: Cindy Hall, Ashley Conley, John Foust and Scott Lambert

Administrators Present: Eric Pasho

Administrators Excused: Christopher Brown, Christopher Wickham, Clay Cole, Karissa Schutt, Jenn Taft, Paul Lahue, Scott Robinson, Staci Thibodeau, John Hicks, Courtney VencI Sharene Benedict and Kevin Cousin

Sheila Brown called the meeting to order at 9:12am.

Motion by Phyllis Frantel seconded by Keri Link at 9:12am to enter in executive session to hold student ex-officio board member interviews.

Student A entered at 9:15am and left at 9:23am.

Student B entered at 9:28am and left at 9:40am.

Student C entered at 9:46am and left at 9:57am.

Student D entered at 10:17am and left at 10:25am.

Student E entered at 10:46am and left at 10:57am.

Student F entered at 11:01am and left at 11:09am.

Student G entered at 11:15am and left at 11:2am.

Student H entered at 11:31am and left at 11:40am.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Tessah Ciardi to adjourn the meeting at 12:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharene Benedict
District Clerk