

GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 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, Sharene Benedict, Erica Hasselstrom, Eric Pasho, , Bryan Lamb, Staci Thibodeau, John Hicks, Kayla Osika, Jen Taft, Kevin Cousin and Clay Cole

Excused: Paul Lahue, Christopher Wickham, Karissa Schutt and Courtney Venci

Budget workshop 6:00pm to 6:49pm.

Sheila Brown called the meeting to order at 6:49pm.

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No comments.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Tessah Ciardi to approve the following resolution.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Yes 9 No 0 MC

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 12, 2026, Regular Meeting were accepted as submitted.

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Dr. Brown thanked transportation and maintenance department for all their hard work with all the weather changes we have had over the past few weeks. Capital project is going well. Transportation had an inspection that was outstanding. There was a dance in MS/HS and athletic teams are doing well. 2026-27 school calendar includes a February recess and a March spring break, followed by a nine-week stretch until May.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Phyllis Frantel to approve the following resolution.

CONSENT AGENDA:

In an effort to expedite 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.

The personnel appointments are pending clearance of NYS fingerprinting requirements.

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 **Kelliesha Lyman** as Substitute Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.

Resignation-Lisa M. Thompson: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept resignation from **Lisa M. Thompson**, Teacher Aide, effective January 20, 2026.

Appoint Teacher Aide-Cassandra Miskell: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Cassandra Miskell** a probationary Civil Service appointment as Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective January 21, 2026 to January 21, 2027.

Resignation- Scott Liberati: 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 resignation for the purpose of retirement, **Scott Liberati**, Custodial Supervisor, effective end of workday June 30, 2026.

Resignation- Michael Rossi: 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 resignation, **Michael Rossi**, Cleaner, effective end of workday February 16, 2026.

Unpaid Leave Request-Brittany Layton: 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 **Brittany Layton**, Teaching Assistant, from April 25, 2026 to May 1, 2026.

Unpaid Leave Request-Jade Tandle: 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 **Jade Tandle**, Teaching Assistant, from February 9, 2026 to February 13, 2026.

Spring Coach Appointments: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint the following appointments:

Team	Coach	Base	Longevity	Stipend
Boys Varsity Track	Jody McLaughlin	\$4,053	\$1,150	\$5,203
Girls Varsity Track	Seth Pritchard	\$4,053	\$950	\$5,003
Varsity Track Assistant	David Helling	\$3,184	\$300	\$3,484
Boys/Girls Modified Track	Ethan Eschler	\$2,605	\$450	\$3,055
Boys Varsity Tennis	Jeff Anthony	\$4,053	\$200	\$4,253
Boys Mod A Tennis	Matt Palmer	\$2,895	\$650	\$3,545
Varsity Baseball	Felix Medero	\$4,053	\$100	\$4,153
Modified A Baseball	Brian Ellis	\$2,895	\$100	\$2,995
Varsity Softball	Morgan Kidd	\$4,053	\$100	\$4,153
Girls Varsity Lacrosse	Todd Cunningham	\$4,053	\$0	\$4,053
Girls Modified Lacrosse	Kathleen Alvord	\$2,895	\$150	\$3,045
Boys Modified Lacrosse	Greg O'Connor	\$2,895	\$350	\$3,245

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:

SUNY Geneseo

Hailey Luczak Observation Hours James Santonastaso IV
Duration: February 10, 2026 to May 21, 2026

Amanda Louis Observation hours James Santonastaso IV
Duration: February 10, 2026 to May 21, 2026

Field Trip-FFA-NYS FFA Convention: 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 initial proposal of FFA going to NYS FFA Convention Buffalo Niagara Convention Center Buffalo, NY May 14, 2026 to May 16, 2026.

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.

Donation: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does accept the donation of Duplos manipulatives from Kathy Conezio, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association.

Amend Probationary Appointment Reading Teacher—Michaela Prater: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby appoint **Michaela Prater**, who holds an Initial Literacy certification to a Reading Teacher position in the tenure area of Reading, for a four-year probationary appointment commencing on or before March 9, 2022 and ending on September 27, 2026, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at Step 5 of the current MWTA contract.

Resignation-Christopher Wickham: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept resignation from **Christopher Wickham**, Business Administrator, effective June 30, 2026.

Accept Separation Agreement-Marcy Gladle: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept separation agreement.

Adopt 2026-27 School District Calendar: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby adopt the 2026-27 School District Calendar as submitted.

Approve Budget Transfers: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the submitted list of budget transfers.

Accept Election Services Agreement Between Yates County Board of Elections and Gorham-Middlesex CSD Board of Education Gorham-Middlesex CSD Board of Education: 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 Election Services Agreement between Yates County Board of Elections and Gorham-Middlesex Central School District Board of Education concerning Gorham-Middlesex Central School District vote and election to be held on May 19, 2026 and any subsequent revote's related thereto.

Approve CSE & 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

Public Access to the Board
No comments.

Board Member Items:

- Audit Committee Minutes

- Safety Committee Minutes
- WFL BOCES Board-three seats (3 seats 3-year term)
- Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting later in February
- **Important Dates:**
 - Wednesday, April 8 All Staff Appreciation
 - Wednesday, April 22 7:30am Special Board Meeting with zoom option
- Cindy Hall has the book *The Anxious Generation* if anyone would like to borrow it.

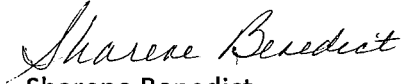
Break 6:48pm

Executive Session, motion by Keri Link, seconded by Phyllis Frantel at 6:55pm for the Board to enter into executive session to discuss probationary staff review.

Jenn Taft left executive session at 7:12pm.

Motion by Ashley Conley, seconded by John Foust to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharene Benedict

District Clerk