

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECMEBER 9, 2025 – 7:30 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 7:30 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 (in at 8:20 p.m.), Rylee Ordway (student rep.)

District Personnel: Dr. Paige Kinnaird, Superintendent, Paula Roberts, Curriculum Coordinator/Dean of Students, Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

Staff Members: Chelsea Dunham

Guests: Adreanna Wight (in at 7:38 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons to Address the Board:

- No person(s) to address the Board

Presentations to the Board:

- No presentations scheduled

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 November 18, 2025, as submitted.

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ~ **Policy Review Committee:** Jamie Willson reported the committee reviewed 7 policies for updates. These policies will be included on the January 13th agenda for a 1st reading. One of the policies will be given to the Safety/Security Committee to review and make any updates.
- ~ **Budget, Personnel & Negotiations Committee:** Jamie stated they have looked at preliminary government budget numbers, but they could change. Dr. Kinnaird commented they will know more after the government budget comes out in January.
- ~ **Athletic Committee:** Max Gilluly stated they haven't had a meeting. Winter sports have started.
- ~ **Health/Wellness Committee:** Meeting was postponed
- ~ **Safety/Security Committee:** Next meeting is scheduled for December 16th

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report by Dr. Kinnaird ~ the GVCS Stand reported a \$14,000 profit this past summer. Heath thanked the board for their continued support of the stand to keep it running.

APPROVE TREASURER’S 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 following Treasurer’s Reports as submitted: General Fund – Community Bank, N.A. 11/1-11/30/25; School Lunch Fund 11/1-11/30/2025; Payroll Account 11/1-11/30/2025; Agency Account 11/1-11/30/2025; Scholarship Fund 11/1-11/30/2025; Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 11/1-11/30/2025; Capital Fund 11/1-11/30/2025; Special Aid Account 11/1-11/30/2025
VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs.0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT 2025 GVCS STAND ANALYSIS REPORT/PROFIT LOSS: Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the 2025 GVCS Stand Analysis Report/Project Loss, as submitted.
VOTE: Yes 6, 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/Adoption*** of the following Board of Education Policies: **#1120** Board of Education Qualifications, Numbers and Terms of Office; and **#7132** Non-Resident Students
2. Approve ***Gloria Skinner*** as a substitute teacher aide, clerical, custodial, food service, pending fingerprint clearance; ***Lydia Stutz*** as a substitute teacher for the 2025-26 school year; and ***Kylee Graham*** as a substitute teacher for the 2025-26 school year
3. Approve the following Volunteers: ***Sarah Taylor*** with the Girls Modified Basketball team under the supervision of Matthew Kichman; ***Scarlett Turner*** and ***Michaela Avallone*** with the Drama Club under the supervision of Donna Slawson, ***Marissa & Mackenzie Weinbauer*** to help in the classroom under the supervision of Jamie Dahlgren; ***Ezra Thomas*** with the Girls JV Basketball team under the supervision of Tobias Webb; and ***Daphne Gugino*** to shadow in Bridget Chichester’s classroom, as submitted
4. Approve ***Venessa Manka, Bridget Makeley, Jessica Raney, Rhonnie Tilton*** as after school monitors for the 2025-26 school year, rate of pay shall be \$20/hour, and ***Nancy Brown*** as a substitute
5. Approve ***CSE/CPSE Recommendations*** dated December 2, 2025, as submitted

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

APPROVE CONTRACT: Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by Jamie Willson – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves a contract between GST BOCES on behalf of Genesee Valley Central School District and ***Turning Point Licensed Behavior Analyst Services, PLLC***, as submitted. To provide ABA Consultant services for the period of November 24, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with an estimate of 15 hours, unless terminated by thirty (30) days’ advance written notice by either party. Rate of pay shall be \$116.00 per hour, rounded to the nearest hour.
VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs.0 Motion carried.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

APPOINT ADVISORS: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints the following Advisors for the 2025-26 school year, pay as per GVEA contract:

Advisors:

Creative Arts Festival Advisor (2 of 2) ~ ***Miranda Hemphill***

Hunt/Trap Team Advisor (2 of 2) ~ ***Jim Schneider***

11th Grade Class Advisor (2 of 2) ~ ***Candie Mitchell***

VOTE: Yes 6, 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 Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Genesee Valley Educators Association (GVEA), amending Sick Bank enrollment dates: Paragraph A of Section 1401 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026, as submitted.

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

APPOINT SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER: 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 ***Adreanna Wight***, effective January 5, 2026, to the position of Special Education Teacher, in the Special Education tenure area. The Board further confirms the Superintendent's initial assignment of Adreanna to serve as the District's Committee on Special Education Chairperson. Adreanna holds an Initial New York State teaching certificate in the following certification area: Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-12) Generalist. There is a probationary period of three (3) years to commence on January 5, 2026, and conclude on January 4, 2029, (Adreanna received tenure at her previous New York State school). The base salary for the 2025-26 school year shall be Step 14, \$61,149 pro-rated, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract.

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 Michelle Kelley – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves ***Stephanie Collins*** to the position of Long-Term Substitute Teacher, effective on or about December 11, 2025 until on or about March 16, 2026. The rate of pay shall be 1/200th of Step 1 of the daily rate without benefits, as per Board Policy. (*covering for Cassidy Cochran*)

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

APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MENTORS: 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 appoints the following teacher mentors for the 2025-26 school year, pay as per GVEA contract:

Mentor

April Miller

Kaycee Schmidt

Sarah Taylor

Mentee

Kylee Graham (1st Grade, LT sub for Elizabeth Wonderling)

Lydia Stutz (5th Grade, LT sub for Julia Kelley)

Adreanna Wight (Special Education Teacher/CSE Chairperson)

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. – ***Safety & Security Committee Meeting***
- Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – ***Governing Committee Meeting*** (Heath, Max & Jamie)
- Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. – ***Regular Board of Education Mtg.***, Media Lab Room
- Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. – ***Work Session Only*** (will include SuperEval Training)
- Tuesday, January 29, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – ***Budget, Personnel & Negotiations Committee Mtg.***

Informational / Discussion:

- NYSSBA announced that Sylvester Cleary, a member of the Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES won the election for the Area 3 Director on the NYSSBA Board. His term is 2 years and will begin on January 1, 2026, and Chris Schars will become the NYSSBA President.
- Bond Anticipated Note (BAN) is money we get to help cover Capital Projects. We are setting up financing for the 2023 Capital Project, and the Energy Performance Contract. We will close on those funds January 15, 2026. As discussed previously, we set up a NYCLASS account to help us earn additional interest on this money. Bids will be due on December 30th.
- Congratulations to our athletes from our fall sport teams. All varsity athletes were recognized by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association as scholar teams. In honor of united sports teams with Belfast, 31 individual athletes were recognized with athletic honors.
- We have a grant from the Department of Justice that we need to finish out. Tim Lewis from Peaceful Schools will be starting with us on December 10, 2025.
- A few things in December in the Elementary: reading incentive awards program on December 12th, PBIS assembly on December 18th, spirit week the week of December 15th, and we will end our week on December 19th with a concert and Ugly Sweater contest for PK-12
- Lockdown Drill at 1:45 p.m. on December 10th
- Mason Fanton competed in an Equipment Repairs Competition for a scholarship at the University of Northern Ohio and he placed 4th out of hundreds of students. He earned a \$3,000 scholarship if he decides to go there to school. Congratulations Mason!
- We are working on a solution for the safety and security of our building, and the parking lot situation.
- Great job to everyone involved in the elementary concert!

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Max Gilluly – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School enters into executive session at 7:52 p.m. for the purpose of Superintendent's evaluation discussion.

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

***Tim Hand entered the meeting at 8:20 p.m.*

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by James Cartwright – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School exits executive session at 9:05 p.m. to return to regular order of business.

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

ACCEPT THE 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT VOTE RESULTS: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the 2025 Capital Improvements Project vote results held on December 9, 2025, as follows:

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by James Cartwright – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 9:09 p.m.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk