

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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 5:32 p.m. by Heath Gordon, President presiding.

Roll Call was taken by District Clerk:

Members Present: Heath Gordon, President, Max Gilluly, Vice-President, Michelle Kelley, Jamie Willson, Shawn Grusendorf, James Cartwright

Members Absent: Timothy Hand, Rylee Ordway (student rep.)

District Personnel: Dr. Paige Kinnaird, Superintendent, Erin Ostrander, Business Official, Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal, Sarah Taylor, PK3-6 Principal, Paula Roberts, Curriculum Coordinator/ Dean of Students, Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

Staff Members: Nathan Slawson, Donna Slawson, Donna Faller, Erin Graham, Mackenzie Edmister, Rita George, Kristin Fuller, Keirsten Cartwright, Carolyn Wright

Guests: Addison Middaugh, Sarah Dorrett, Ada Griffin, Faith White, Mason Fanton, Cayleigh Shipman, Enasjah Koontz, Ash Bauer (all left at 6:01 p.m.)
Tara Cartwright, Jacey Davis, Meara Kelley, Gracyn Graham (stayed for mtg.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons to Address the Board:

- No person(s) to address the Board

Presentations to the Board:

- FFA Club presented on 2 trips: 1) Camp Oswegatchie, Croghan, NY
2) National Convention, Indianapolis, IN
- Drama Club presented on New York City Trip

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 October 14, 2025, as submitted.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA REPORTS: Marking Period Attendance and Discipline, PBIS Data, Aquatic Program update, Nurses office data, principal updates

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

~ **Max Gilluly - Athletic Committee:** Nothing new since last month

~ **Michelle Kelley – Budget, Personnel & Negotiations Committee:** The committee has met several times

Policy Review Committee: Regarding Policy #1120 (which is under consent agenda tonight for a 1st reading), the Board of Education would like to change the term for a Board member to hold office from 3 years to 5 years. Dr. Kinnaird checked to see if this needs to be a public vote and it does not.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report by Ms. Ostrander ~ 1) Budget process has begun, 2) Updating our requisition process for staff, 3) Corrective action letters from Auditors, we are addressing items, 4) Age Tax increase every year and recommend small increases, 5) Financing for Capital Project through NYCLASS

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Treasurer's Reports as submitted: Extra-Curricular Activity Account 8/1-8/31/25, 9/1-9/30/25 & 10/1-10/31/25; Payroll Account 10/1-10/31/2025; Agency Account 10/1-10/31/2025; General Fund – Community Bank, N.A. 9/1-9/30/25 & 10/1-10/31/25; School Lunch Fund 10/1-10/31/2025; Capital Fund 10/1-10/31/2025; Special Aid Account 10/1-10/31/2025; Scholarship Fund 10/1-10/31/2025; Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 10/1-10/31/2025

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

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Accounts Payable Warrant Reports - dated November 12, 2025, as submitted: General Fund #4, Federal Fund #4, School Lunch Fund #4 Capital Fund (HADD) #4

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

APPROVE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN LETTERS: Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the District Corrective Action Plan, and Extra Classroom Corrective Action Plan dated October 31, 2025, to the New York State Education Department, as presented.

VOTE: Yes 6, 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 Report, and the Appropriation Status Detail Report, dated July 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025, as submitted.

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

APPROVE AGED TAX EXEMPTION: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to increase the Allegany County Aged Tax Exemption to \$18,500 income level sliding scale.

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

APPROVE FINANCIAL RESERVE PLAN: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Financial Reserve Plan document as submitted.

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

APPROVE MUNICIPAL COOPERATION RESOLUTION: Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Municipal Cooperation Resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations (defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts) to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among

themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS, the Genesee Valley School District wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Genesee Valley School District wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

That Erin Ostrander, Business Official of Genesee Valley School District is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023.

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

ACCEPT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the School Tax Collector's Report for the 2025-26 school year, as submitted.

