REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stockbridge Valley Central School
Tuesday, July 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by District Clerk, Pamela Dymes

Meeting Called to Order

Herb Bingel, Daniel Gilbert, Kristin Guinto, Carol Marshall, Jaime Renner, Jonathan Strain

Members Present

*Note: Board Member Elect Nicole Szczepanski submitted a letter of resignation on June 27, 2025.

None

Members Absent

Corey Graves, Superintendent; Beth Lamb, Business Administrator; Lisa Hopkins, High School Principal, Pamela Dymes, District Clerk; Nicole LaFave, Administrative Intern

Also Present

The Oath of Office was given to Daniel Gilbert.

Pamela Dymes indicated that the first order of business was to elect the President of the Board of Education.

Election of School Board Officers

Jonathan Strain was nominated for the office of President by K. Guinto. Jonathan Strain was elected President of the Board of Education for the 2025-26 school year by simple majority vote.

President

The Oath of Office was given to Jonathan Strain

Board President Oath of Office

Kristin Guinto was nominated for the office of Vice President by J. Renner. Kristin Guinto was elected Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2025-26 school year by simple majority vote.

Vice President

The Oath of Office was given to Kristin Guinto.

Board Vice President Oath of Office

Appointment of District Officials and Official Agencies

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Pamela Dymes as District Clerk for the 2025-26 school year and established the "standard work day" at 7.5 hours/day per NYSLRS Regulation 315.4. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

District Clerk

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Kelly Johnson as Treasurer for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Treasurer

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Michelle Hillenbrand as Tax Collector for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Tax Collector

Internal Claims

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Diane Mordus as Internal Claims Auditor for the 2025-26 school year and established the "standard work day" at 7.5 hours/day per NYSLRS Regulation 315.4. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Deputy Internal Claims Auditor

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Nicole LaFave as Deputy Internal Claims Auditor for the 2025-26 school year and established the "standard work day" at 7.5 hours/day per NYSLRS Regulation 315.4. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Director of Transportation

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Beth Lamb as Director of Transportation for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Bonding of Officials

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board authorized official undertakings as defined by Section 2130 of the Education Law in the form of a Public Employee's Blanket Honest Bond for Crime Coverage as specifically designated for the following positions for the 2025-26 school year:

Treasurer	$1,000,000.
Tax Collector and Central Treasurer	$1,000,000.
Internal Claims Auditor	$1,000,000.
Business Administrator	$500,000.
Bank Courier	$500,000.

There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Physician Services

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed the Family Health Center of Community Memorial Hospital to provide Physician Services for medical services as needed for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

School Attorneys

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the the Board appointed the law firm of Ferrara Fiorenza PC as special School District Council for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Bonding Attorneys

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed the law firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, as Bonding Attorneys for issuing bonds or bans on buses and other future borrowing for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

School Auditor

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed the accounting firm of Cwynar & Company, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, as the independent auditors, to conduct the annual audit of federal funds and the audit of the extra classroom activity funds for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Central Treasurer/ Controller of Extracurricular Activity Funds

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Michelle Hillenbrand as Central Treasurer and Beth Lamb as the Controller of the Extra Curricular Activity Funds accounts and check signors for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

School Purchasing Agent

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Beth Lamb as the School District Purchasing Agent and authorized the use of the following credit cards: Chase Business Credit, Lowe's, Tractor Supply Co., Walmart, Sunoco and Exxon/Mobil for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Asbestos Contact Person

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Jason Walters as the Asbestos Contact Person for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Chemical Hygiene Officer

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Shelia Bartlett as the Chemical Hygiene Officer for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Pesticide Representative

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Beth Lamb as the Pesticide Representative for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Dignity for All Students Compliance Officer & Alternate

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed the Elementary Principal as the Dignity for All Students Compliance Officer for Elementary School, High School Principal as the Alternate; High School Principal as the Dignity for All Students Compliance Officer for the High School, Elementary Principal as the Alternate, for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Title IX Coordinator

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Corey Graves or the Interim Superintendent as the District Title IX Coordinator. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Compliance Coordinator (Sexual Harassment Officer)

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Corey Graves or the Interim Superintendent as the Compliance Coordinator for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Representative for Healthcare Consortium

On a motion by K. Guinto and seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Beth Lamb as the representative and Corey Graves or the Interim Superintendent as the alternate for the Madison-Oneida-Herkimer Schools Healthcare Consortium for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Representative for Workers' Comp. Board

On a motion by K. Guinto and seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Beth Lamb as the representative and Kelly Johnson as the alternate for the Madison-Oneida-Herkimer Schools Workers' Compensation Board for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Records Management Officer

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Kelly Johnson as the Records Management Officer for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Records Access Officer

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed Beth Lamb as the Records Access Officer for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Official Depository

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board appointed JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. Division, Oneida, New York, NBT Bank, Community Bank and/or MBIA (class) as official depositories for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Official Newspapers

On a motion made by K. Guinto, seconded by J. Renner, the Board designated the Oneida Daily Dispatch and the Syracuse Post Standard as the District's official newspapers for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Authorization for Superintendent of Schools and District Clerk

Special Project Authorization

On a motion made by H. Bingel, seconded by D. Gilbert, the Board authorized the Superintendent or Interim Superintendent of Schools or their designated representative to sign and submit all applications for approval for federal funds or any special grants, which may be available to the school district for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Conferences and Out of District Travel

On a motion made by H. Bingel, seconded by D. Gilbert, the Board authorized the Superintendent or Interim Superintendent of Schools to approve in advance all expenditures for out-of-district travel and attendance at state conferences and meetings for which funds have been appropriated in the budget for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Resolution to Amend the Tax Roll

On a motion made by H. Bingel, seconded by D. Gilbert, the Board of Education authorized the School District Clerk, with the approval of the Superintendent or Interim Superintendent of Schools, to make the required adjustments in the tax roll when the clerk has received the appropriate affidavits from the assessors indicating an incorrect assessment and when they have received the appropriate notice from the Madison County Tax Director confirming the incorrect assessments; and

the School District Clerk upon receiving the appropriate papers is then authorized to direct the school tax collector to amend the tax roll and refund erroneous tax collected or change the amount due; and

the School District Clerk will be required to inform the Board of Education of any adjustments made through the informational section of the Board's monthly agenda for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Payroll Certification Officer

On a motion made by H. Bingel, seconded by D. Gilbert, the Board of Education authorized the Superintendent or Interim Superintendent of Schools to certify payrolls for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Authorization of Budget Transfers

On a motion made by H. Bingel, seconded by D. Gilbert, the Board of Education authorized the Superintendent or Interim Superintendent of Schools, to make intra-fund budgetary transfers for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Membership of District in Organizations and Designation of Representatives

Rural Schools Program

On a motion by K. Guinto, seconded by C. Marshall, the Board approved membership in the Rural Schools Program for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Rural Schools Delegate/Alternate

C. Marshall volunteered as a delegate and K. Guinto volunteered as an alternate for the Rural Schools Program for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

School Board Institute

On a motion by J. Renner, seconded by H. Bingel, the Board approved membership in the Oneida-Madison-Herkimer School Board Institute for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

SBI Delegate/ Alternate

K. Guinto volunteered as a delegate and J. Strain volunteered as an alternate for the Oneida-Madison-Herkimer School Board Institute for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

NYSSBA

On a motion by H. Bingel, seconded by C. Marshall, the Board approved membership in the New York State School Boards Association for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

NYSBBA Advocate

J. Renner volunteered as the Legislative Advocate for the New York State School Boards Association for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Compliance with Laws and Regulations and Re-adoption of District Policies

Federal Laws and Regulations of the Department of Education

On a motion made by C. Marshall, seconded by H. Bingel, the Board pledged its commitment to comply with all applicable laws and regulations as follows:

> "The Board of Education of the Stockbridge Valley Central School District states its commitment to comply with Federal Laws and Regulations of the Department of Education."

There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

School District Policies

On a motion made by C. Marshall, seconded by H. Bingel, the Board pledged its commitment to comply with all applicable laws and regulations as follows:

"The Board of Education of the Stockbridge Valley Central School District readopts all school district policies in effect during the 2024-2025 school year; such policies to remain in effect throughout the 2025-2026 school year." There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Petty Cash Fund

On a motion made by H. Bingel seconded by K. Guinto, the Board of Education authorizes the establishment of a petty cash fund for the following areas and in the stated amounts:

Superintendent's Office	$100.
Extra-Curricular Activities	$100.
School Lunch	$ 25.

There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Membership Committee on Special Education and Pre-School Special Education

On a motion made by H. Bingel, seconded by K. Guinto, the Board approved the following membership for the Committee on Special Education and Pre-School Special Education for the 2025-26 school year:

Julie Suber	Director of Special Education
TBD	School Psychologist/CSE/CPSE Chairperson
Nicole Kern	Parent Member
Rachel Peck	Special Education Teacher
Kim Basford-Koe	Special Education Teacher
Brittney Woods	Special Education Teacher
Dr. Keri Taylor	School Physician
Julianna Lillibridge	Principal Clerk
Shelly DeGroat	Special Education Coordinator Madison Co.
Barbara Pellegrino	Special Education Coordinator Oneida Co.

There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Authorization for STAC-1 Forms

On a motion by H. Bingel, seconded by K. Guinto, the Board authorized the CSE Chairperson to sign STAC-1 Forms for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Election Inspectors

On a motion by H. Bingel, seconded by K. Guinto, the Board approved the following Election Inspectors for the 2025-26 school year:

Pamela Dymes	Chairperson
Carolyn Hall	Chief Election Inspector
Marlene Boronow	Election Inspector
Joanne Shea	Election Inspector
Gail Strain	Election Inspector

There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Tax Reimbursement on Meals

On a motion by H. Bingel and seconded by K. Guinto, the Board approved a resolution for sales tax reimbursement to employees on meals incurred while performing school duties during the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

BOE Representation on District Committees

Budget & Finance Committee

K. Guinto, J. Strain and J. Renner volunteered to represent the Board on the SVCS Budget and Finance Committee for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Audit Committee

K. Guinto, J. Strain and J. Renner volunteered to represent the Board on the SVCS Audit Committee for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Foundation

K. Guinto volunteered to represent the Board on the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation Committee for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Facilities Committee

H. Bingel and J. Strain volunteered to represent the Board on the SVCS Long Range Facilities Committee for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

SVCS Policy Committee

H. Bingel, D. Gilbert and C. Marshall volunteered to represent the Board on the SVCS Policy Committee for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

SVCS Safety Committee

J. Strain and J. Renner volunteered to represent the Board on the SVCS Safety Committee for the 2025-26 school year. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Recess

On a motion by C. Marshall, seconded by H. Bingel, the meeting went into recess at 6:45 p.m. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pamela Dymes
District Clerk