

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING & BUDGET WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 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 5:29 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 & James Cartwright

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

Staff Members: Holly Burger, Elizabeth Wonderling, Mandy Tawil, Sabrina Wesche, Erin Graham, Marie Dougherty, Mackenzie Edmister, Katy Shaw, Nichole Bagley, Shawna Shultz, Donna Faller, Brandy Hutchison, Nanette Vossler, Kara Capozza (all left at 6:09 p.m.), Chris Graham, Donna Slawson, Kim Marciano

Guests: Alhadj Diallo (in at 5:33 p.m. and left at 6:09 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons to Address the Board:

- No scheduled persons to address the Board

Presentations to the Board:

- No presentations scheduled

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Max Gilluly, 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 March 11, 2025, as submitted.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report by Ms. Ostrander: The budget will be discussed later during the budget work session

APPROVE COOPERATIVE NATURAL GAS BID: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following resolution:

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

Cooperative Natural Gas Bid WFL 2026-19
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WHEREAS, The Board of Education, **Genesee Valley 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 supply of natural gas. **And...**

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, **Genesee Valley 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, **Genesee Valley 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, **Genesee Valley School District** of New York State and making recommendations thereon...

THEREFORE...

BE IT RESOLVED, That The Board of Education, **Genesee Valley 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 **Genesee Valley 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 **Genesee Valley 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 Education President** on behalf of the Board of Education, **Genesee Valley 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 supply of natural gas 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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the consent agenda items as follows:

1. Approve Second Reading/Approval 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. Approve overnight trip request from Alyssa Heitman, as one of the Archery Club Advisors, for the **Archery Club** to attend the National Archery Competition in Louisville, Kentucky on May 7-9, 2025
3. Approve **Gavin Hand** as a volunteer with the JV Softball Team under the supervision of Brian Gamache
4. Approve overnight trip request from Amber Edmund, as Middle School Student Council Advisor, for the **7th & 8th Graders** to travel to Boston, MA on May 28-30, 2025
5. Approve the following **Bookkeeper/Track Timer/Pitch Counter** for the 2024-25 school year:
 - ~ Maike Zillgitt as a Timer for the Track Team
 - ~ Connor Ordway as a Bookkeeper for the Modified Softball Team
 - ~ Erin White as a Bookkeeper for the JV Baseball Team
 - ~ Alyssa Heitman as a Pitch Counter for the Modified Baseball Team
6. Approve the following Substitutes for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year:
 - a) **Custodial/Cleaner Substitutes**, pending fingerprint clearance:
 - ~ Jacqueline Ayers from Angelica
 - ~ Mary Stone from Wellsville
 - ~ Brian Fanton from Belmont
 - b) **Teacher Aide Substitute (returning)**, fingerprint clearance on file:
 - ~ Kennedy Norasethaporn from Angelica
7. Approve **Amber Edmund** as a Substitute After School Monitor for the 2024-25 school year
8. Approve **Caroline Mapes** as a Cooking Club Facilitator with the Extended School Day Program for the 2024-25 school year, pay is \$20/hour

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 James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to amend the motion made at the March 11, 2025 Board meeting as follows: **Amends Brian Edmister, II retirement effective date from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025.**

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Brandi Sheehy** as Long-Term Teacher Aide, effective April 11, 2025.

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 4:30 p.m. – Policy Review Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – Adopt GV & BOCES Budgets
- Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – Public Budget Hearing & Regular Board of Education Meeting
- Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – District Election at the Grange in Angelica, and Genesee Valley Central School in Belmont
- Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 8:30pm – Board Meeting (Accept Vote Results)

Informational / Discussion:

- Regarding School Election - voter lists were received from the Board of Elections today and they mentioned their office has a new system. Unfortunately, the new system doesn't separate the voter list by Angelica voting district & Belmont voting district. This will make it much harder to determine which voting site for people to vote at. It was mentioned it would be easier to have one voting site instead of two. This topic will be discussed later on for next year.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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

WORK SESSION was called to order at 5:41 p.m. by Heath Gordon, President presiding:

- 2025-26 Budget Presentation by Erin Ostrander followed by Q & A
- The Special Education staff attended meeting to present their thoughts and concerns regarding choosing a new Director of Special Education

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School suspends the work session order of business at 6:10 p.m. to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel discussion.

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

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RESUME WORK SESSION: Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School resumes the work session at 7:17 p.m.

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

ADJOURN WORK SESSION: Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by Max Gilluly – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the work session at 7:17 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk