

GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

January 12, 2026

HS Library

Board Members: Sheila Brown, Cindy Hall, Ashley Conley, Phyllis Frantel, John Foust, Tessah Ciardi, Keri Link, Scott Lambert and Jessica Wickham

Student Ex-Officio Board Members Present: Lilly Burnett and Ella Yerkes

Administrators Present: Christopher Brown, Christopher Wickham, Sharene Benedict, Erica Hasselstrom, Eric Pasho, Karissa Schutt, Bryan Lamb, Staci Thibodeau, John Hicks, Kayla Osika and Clay Cole

Excused: Paul Lahue, Jen Taft, Kevin Cousin and Courtney Vencel

Budget workshop 6:01pm to 6:19pm

Sheila Brown called the meeting to order at 6:19pm.

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No comments.

Motion by Tessah Ciardi, seconded by Phyllis Frantel to approve the following resolution.

Approval of Agenda

Yes 9 No 0 MC

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of December 8, 2025 Regular Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Acceptance of Treasurer's report

Treasurer report was accepted as submitted.

Administrators' Reports

Dr. Brown gave an update on construction with the Board. Lockers were not painted as originally planned over the holiday break. They will be painted over February break. Additional construction work will be underway in the near future. Parking lot work is scheduled to be completed over the summer months. Midterm exams will take place next week.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Ashley Conley to approve the following resolutions.

Consent Agenda

In an effort to expediate the business of the Board of Education, but in no way meant to diminish the importance of each item, a Consent Agenda has been developed.

Substitute Teacher: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Adam Van Glad and Molly Snyder** as Substitute Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.

Substitute Teaching Assistant: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Adam Van Glad and Molly Snyder** as Substitute Teaching Assistant for the 2025-26 school year.

Appoint Bus Driver-Michael Wallace: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Michael Wallace** a probationary Civil Service appointment as Bus Driver, at an hourly rate per contract, effective December 18, 2025.

Unpaid Leave Request-Taylor Meade: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the unpaid leave request from **Taylor Meade**, Bus Driver, from January 19, 2026 to June 30, 2026.

Field Trip: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby acknowledge the final proposal of FFA State Leaders Experience February 2-3, 2026 Hilton of Albany, Albany, NY.

College Student Placement: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the following for the 2026 Spring semester:

Keuka College

Austin Wolfe Field Period **Lucinda Moses**
Duration: December 15, 2025 to January 31, 2026

Sydney Bateman Field Period **Jennifer Lengyel**
Duration: January 26, 2026 to March 13, 2026

SUNY Geneseo

Evan Wingfield Field Period **Amanda Cooney**
Duration: February 2, 2026 to May 29, 2026

Donation: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does accept a donation of \$500 for Gorham Elementary from Georgia DeWall.

Volunteers: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the submitted list of volunteers for the 2025-26 school year.

Authorize RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (ROC) to negotiate Data Privacy Agreements:

WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the "ROC");

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, "Ed Law 2d") related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District authorizes the attorneys designated by the ROC to negotiate and approve of DPAs for software and/or technology resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District Board of Education grants the ROC and its designated attorneys the authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of DPAs and take such actions so as to effectuate the purposes and intent of this resolution.

Approve Service Agreement-The Watson Institute- Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve service agreement The Watson Institute.

Amended Tax Collector's Report: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the amended Tax Collector's Report to reflect NYS land payment and USPS delayed delivery of payment.

Tax Collector's report was approved on Nov. 10 board meeting.

Accept the Annual Single Audit: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Audit committee, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the Extra-Classroom Activity Fund Audit Findings for the 2024-2025 school year.

Approve Memorandum of Agreement: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the memorandum of agreement with Marcus Whitman Bus Drivers' Association regarding District HSA contribution for new hires throughout the school year.

Approve CSE and CPSE Recommendations: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the CPSE/CSE recommendations as submitted and filed in the minute file.
Yes 9 No 0 MC

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Mabel Deal, Stanley: She hoped everyone had a good Holiday. Mrs. Deal appreciates all that we do. Happy Birthday Dr. Brown, John, Sheila and Scott.

Board Member Items

Important Dates:

Tuesday, Jan. 27 Audit Committee Meeting 5pm

Wednesday, April 8 All Staff Appreciation Day

Ex-Officio Student Board Member is a senior this year; in March will discuss process for next Ex-Officio Student Board Member.

Executive Session, motion by Keri Link, seconded by Phyllis Frantel at 6:46pm for the Board to enter into executive session to discuss probationary staff review.

Christopher Wickham left executive session at 7:35pm.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Scott Lambert to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharene Benedict

District Clerk