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

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, 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 the **2026 Junior Prom** on May 30, 2026 at the Alfred Lake Lodge, time TBD
2. Approve **2026-27 Budget Development Calendar**, as submitted
3. Approve the following New Substitutes: **Ashley Schilke** as a substitute for ASL (American Sign Language) effective November 1, 2025, pay GVEA contract, fingerprint clearance on file; and **Beverly Broach** as substitute teacher, teacher aide, clerical, etc., fingerprint clearance on file; and **Jacquiline Page** as a substitute teacher aide, etc. pending fingerprint clearance
4. Approve the **Revised Extracurricular Handbook**, as submitted
5. Approve **2025-26 Board of Education Goals**, as submitted
6. Approve the **CSE/CPSE recommendations** dated November 13, 2025, as submitted
7. Approve **overnight trip request** from Dennis Miles ~ GV/BC Varsity Baseball Team to travel to Covington, Virginia on April 5-8, 2026, as submitted
8. Approve the following Volunteers: **Dana Hand, Bill Swanson, Marcus Hopkins** and **Marc Hopkins** to work with the Varsity Baseball team under the supervision of Dennis Miles; **Brian Fanton** to work with the Modified Boys Basketball team under the supervision of Brett Longwell; **Carter Guilford** to work with the Boys Modified Basketball "Team A" under the supervision of Fred Ely; **Brittany Mesler** to work with the Girls Varsity Basketball team under the supervision of Bill Horn
9. Approve **Shawna Shultz** as an Athletic Event worker for the 2025-26 sports season
10. Approve **First Reading** of the following Board of Education Policies: **#1120** Board of Education Qualifications, Numbers and Terms of Office; and **#7132** Non-Resident Students
11. Appoint the following **County Vote Inspectors** for the December 9, 2025 Capital Project vote, pay shall be \$15.65 per hour. **Pool vestibule site only:** 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Suzanne Thomas & Mary Presutti; and 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Bob Drosendahl & Dirk Knapp

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

APPROVE AGREEMENT: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by James Cartwright – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves an Agreement between Genesee Valley Central School District and ***Peaceful Resolutions for Living, Inc. d/b/a Peaceful Schools***. This agreement shall commence on December 1, 2025 and terminate on September 30, 2026, if not previously terminated per terms in Agreement. To provide the following services in support of the student social emotional support and intervention and the corresponding with the districts tiered social emotional and social behavioral health goals and objectives and the goals and objectives of the corresponding Bureau of Justice grant, as submitted.

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

APPROVE NOMINATION FOR NYSSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School District moves to approve the nomination of ***Sylvester Cleary*** for a two-year term as Area 3 Director to the New York State School Boards Association Board of Directors, beginning January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027.

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE: 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 approves leave of absence request for ***Brittany Fuller*** from her position of American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter, for the period of on or about March 9, 2026 until on or about June 30, 2026.

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

AMEND MOTION: 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 amend the motion made at the September 12, 2023 Board of Education meeting as follows: Appoints ***Rachele Preston***, who is working on an Initial New York State Teaching Certificate in Early Childhood Education, to a long-term substitute position of Elementary Teacher effective August 28, 2023 in the Elementary tenure area. The salary for the 2023-24 school year shall be Step 2, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract (replacing Lana Giovanniello). ***This is a non-probationary appointment for a term as necessary to meet District needs while the District recruits a certified teacher.***

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

APPOINT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: 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 appoints ***Rachele Preston***, as a certified Elementary teacher, to a full-time probationary position of Elementary Teacher effective October 10, 2025 in the Elementary tenure area. There is a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence October 10, 2025 and conclude October 9, 2029. The salary for the 2025-26 school year shall be Step 4, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract.

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

AMEND MOTIONS: 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 hereby approves to amend the following motions as listed:

- 1) **Jamie (Bump) Dahlgren** appointed at the August 8, 2023 Board of Education meeting. Probation period should read: *commence on August 28, 2023 and conclude on August 27, 2026* *(Jamie had a previous tenure at another school district)
- 2) **Caleb Durant** appointed at the March 28, 2022 Board of Education meeting. Probation period should read: *commence on August 29, 2022 and conclude on August 28, 2026*
- 3) **Kaylee Elliott** appointed at the June 10, 2025 Board of Education meeting. Probation period should read: *commence on August 25, 2025 and conclude on August 24, 2029*
- 4) **Julia (Wesche) Kelley** appointed at the May 9, 2022 Board of Education meeting. Probation period should read: *commence on August 29, 2022 and conclude on August 28, 2026*
- 5) **Caroline Maples** appointed at the March 28, 2022 Board of Education meeting. Probation period should read: *commence on August 29, 2022 and conclude on August 28, 2026*
- 6) **April Miller** appointed at the March 28, 2022 Board of Education meeting. Probation period should read: *commence on August 29, 2022 and conclude on August 28, 2026*
- 7) **Zachary Smith** appointed at the April 22, 2025 Board of Education meeting. Probation period should read: *commence on August 25, 2025 and conclude on August 24, 2028* *(Zachary had a previous tenure at another school district)
- 8) **Jill Vossler** appointed at the March 28, 2022 Board of Education meeting. Probation period should read: *commence on August 29, 2022 and conclude on August 28, 2026*
- 9) **John Wagner** appointed at the August 19, 2025 Board of Education meeting. Probation period should read: *commence on August 25, 2025 and conclude on August 24, 2029*
- 10) **Caitlin Whitfield** appointed at the July 22, 2025 Board of Education meeting. Probation period should read: *commence on August 26, 2025 and conclude on August 25, 2028* *(Caitlin was removed from the PEL list and will resume her four year probationary period with credit from August 26, 2024 to June 30, 2025)
- 11) **Elizabeth (Allen) Wonderling** appointed at the May 9, 2023 Board of Education meeting. Probation period should read: *commence on August 28, 2023 and conclude on August 27, 2027*
- 12) **Carolyn Wright** appointed at the May 17, 2022 Board of Education meeting. Probation period should read: *commence on August 29, 2022 and conclude on August 28, 2026*

