

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 – 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, Tim Hand, Michelle Kelley, Jamie Willson, James Cartwright

Absent Members: Shawn Grusendorf, Rylee Ordway

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

Staff Members: Nathan Slawson (left at 5:40 p.m.), Holly LaBenne, Donna Slawson

Guests: Lacy Dean, Madyson Mahoney, Lilly Mountain, Travis Gill & Heather Gill (all left at 5:40 p.m.); Melody Johnson & Attica Weinblatt (both left at 5:54pm) Blake Sheridan (left at 6:00pm),

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons to Address the Board:

- No person(s) to address the Board

APPROVE AGENDA: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School to adopt the Board of Education Agenda of the February 10, 2026, Board of Education Meeting, as submitted.

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

Presentations to the Board:

- **Legislative Club** presented on their trip to the Capital building in Albany and they shared their experience participating in mock legislation. There were 19 middle school delegates that went, along with Addison Bradt as a high school resource officer.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Board of Education minutes of the regular meeting dated January 13, 2026, and Board work session dated January 27, 2026, as submitted.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA REPORTS: Admin presentations

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nothing to report, no meetings since last board meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Reports

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS: Motion made by Michelle Kelley, 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: Extra-Curricular Activity Account 1/1-1/31/2026; Payroll Account 1/1-1/31/2026; Agency Account 1/1-1/31/2026

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

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Michelle Kelley – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Accounts Payable Warrant Reports – Dated February 5, 2026 for January, as submitted: General Fund #7; Federal Fund #7; School Lunch Fund #7; Capital Fund (HADD) #7.

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

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 overnight trip request for the ***Class of 2026 Senior Trip*** to Rocking Horse Ranch Resort, Highland, New York, June 14-16, 2026, under the supervision of Rhonnie Tilton and Donna Faller, as submitted.
2. Approve out of district student attendance request for ***Matthew Besant, Braydea Besant and Gabriella Besant*** to attend GVCS for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year.
3. Approve the proposed trip request for the ***Varsity Baseball Team*** to attend baseball game at FLCC on May 2, 2026, under the supervision of Dennis Miles, as submitted.
4. Approve ***CSE/CPSE Recommendations*** dated February 6, 2026, as submitted
5. Approve the following New Substitutes for the 2025-26 school year, pay as per Board Policy:
 - ~ ***Jessica Babbitt*** as a substitute teacher aide, etc., pending fingerprint clearance
 - ~ ***Ashlyn Hoffman*** as a substitute teacher aide, etc., pending fingerprint clearance
6. Approve the following Volunteers: ***Scott Grantier*** with the JV Softball team under the supervision of Brian Gamache; and ***Brooke Shultz*** with the Archery Club under the supervision of Lisa Scott-Schneider & Alyssa Heightman, as submitted.
7. Approve the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program ***RFP #20-07***, dated February 3, 2026.
8. Approve ***Hannah Wagner*** to be able to complete her field observation hours for Houghton University. This will include 20 hours between March 2-20, 2026, under the supervision of John Wagner.

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

APPROVE CONTRACT FOR SERVICES: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Contract for Consultant Services with ***Dr. David Meichenbaum, Ph.D, NYS Licensed Psychologist***. The contract is valid from February 11, 2026, and ending August 31, 2026, unless terminated by either party, for up to 10 hours of consultation, in person and virtual, plus travel. Rate of \$250.00 per hour for direct consultations plus mileage at \$125.00 per hour.

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

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 August 21, 2024 Board of Education meeting as follows: Appoints **Mackenzie Edmister**, (*pending certification*) who is working on an Initial New York State Teaching Certificate in Special Education, to a long-term substitute position of Special Education Teacher effective August 26, 2024 in the Special Education tenure area. The salary for the 2024-25 school year shall be Step 2, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract (replacing *Morgan Davis*). ***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 SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby appoints **Mackenzie Edmister**, as a certified Special Education teacher, to a full-time probationary position of Special Education Teacher effective January 22, 2026 in the Special Education tenure area. There is a probationary period of four (4) years to commence January 22, 2026, and conclude January 21, 2030. The salary and benefits for the 2025-26 school year shall be in accordance with the GVEA contract.

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

ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGNATION: 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 hereby accepts the resignation of **Paula Roberts** as Curriculum Coordinator/Dean of Students, due to retirement effective June 30, 2026. Retirement benefits shall be under the terms and conditions of the GVAA contract.

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

GRANT TENURE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby grants tenure to **Michael Mead** in the Business tenure area effective March 29, 2026. Mike is permanently certified in the Business and Distributive Education area.

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

APPOINT TEACHER AIDE POSITION: 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 appoints **Ryan Helm** to the position of Teacher Aide, effective February 11, 2026. There is a ten-month probationary period beginning February 11, 2026, and concluding on December 10, 2026. The rate of pay shall be as per the CSEA contract.

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School hereby accepts the resignation of **Karen Bliven** as Junior Class co-advisor, effective February 5, 2026.

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

APPOINT LEAVE OF ABSENCE: 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 hereby approves leave of absence request for ***Patrick Cochran*** from his position of Custodian, for the period of January 6, 2026 until February 6, 2026.

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – ***Health & Wellness Committee Mtg.***, District Office
- Monday, February 23, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – ***Policy Review Committee Mtg.***, District Office
- Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – ***Budget, Personnel & Negotiations Committee Meeting***, District Office
- Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – ***Governance Committee Meeting, District Office***
(Heath, Max & Shawn)
- Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – ***Board of Education Spring classroom visit***
- Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – ***Athletics Committee Meeting***, at GVCS

Informational / Discussion:

- Review 2026-27 School Year Calendar draft (to be adopted March 10th BOE mtg.)
- Discuss GVCS Stand at the Angelica Fairgrounds
- March Professional Development Day
- Summer 2026 Professional Development and Student Programming

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Michelle Kelley – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School entered executive session at 6:09 p.m. for the purpose of personnel discussion.

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

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School exited executive session at 6:48 p.m.

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

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 6:48 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk