

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 Vencl and Kevin Cousin

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

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

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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

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 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.

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.

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:**
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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.
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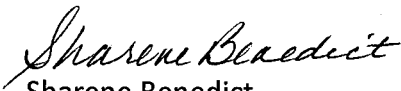
Varsity Softball	Morgan Kidd	\$3,878	\$50	\$3,928
JV Softball	Kristin Burley	\$3,324	\$250	\$3,574
Modified A Softball	Stephanie Ellerstein	\$2,493	\$50	\$2,543

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