

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 – 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 5:32 p.m. by Heath Gordon, President presiding.

Roll Call was taken by District Clerk:

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

District Personnel: Dr. Brian Schmitt, Superintendent; Brian Edmister, PK-6 Principal; Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal; Sarah Taylor, Director of Special Education/ CSE & CPSE Chair; Paula Mighells, Curriculum Coordinator & Dean of Students; Erin Ostrander, Business Official; Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

Staff Members: Raegan Ryan (left at 5:48 pm), Willy Weaver

Guests present: Brian & Caitlin Fanton (left at 5:48 pm)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons to Address the Board:

- Brian Fanton discussed the sports merger with Belfast - mainly the Boys Basketball teams. He stated it is hard to build a good basketball program with a lot of players on the team, and also many students are discouraged to sign up with the large numbers playing. He asked the Board of Education to think about what he discussed, and hopefully reconsider merging all sports. Maybe the sign-up numbers can be evaluated each year to determine what teams are needed.

Presentations to the Board:

- No scheduled presentations

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Tim Hand, 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 February 11, 2025, as submitted.

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

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS: Printed copies were available for public

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nothing new to report this month

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report – Erin Ostrander gave a presentation on the current budget she is working on followed by questions and answers.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Treasurer's Reports as submitted: Extra-Curricular Activity 1/1-1/31/2025 & 2/1-2/28/2025; Payroll Account 2/1-2/28/2025; Agency Account 2/1-2/28/2025; General Fund – Community Bank, N.A. 2/1-2/28/2025, School Lunch Fund 2/1-2/28/2025, Scholarship Fund 2/1-2/28/2025, Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 2/1-2/28/2025, Capital Fund 2/1-2/28/2025, Special Aid Account 2/1-2/28/2025
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Accounts Payable Warrant Reports - Dated March 3, 2025, as submitted: General Fund #8, Capital Fund (HADD) #7, Federal Fund #8, School Lunch Fund #8
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE FUNDS TRANSFER: Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the transfer of funds from the General Fund (A9950.90) to the Capital Fund (HC24 5031) in the amount of \$100,000 for the 2025 Capital Outlay Project.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION FOR MAY 2025 BALLOT: Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to place a proposition on the May 20, 2025 ballot for voters to approve the purchase of one 72-passenger school bus at an estimated cost not to exceed \$174,000.00 funds to be expended from the Transportation Reserve Fund.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE TOWN LIBRARIES PROPOSITION FOR MAY 2025 BALLOT: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to place a proposition on the May 20, 2025 ballot for voters to approve a tax levy increase for Angelica and Belmont Town Libraries, such proposition shall be worded as follows: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to, and will, levy and collect taxes in the District in the fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amounts, respectively, of \$57,000 for the Angelica Free Library and \$59,364 for the Belmont Free Library to provide public library services, and pay over such funds to the Board of Trustees of each library, respectively.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - 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: **#1240** Ex Officio Student Board Member(s); **#3421** Title IX and Sex Discrimination; **#7554** Equal Educational Opportunities; **#7555** Educational Services for Married/Pregnant Students
2. Adopt the **2025-26 School Year Calendar**, as presented
3. Approve the **CSE/CPSE Recommendations** dated March 5, 2025, as submitted
4. Approve the following substitutes: **Joelle Cole** as a substitute teacher aide, etc., pending fingerprint clearance

5. Approve **Duane Powers** and **Jennifer Turybury** as volunteers with the Varsity Softball team under the supervision of Brooke Bradt, and **Josh Crego** as a volunteer with the Modified Baseball team under the supervision of Joe Demick
6. Approve the following Spring Sports workers for the 2024-25 school year:
 - ~ Varsity Baseball Bookkeeper – **Brandy Hutchison**
 - ~ Varsity Baseball Pitch Counter/Scoreboard Operator – **Pam Winterhalter**
 - ~ JV Baseball Pitch Counter/Scoreboard Operator – **Kelli Zenoski**
 - ~ Modified Baseball Bookkeeper – **Candie Mitchell**
 - ~ Varsity Softball Bookkeeper – **Jennifer Turybury**
 - ~ JV Softball Bookkeeper – **Sarah Miller**
 - ~ Modified Softball Bookkeeper – **Josie Preston**
 - ~ Varsity Track Scorekeeper – **Brock Mapes**
 - ~ Substitute Baseball & Softball Scorekeeper – **Linda Warner**
7. Approve overnight trip request from Carolyn Wright for the **Future Farmers of America (FFA) Club** to attend SUNY Cobleskill on March 27-28, 2025. Students will tour the campus and complete in contests to showcase knowledge of AG Mechanics, Meat Evaluation & Milk Quality.
8. Approve **School Psychology Pre-Doctoral Internship Agreement** between Genesee Valley Central School District and Kelsey Matuszak beginning July 1, 2025, and end on June 30, 2026. The rate of pay shall be an educational stipend of \$20,000 payable to Kelsey Matuszak to defray educational expenses.

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

AMEND MOTION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School amends the motion made at the May 17, 2022 Board of Education meeting as follows: ***Changing Carolyn Wright's appointed position name from Technology Teacher to Agricultural/Technology Teacher.***

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

APPOINT 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR ADVISOR & SPRING COACH: 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 the following Advisor & Spring Coach for the 2024-25 school year, pay as per GVEA contract:

Advisor:

Elementary Choir ~ **Caleb Durant**

Spring Coach:

Assistant Varsity Golf Coach ~ **Caleb Caiazza**

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

APPOINT EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM WORKER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints **Keirsten Cartwright**, as a Program Aide with the Extended School Day Program for 2024-25 school year, pay shall be \$15.50 per hour.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 1 (James Cartwright) Motion carried.

APPOINT ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints ***Sarah Taylor***, pending receipt of a New York State School Building Leader Certificate, to a full-time position of Elementary Principal, in the School Building Leader tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence July 1, 2025 and conclude on June 30, 2029. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on ***Sarah*** receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of the 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. The base salary for the first year of appointment shall be \$94,000 for the 2025-26 school year, benefits in accordance with the GVAA contract. (*Replaces Brian Edmister*).

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

APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School authorizes the Superintendent to enter into agreement, as submitted, for sharing the services of the Supervisor of Transportation to Belfast CSD. Presently, the said Supervisor is, and is intended to be, ***William Weaver***. The term of this Agreement shall be February 26, 2025 through June 30, 2025, unless otherwise extended by the Parties. Either Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' notice to the other Party, in which case the payment described in Agreement shall be prorated to the nearest full week.

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

APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH GVEA FOR EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT: 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 approves the Memorandum of Agreement with GVEA for educational reimbursement for ***Holly LaBenne*** for gaining certification in Building Leadership, as submitted. This Agreement terminates on June 30, 2030, or such time that both parties mutually agree.

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

APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH CSEA FOR EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT: 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 approves the Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA for educational reimbursement for ***Keirsten Cartwright*** to take coursework to achieve certification, as submitted. This Agreement terminates no later than June 30, 2030, or sooner should the parties mutually agree.

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

APPROVE CLERK OF THE WORKS AGREEMENT: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Clerk of the Works Agreement dated March 11, 2025, as submitted, with ***Christopher Graham*** as Clerk of the Works for the NYSERDA Clean Green Initiative. Pay shall be \$72,000, effective upon voter approval and will continue until completion of the project, or unless terminated earlier pursuant to Section 4 hereof.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 1 (Tim Hand) Motion carried.

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 ***Sarah Taylor*** as Director of Special Education, effective June 30, 2025, contingent upon the appointment of the position of Elementary Principal at Genesee Valley Central School.

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 4:15 p.m. – Budget, Personnel & Negotiations Committee Mtg.
- Tuesday, April, 8, 2025 – Agenda draft will be sent electronically
- Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – Safety & Security Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. – Budget Work Session
- Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. – Policy Review Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting (Adopt GVCS & BOCES Budgets)

Informational/Discussion:

- BOCES Annual Budget handout

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 6:39 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk