

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING &
ADOPT GVCS AND BOCES BUDGETS
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 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 5:31 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: Donna Slawson, Kim Marciano, Chelsea Dunham, Carolyn Wright, Julia Wesche, Nichole Bagley, Mackenzie Edmister, Caroline Mapes, Holly Burger, Holly LaBenne, Deb Auman

Guests: Zachary Smith

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons to Address the Board:

- GVEA Presidents – spoke with concerns over the budget, program and staff cuts
- Julia Wesche & Chelsea Dunham – spoke with concerns over replacing math interventionists

Presentations to the Board:

- No presentations scheduled

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 Special Meeting (Executive Session only) April 3, 2025, and Regular Meeting & Budget Work Session April 8, 2025, as submitted.

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

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS: Printed copies available for the public

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: Max Gilluly and Tim Hand reported information from the last Athletic Committee meeting with Belfast regarding not merging all sports. Brian Fanton attended the previous board meeting and brought forward his and other people's concerns regarding merging all the basketball teams with Belfast if a large number of students signed up to play. After the Athletic Committee meeting, the committee decided to continue as we are now and merge all sports with Belfast. It would be hard to have the students play on one team one year, then play against each other another year.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Treasurer's Reports as submitted: Extra-Curricular Activity 3/1-3/31/2025; Payroll Account 3/1-3/31/-2025; Agency Account 3/1-3/31/2025; General Fund – Community Bank, N.A. 3/1-3/31/2025; School Lunch Fund 3/1-3/31/2025; Scholarship Fund 3/1-3/31/2025; Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 3/1-3/31/2025; Capital Fund 3/1-3/31/2025; Special Aid Account 3/1-3/31/2025

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

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Tim Hand - 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: Federal Fund #9, School Lunch Fund #9, Capital Fund (HADD) #8, General Fund #9

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

APPROVE REVENUE STATUS AND APPROPRIATION STATUS DETAIL REPORTS:

Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Revenue Status and Appropriation Status Detail Reports dated 7/1/2024 – 3/31/2025 as submitted.

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

ADOPT 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET: Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adopts the 2025-2026 school-year budget in the amount of \$20,667,582 as presented.

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

APPROVE PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Property Tax Report Card for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

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

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the consent agenda items as follows:

1. Appoint the following *County Vote Inspectors* for the May 20, 2025, Annual School Budget vote, pay shall be \$15.65 per hour. *Angelica Site:* 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Jeaneane Finnemore & Marilyn Warner; and 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – David Fleming & Bob Drosendahl. *Belmont Site:* 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Suzanne Thomas & Mary Presutti; and 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Joyce Bledsoe & Dirk Knapp.
2. Approve to *change the 2024-25 school year calendar* to close school on Friday, May 23, 2025, due to excess snow days.
3. Set the *last day of school for student attendance* for the 2024-25 school year as follows: For Grades 7-12 the last full day of attendance will be June 16, 2025. The last full day for PK-6 will be June 23, 2025, and 1:00 p.m. dismissal on June 24 & 25, 2025.
4. Approve the *CSE/CPSE Recommendations* dated April 11, 2025, as submitted.

5. Approve the following **transportation request** to Parker-Jordan Christian Academy (a non-public school) for the 2025-26 school year: Bradlee Allen, Jezaree Allen, Lincola Voccolla, and McKinley Voccolla.
6. Approve overnight trip request from Carolyn Wright for the **Future Farmers of America (FFA) Club** to attend Syracuse State Fair Grounds on May 7-9, 2025. Students will compete in state level career development events, attend workshops, network with professionals and other FFA members across New York State.

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

APPROVE BOCES 2025-26 BUDGET: Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adopts the 2025-26 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

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

CAST VOTE FOR BOCES BOARD MEMBERS: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School casts the following vote for the BOCES Board of Education Member:

YOU MAY CAST ONE VOTE FOR EACH VACANCY:

Area 1: Vacancy (1- year term)

Brian Perkins	_____X_____
24 Rochambeau Avenue	
Andover, NY 14806	

Area 3: Vacancy (3-year term)

Dr. Ralph Kerr	_____X_____
7766 Centerville Road	
Fillmore, NY 14735	

Area 7: Vacancy (3-year term)

Charles Davis, III	_____X_____
5635 Ashford Hollow Road	
West Valley, NY 14171	

Area 8: Vacancy (3-year term)

Dale Colton	_____X_____
8402 West Bucktooth Run	
Little Valley, NY 14755	

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

GRANT TENURE: 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 hereby grants tenure to **Kayla Marsh** in the English Language Arts tenure area effective July 1, 2025. Kayla is professionally certified in the English Language Arts 7-12 certification area.

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

GRANT TENURE: 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 hereby grants tenure to **Holly LaBenne** in the Elementary tenure area effective July 1, 2025. Holly is permanently certified in the Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6, and Reading certification area.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

GRANT TENURE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby grants tenure to **Brian Edmister, III** in the Special Education tenure area effective July 1, 2025. Brian is initially certified in the Students with Disabilities (all grades) certification area.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT 7-12 MATH TEACHER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints **Zachery Smith**, who holds a professional New York State teaching certificate in Mathematics certification area, to the position of 7-12 Math Teacher in the Mathematics tenure area, for a probationary period of three (3) years (Zachery received tenure at his previous school), to commence August 25, 2025 and conclude June 30, 2028. This appointment includes Professional Development work during the summer of 2025. The base salary for the 2025-26 school year shall be Step 13, \$61,012, plus 25 sick days, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract. (*Replaces Rollie Duttweiler*)
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 4:30 p.m. – Public Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, May 20, 2025, Noon – 8:00 p.m. – District Election/Accept Vote Results
- Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Informational / Discussion:

- 2025-26 Board of Education Meeting Schedule draft
- Set date for Reorganizational Meeting / Retreat (between July 1-15)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 6:04 p.m.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk