

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING & WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.
MEDIA LAB ROOM

The regular meeting was livestreamed on the school's website: www.genvalley.org

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 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. Paige Kinnaird, Superintendent; Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal, Sarah Taylor, PK-6 Principal, Paula Michells, Curriculum Coordinator/Dean of Students, Erin Ostrander, Business Official/Deputy District Clerk, Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

Staff Members: Jeff Robbins, from HUNT (left at 6:13pm)

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Persons to Address the Board:

- No person(s) to address the board

Presentations to the Board:

- School Board Recognition Week is October 13-17, 2025. Dr. Kinnaird thanked our board members for all their time and dedication to our school. As a thank you, they were each given a gift from Dr. Kinnaird, and everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by our cafeteria staff.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Board of Education minutes of the regular meeting dated September 9, 2025, as submitted. VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA REPORTS:

- ~ **Paula Roberts** presented on IXL, APPR and Assessment Data.
- ~ **Sarah Taylor** reported on things going on in the Elementary School: Fire Truck visit for Fire Safety Week, RTI Meetings, Food Trucks, Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat by PTO, PBIS Assembly, Spirit Week, Parent-Teacher Conferences/Report Cards
- ~ **Sara Donlon** reported on activities in the Middle School/High School: Homecoming Weekend/ Dance held at Belfast School, 7th Grade Mock Debate, Annual trial of Louis XIV in Global, FFA released the Pheasants, Drama Club went to New York City, GV is hosting Junior High Area All State Music Festival, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Veterans Recognition Concert, Winter Sports starting soon

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ~ ***The Athletic Committee (GV only)*** - recently met to discuss a few things before meeting with Belfast on October 23rd at Belfast
- ~ ***Budget, Personnel & Negotiations Committee*** – reviewed the budget calendar, budget meetings schedule, GVEA contract to prepare for negotiations
- ~ ***Michelle Kelley*** attended the Allegany-Cattaraugus County School Board meeting. One of the topics was the new mandated cell phone policy and how discipline has decreased dramatically. Michelle mentioned the next World Schools Conference will be at Holiday Valley. The NYSSBA recently held their annual meeting regarding proposed resolutions.
- ~ ***Dr. Kinnaird*** and ***Heath Gordon*** recently went to CA BOCES in Olean for a meeting with the Commissioner of Education, the Deputy Commissioner of Education and Chief of Staff

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report by Ms. Ostrander: The Budget Calendar will be shared at the work session tonight. Please provide any suggestions or changes as we plan to adopt it at the November 18th Board of Education meeting.

APPROVE TREASURER'S 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 Treasurer's Reports as submitted: Payroll Account 8/1-8/31/2025 & 9/1/-9/30/2025; Agency Account 8/1-8/31/2025 & 9/1-9/30/2025; School Lunch Fund 9/1-9/30/25; Scholarship Fund 9/1-9/30/2025; Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 9/1-9/30/2025; Capital Fund 9/1-9/30/2025; Special Aid Account 9/1-9/30/2025;

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

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Accounts Payable Reports as submitted: ***August Warrant Reports*** dated September 4, 2025 ~ General Fund #2, Federal Fund #2, School Lunch Fund #2; and ***September Warrant Reports*** dated October 1, 2025 ~ General Fund #3, School Lunch Fund #3, Capital Fund (HADD) #3

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

APPROVE BOCES RENTAL AGREEMENT: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the BOCES Lease Agreement for Distance Learning Classroom Space for the period of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

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

APPROVE SINGLE POLLING LOCATION FOR ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS: Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Genesee Valley Central School District recognizes the need to streamline the voting process for the benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, Section 2017 of the New York State Education Law permits the establishment of multiple polling places within school district boundaries, or maintain a single polling location, to facilitate school elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously resolved to divide the District into election districts but such election districts have resulted in confusion among voters and inefficiencies in the voting process;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves to revert its current election districts into a single polling location for all future elections, specifically located at the Pool Vestibule at Genesee Valley Central School, 1 Jaguar Drive, Belmont, New York to ensure voter accessibility and ease of operations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and District Clerk are hereby authorized to undertake all actions necessary to implement the intent and operation of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 1, Abs. 0 (Heath Gordon) Motion carried.

APPROVE SEQRA RESOLUTION FOR 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:
Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Genesee Valley Central School District (the “District”) and its Board of Education (the “Board”) propose to undertake the 2025 Capital Improvements Project which includes mechanical / HVAC and related electrical upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the District and its Board, as the lead agency, have undertaken an environmental review of this Unlisted action in accordance with State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) regulations, and duly considered the proposed project, the SEQRA Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria for determining whether the action will have a significant adverse impact on the environment as set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c) of the SEQRA regulations, and such other information deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the District/Board identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, took a hard look at these areas, and made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that:

1. The District/Board is the lead agency under SEQRA to review this Unlisted action, and the 2025 Capital Improvements Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment.

2. The attached Negative Declaration, incorporated herein by reference, is issued and adopted for the reasons stated in the attached Negative Declaration, and Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the Environmental Assessment Form are also incorporated herein by reference.

3. The Superintendent of the District is authorized to sign and file or have filed on behalf of the District/Board all documents necessary to comply with SEQRA.

4. This resolution is effective immediately.

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

APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION AS TO SPECIAL MEETING AND VOTE

**GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK**

October 14, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”), as follows:

Section 1. That the provisions of this resolution shall be effective regardless of anything to the contrary in the policies of this Board, or the previous minutes of this Board, or otherwise.

Section 2. That the Board wishes to propose a capital improvements project involving the partial reconstruction, renovation and the construction of improvements and upgrades to the District’s Main School building and the sites thereof, all as described in greater detail in Proposition No. 1 in the legal notice set forth below (collectively, the “Project”) and, as part of that process, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for the Project, which is an Unlisted action under SEQRA, a thorough review of the Project’s potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that the Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and a written, reasoned elaboration of the SEQRA determination of significance has been provided in a Negative Declaration.

Section 3. That a special meeting and vote of the qualified voters of the District (the “Special Meeting and Vote”) will be held in the pool vestibule of the Genesee Valley Central School building located at 1 Jaguar Drive, Belmont, New York, on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 12:00 noon, prevailing time, for the purpose of voting upon the proposition hereinafter set forth.

Section 4. That the notice of the Special Meeting and Vote, including the proposition to be voted upon, shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND VOTE

**GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK**

The Board of Education of the Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”) HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a special meeting and vote of the qualified voters of the District (the “Special Meeting and Vote”) will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 in the pool vestibule of the Genesee Valley Central School building located at 1 Jaguar Drive, Belmont, New York, at 12:00 noon, prevailing time, for the purpose of voting by paper ballots upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, on that day. This assumes that the polling place is open and can be safely accessed in accordance with the terms of any prevailing law(s), executive order(s) or

other directive(s) from controlling authorities that may be in effect on that day. If on December 9 the polling place cannot be so accessed, or if the polling place is closed on that day due to inclement weather (or for any other reason), it is the present intention of the District that the Special Meeting and Vote will be held on the day on which the polling place is next open and may be safely accessed, with the voting hours remaining the same. In such a situation, voters are asked to please consult the District's website for guidance on the timing of, and procedures for holding, the re-scheduled Special Meeting and Vote.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Shall the following resolutions be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a proposed "2025 Capital Improvements Project" (the "Project") consisting of the partial reconstruction, renovation and the construction of improvements and upgrades to the District's Main School building and the sites thereof, at an estimated maximum cost of \$15,572,918, to implement various health, safety, accessibility and Code compliance measures that are required by the State Education Department in connection with any significant capital improvements project and various other measures, including but not limited to, energy efficiency improvements that are generally described in (but are not to be limited by) the written plan for the Project that was prepared by the District with the assistance of Hunt Engineers, Architects and Surveyors (the "Project Plan"), which is available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk, with such work being anticipated to include, without limitation and to the extent as and where required, the particular elements that are described generally below. Proposed HVAC equipment improvements are anticipated to include the installation of new unit ventilators and variable refrigerant flow ("VRF") units in classrooms and installation of ceiling cassettes in corridors for heating and cooling to replace existing unit ventilators, installation of heat pumps and heat wheels to replace rooftop air conditioners, and various upgraded air handler units and controls. Associated renovations are anticipated to include structural design work to support new HVAC equipment, architectural work to support installation of VRF units, chases, ceilings, casework and associated roof modifications to support new roof-mounted equipment. Electric power upgrades to support the HVAC upgrades are anticipated to include items such as transformers, panels, and utility lines with limited site work trenching. It is noted that, to support this project, some work such as infiltration sealing, lighting retrofit and replacement, and control sequence changes for existing HVAC equipment is anticipated to be undertaken in association with the existing Energy Performance Contract. If the budget allows, or if other items are identified, additional similar renovations, upgrades and site work improvements could be undertaken. All of such work (or so much thereof as can be accomplished within the overall budget for the Project) is to be undertaken at an estimated maximum cost of \$15,572,918, and will include the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such buildings, facilities and sites are used, and all ancillary or related work required in connection therewith, and the Board is authorized to expend therefor, including for preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$15,572,918, provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project (as generally described in the Project Plan) may be reallocated among such components, or such components may be deleted, revised or supplemented if (1) the Board shall determine that such reallocation, deletion, revision or supplementation is in the best interests of the District and (2) the aggregate amount to be expended for the Project shall not exceed

\$15,572,918 and (3) no material change shall be made in the overall scope and nature of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board is hereby authorized to expend or apply toward the Project \$175,000 from utility rebates and \$1,426,251 from a NYSERDA grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a tax is hereby voted to finance the estimated maximum cost of the Project in an amount not to exceed \$15,572,918, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District including, without limitation, serial bonds, statutory installment bonds, bond anticipation notes and/or lease/purchase obligations, or any combination thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$15,572,918, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that New York State Building Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds shall, to the extent received, be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that such Proposition No. 1 shall appear on the ballot sheets to be utilized for voting in substantially the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

YES _____ NO _____

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that (a) the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to undertake a proposed 2025 Capital Improvements Project (the “Project”) consisting of the partial reconstruction, renovation and the construction of improvements and upgrades to the District’s Main School building and the sites thereof, to implement various health, safety, accessibility and Code compliance measures and various other measures that are included and generally described in (but are not to be limited by) the Project Plan that was referred to in the public notice of the vote on this Proposition, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$15,572,918; (b) the Board is hereby authorized to partially finance the Project by expending or applying \$175,000 from utility rebates and \$1,426,251 from a grant; (c) a tax is hereby voted in an amount not to exceed \$15,572,918 to finance the estimated maximum cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; (d) in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$15,572,918, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and (e) New York State Building Aid funds expected to be received by the District in connection with the Project are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for all of the anticipated work involved in the Project, which constitutes an Unlisted action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), a thorough review of the Project's potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that the Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and a reasoned elaboration of the SEQRA review and findings has been provided in a Negative Declaration.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application by not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 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 electronic mail.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., prevailing time, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the Special Meeting and Vote, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on the day before the Special Meeting and Vote, if the ballot is to be issued personally to the voter at the District Clerk's office. The list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., prevailing time, until the day set for voting, except for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. No absentee ballot will be canvassed unless it is received prior to 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on December 9, 2025, in the office of the District Clerk, 1 Jaguar Drive, Belmont, New York.

Dated: October 14, 2025
Belmont, New York

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK

By: _____
District Clerk

Section 5. That the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice to be given of such Special Meeting and Vote, in substantially the form hereinbefore prescribed, by publishing the same four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding the date of the Special Meeting and Vote, the first publication to be at least 45 days (but not more than 49 days) before the Special Meeting and Vote, in *The Hornell Evening Tribune*, being, upon information and belief, the only newspaper having general circulation in the District, and by giving such other notice as in the District Clerk's discretion may be deemed advisable.

Section 6. That the temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the purpose or purposes described in this resolution.

Section 7. That this resolution shall constitute the declaration (or reaffirmation) of the District's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized in this resolution with the proceeds of the bonds, notes or other obligations authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Section 8. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

****Jeff Robbins from Hunt gave an update/presentation on the Capital Improvement Project followed by Q & A.**

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Michelle Kelley, 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 **CSE/CPSE Recommendations**, dated October 9, 2025, as submitted.
2. Approve the following **Returning Substitutes** for the 2025-26 school year, pay as per Board policy: **Bus Drivers and Bus Monitors**, as submitted (this section of the original returning substitute list was cut off from the list that was approved at the August 19, 2025 Board of Education meeting); and **Raina Haight** as a substitute teacher aide, etc., fingerprint clearance on file
3. Approve **New Substitutes** for the 2025-26 school year, pay as per Board Policy: **Taylor Schmittendorf** as a substitute teacher aide, etc., pending fingerprint clearance; **Katri Adams** as a substitute teacher aide, etc., pending fingerprint clearance
4. Approve the following student Lifeguards for the 2025-26 school year, rate of pay shall be \$20/hour as a lifeguard: **Nolan Hunter, Graham Bradt, Addison Bradt**
5. Approve to **Excise** the batting shell, as submitted
6. Approve **Avery Grusendorf** as a volunteer with the JV Girls' Volleyball team under the supervision of Emma Petrichick
7. Approve the following Athletic Event workers: **Linda Warner, Heidi White**
8. Approve overnight trip request from Carolyn Wright ~ **FFA Club** (8th – 12th Graders) to travel to Camp Oswegatchie, Croghan, NY on October 17-19, 2025, as submitted
9. Approve overnight trip request from Donna Slawson ~ **Youth and Government** (7th & 8th Graders) to travel to Albany, NY on November 23-25, 2025, as submitted
10. Approve overnight trip request from Donna Slawson ~ **Youth and Government** (9th – 12th Graders) to travel to Albany, NY on March 20-22, 2025, as submitted
11. Approve **Faith Allard** from Jamestown Community College as an **intern** with Jamie Dahlgren
12. Accept **Donation of Dr. Dish Shooting Machine** from the Community of Champions (machine features submitted). **NOTE:** If GVCS decides to discontinue the use of the shooting machine or remove it from athletic programs, the shooting machine should be returned to the Community of Champions.
13. Approve the following students from Houghton University to do their **Practicum Placements** at Genesee Valley Central School ~ Julianna Bonnet and Carter Hall, under the supervision of Nanette Vossler; and Ryan Zirlli, under the supervision of Tracie Campbell.

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

APPOINT COACHES AND ADVISORS: 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 Coach and Advisor for the 2025-26 school year, pay as per GVEA contract:

Winter Coaches:

Girls Varsity Basketball ~ **Bill Horn**

Girls Modified Cheerleading ~ **Brittany Scholes & Darien Fanton (split pay)**

Advisors:

Drama Assistant Director ~ **Miranda Tawil**

Drama Set Assistant ~ **Ryan Helm**

Hunt/Trap Team Advisor ~ **Darren Bradt**

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 Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Shawna Shultz** as Drama Art Advisor, for the 2025-26 school year.

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Jennifer Hanchett** as teacher aide, effective October 1, 2025.

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

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE: 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 approves leave of absence request for **Erin Ostrander** from her position of Business Official, for the period of on or about December 15, 2025 until on or about February 23, 2026.

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

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE: 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 leave of absence request for **Julia (Wesche) Kelley** from her position of 5th Grade Teacher, for the period of on or about January 5, 2026 until on or about May 1, 2026.

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

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves leave of absence request for **Elizabeth Wonderling** from her position of 1st Grade Teacher, for the period of on or about January 12, 2026 until on or about July 6, 2026.

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

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves leave of absence request for **Cassidy Mountain** from her position of 7-12 Art Teacher, for the period of on or about February 2, 2026 until on or about March 16, 2026.

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

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves leave of absence request for **Emily Ring** from her position of Elementary Special Education Teacher, for the period of on or about February 23, 2026 until on or about August 24, 2026.

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

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves leave of absence request for **Tracie Campbell** from her position of High School Math Teacher, for the period of on or about March 9, 2026 until on or about June 26, 2026.

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

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves leave of absence request for **Sarah Taylor** from her position of Elementary Principal, for the period of on or about March 12, 2026 until on or about June 1, 2026.

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

CREATE AND APPOINT CPR INSTRUCTOR POSITION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby approves to create and appoint **Brian Edmister, II**, as CPR Instructor for the 2025-26 school year, pay shall be \$30/hour.

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

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 hereby approves to amend the motion made at the August 16, 2022 Board of Education meeting as follows: *Appoints **Cassidy Mountain**, to a long-term substitute position of Art Teacher effective August 29, 2022 in the Art tenure area. This appointment includes Professional Development work during the summer of 2022. The salary for the 2022-23 school year shall be Step 1, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract (replacing Rhiannon Babbitt). This is a non-probationary appointment for a term as necessary to meet District needs while the District recruits a certified teacher.*

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

APPOINT ART TEACHER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby appoints ***Cassidy Mountain***, as a certified art teacher, to a full-time probationary position of Art Teacher effective September 26, 2025 in the Art tenure area. There is a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence September 26, 2025 and conclude September 25, 2029. The salary for the 2025-26 school year shall be Step 3, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract.

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

APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH GVAA: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Genesee Valley Administrators' Association, as presented to the Board, providing terms and conditions for the assignment of ***Thomas Emrich*** to serve as the Committee on Special Education Chairperson. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to acknowledge the Memorandum of Agreement accordingly.

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

APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CABOCES: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby approves the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between Cattaraugus Allegany BOCES CTE Center of Belmont and the Genesee Valley Central School District, as presented to the Board, providing terms and conditions for ***use of facilities during an off-site evacuation of CA BOCES CTE Center of Belmont***. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to acknowledge the Memorandum of Understanding accordingly.

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

APPROVE INTERMUNICIPAL SERVICE AGREEMENT: 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 hereby approves the terms of the ***Intermunicipal Service Agreement*** between Genesee Valley Central School and Belfast Central School for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year effective September 3, 20205 and end June 30, 2026.

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

APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH GVEA: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby approves the terms of the ***Memorandum of Agreement*** between the District and the Genesee Valley Educators' Association, as presented to the Board, providing terms and conditions, to adjust the rate of pay for the Athletic Director for the 2025-26 school year, 10 summer work days beginning with the summer of 2026, payment for attendance at GVCS based home games and attendance capped at 25 games per season. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to acknowledge the Memorandum of Agreement accordingly.

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. – Athletic Committee Meeting at Belfast CSD
- Monday, October 20, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. – Policy Review Committee Meeting, District Conference Room
- Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. – Safety & Security Committee Meeting, District Conference Room
- Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. – Budget, Personnel & Negotiations Committee Meeting, District Conference Room
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. – Governing Committee Meeting, District Conference Room
- Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting
- Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. – Health & Wellness Committee Mtg.

Informational / Discussion:

- James Cartwright spoke on the Drama Club trip to New York City – the students had a great time, they learned a lot, everything went good and was well planned
- Dr. Kinnaird discussed the change in process for overnight trip request. Unless there is a question at the Governing Committee meeting regarding an upcoming field trip, students will be asked to share their experiences with the board after they return. If there are questions prior to approving a trip, students/advisors will be asked to come to a board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 6:26 p.m.

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

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**WORK SESSION** called to order at 6:56 p.m. by Heath Gordon, President presiding.

### **WORK SESSION AGENDA:**

- Board Goals
- Board of Education Superintendent Evaluation Review
- Budget Calendar
- Committee work
- For the Good of the order

***\*\*James Cartwright left at 7:40 p.m.***

**ADJOURNMENT:** 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 7:51 p.m.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter  
District Clerk