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

APPROVE LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves **April Cole** to the position of Long-Term Substitute Teacher, effective on or about November 13, 2025 until on or about March 31, 2026. The rate of pay shall be 1/200th of Step 1 of the daily rate without benefits, as per Board Policy. (covering for Kaithlyn Bailey)

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

APPROVE LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: 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 approves **Lydia Stutz** to the position of Long-Term Substitute Teacher, effective on or about January 5, 2026, until on or about May 1, 2026. The rate of pay shall be 1/200th of Step 1 of the daily rate without benefits, as per Board Policy. (covering for Julia Kelley)

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

APPROVE LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: 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 approves **Kylee Graham** to the position of Long-Term Substitute Teacher, effective on or about January 12, 2026, until on or about June 26, 2026. The rate of pay shall be 1/200th of Step 1 of the daily rate with benefits, as per Board Policy. *(covering for Elizabeth Wonderling)*

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

APPROVE LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves **Michelle Zlomek** to the position of Long-Term Substitute Teacher, effective on or about February 23, 2026, until on or about June 26, 2026. The rate of pay shall be 1/200th of Step 1 of the daily rate without benefits, as per Board Policy. *(covering for Emily Ring)*

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

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

Winter Coaches:

Girls JV Basketball ~ **Tobias Webb**

2nd Modified Boys Basketball ~ **Fred Ely**

Advisor:

Drama Art Advisor ~ **Harleigh Silsby**

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Thomas Emrich** as CSE/CPSE Chairperson and 504 Compliance Officer, effective November 30, 2025.

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

APPOINT 504 COMPLIANCE OFFICER: 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 appoints **Dr. Paige Kinnaird** as the 504 Compliance Officer for the 2025-26 school year.

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

AMEND MOTION: 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 to amend the motion made at the July 22, 2025 Board of Education meeting as follows: To remove **Thomas Emrich** as the District Committee on Special Education Chairperson, and to amend his salary to Step 20 beginning December 1, 2025.

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Kellie Schmidt** as Junior Class Advisor, effective December 2, 2025.

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

APPOINT TEACHER AIDE POSTION: 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 appoints *Cynthia Incognito* to the position of Teacher Aide, effective December 1, 2025. There is a ten-month probationary period beginning December 1, 2025 and concluding on September 30, 2026. The rate of pay shall be as per the CSEA contract.
VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER ADVISOR: 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 appoints *Miranda Hemphill* as a Junior Firefighter Advisor for the 2025-26 school year. The rate of pay shall be \$5,290.
VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER ADVISOR: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints *Brian Edmister, II* as a Junior Firefighter Advisor for the 2025-26 school year. The rate of pay shall be \$3,710.
VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

AMEND MOTION: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to amend the motion made at the September 9, 2025 meeting to read as follows: *Approve leave of absence request for Kaitlyn Bailey from her position of Reading Intervention Teacher, from November 12, 2025 until on or about March 31, 2026.*
VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

AMEND MOTION: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to amend the motion made at the October 14, 2025 meeting to read as follows: *Approve leave of absence request for Cassidy (Mountain) Cochran from her position of 7-12 Art Teacher, from November 18, 2025 until on or about March 16, 2026.*
VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. – *Health & Wellness Committee Meeting*
- ~~(Canc.) Mon., November 24, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. – *Budget, Personnel & Negotiations Comm. Mtg*~~
- Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. – *Governing Committee Meeting*
- Thursday, December 4, 2025 at Noon via Zoom – *Budget, Personnel & Neg. Comm. Mtg*
- Tuesday, December 8, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. – *Policy Review Committee Meeting*
- Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at **7:30 p.m. (time changed)** – *Regular Board of Education Meeting*
- Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 8:30-9:00 p.m. – *Accept Capital Project Vote Results*
- Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. – *Safety & Security Committee Meeting*

Informational / Discussion:

- Nomination Letter for NYSSBA Area 3 Director
- Thursday, November 19, 2025 – Academic Honor Awards Dinner - Angelica Hotel at 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 21, 2025 is the first Board of Education visits to classrooms
- Capital Project Vote is Tuesday, December 9, 2025 in the pool vestibule only 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Senior Citizens Concert & Dinner is Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
- Yearbook Ad – the Board of Education agreed to do a half page ad in the amount of \$150.00

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by James Cartwright – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m.
VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk