

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026 – 5:30 P.M.
ROOM #2108

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, Shawn Grusendorf, James Cartwright, (Student Representative 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, Erin Ostrander, Business Official/Deputy Dist. Clerk, Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

Staff Members: Holly LaBenne

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 March 10, 2026, Board of Education Meeting, as submitted.

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

Presentations to the Board:

- No presentations scheduled

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, 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 February 10, 2026, as submitted.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA REPORTS: Admin presentation by Dr. Kinnaird – she reviewed updates from the state regarding state aid; updates on Capital Projects; ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act – this replaced no child left behind); Winter Sports - we had 5 scholar sport teams and 35 individual scholar athletes; regarding baseball/softball homes games: BCS vs GVCS – there is a lack of umpires so the umpires have asked the Athletic Directors to try to schedule more than one game on one day to save on traveling - BCS has lights for night games; working on a dual sports form for students that want to play more than one sport in one season; concussion forum with Mrs. Hand was held March 2nd with 35 participants; the first week in May the Dental Service Clinic will be here for a couple days to do screenings on students; on April 20th the Allegany Associates for the blind to vision screenings for PK students; we have 2 scheduled swim dates in March – one is open swim and the other is PK swim; and don't forget about the Wizard of Oz play this week.

Mrs. Donlon & Mrs. Taylor, Principal's followed up with events going on in their section of the building.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ~ **Athletic Committee**: Max Gilluly stated they have worked on the dual sports for. Both superintendents and both athletic directors meet biweekly via zoom to make sure both GV & BCS are doing the same thing.
- ~ **Policy Review Committee**: Michelle Kelley reported the BOE Policies are being updated on the website – more user friendly. The committee reviewed 9 policies for updates. These policies are included in this agenda for a 1st reading. They talked about looking over some of the older policies to see if any updates are needed.
- ~ **Budget, Personnel & Negotiations Committee**: Jamie stated they have discussed a preliminary budget, but we are in a better place than previous years. With a change in Health Insurance, we still have work to do with the budget. The budget will be discussed more at the BOE Budget Work Session on March 31st.
- ~ **FFA Advisory Board** – Heath Gordon spoke on behalf of this committee – the following people are on this committee, Rob Chamberlain, Chairman, Lyn VanTassel, Secretary, Mark Bainbridge, Bill Murphy, Lisa Shay, Jessica Hutchison, Heath Gordon and Carolyn Wright, as FFA Class Advisor. During our Reorganizational meeting in July, we will accept the committee and follow the terms of the School Board. This committee will start out with a 1-year term.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report by Ms. Ostrander: Erin stated she is working on a draft budget until we receive final figures from the approved State budget. Our Health Insurance has an 8% increase (approximately \$300,000). To date we have a \$300,000 budget gap. She proposed raising the tax cap and asked the board for their thoughts on raising it to 1% (just under \$32,000). This is year 5 of our current audit services. We have sent out an RFP for proposals for Professional Auditing Services. The proposals are due by April 1st.

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 2/1-2/28/2026; Payroll Account 2/1-2/28/2026; Agency Account 2/1-2/28/2026; General Fund – Community Bank, N.A. 12/1-2/31/2025, 1/1-1/31/2026 & 2/1-2/28/2026; School Lunch Fund 12/1-12/31/2025, 1/1-1/31/2026 & 2/1-2/28/2026; Scholarship Fund 12/1-12/31/2025, 1/1-1/31/2026 & 2/1-2/28/2026; Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 12/1-12/31/2025, 1/1-1/31/2026 & 2/1-2/28/2026; Capital Fund 12/1-12/31/2025, 1/1-1/31/2026 & 2/1-2/28/2026; Special Aid Account 12/1-12/31/2025, 1/1-1/31/2026 & 2/1-2/28/2026
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE WARRANT 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 Accounts Payable Warrant Reports - Dated March 3, 2026, as submitted: General Fund #8, Capital Fund (HADD) #8, Federal Fund #8, School Lunch Fund #8
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE REVENUE STATUS AND APPROPRIATION STATUS DETAIL REPORTS: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Jamie Willson - 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 – December 31, 2025, as submitted.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE FUNDS TRANSFER: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the transfer of funds from the General Fund (A9950.90) to the Capital Fund (HC26 5031) in the amount of \$100,000 for the 2025-26 Capital Outlay Project.

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

APPROVE BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION FOR MAY 2026 BALLOT: Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to place a proposition on the May 19, 2026 ballot, for voters to approve the purchase of one (1) 60-passenger school bus with the ability to carry two (2) wheelchairs, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$190,000.00. Funds to be expended from the Transportation Reserve Fund.

APPROVE TOWN LIBRARIES PROPOSITION FOR MAY 2026 BALLOT: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to place a proposition on the May 19, 2026 ballot for voters to approve a tax levy increase for Angelica and Belmont Town Libraries, such proposition shall be worded as follows: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to, and will, levy and collect taxes in the District in the fiscal year 2026-2027 in the amounts, respectively, of \$58,000 for the Angelica Free Library and \$68,269 for the Belmont Free Library to provide public library services, and pay over such funds to the Board of Trustees of each library, respectively.

VOTE: Yes 7, 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. Adopt the **2026-27 School Year Calendar**, as presented
2. Approve the **CSE/CPSE Recommendations** dated March 4, 2026, as submitted
3. Approve the following substitutes: **Carla Lunn** as a substitute in the cafeteria, fingerprint clearance on file; **Larry Kaminski** as a substitute bus monitor, fingerprint clearance on file; and **Amy Macaluso** as a substitute teacher, etc. fingerprint clearance on file.
4. Approve to **Excise** GVCS bus number 63. The bus is 14 years old with 110,000 miles on it. The diesel particulate filter is plugged, and it has an EGR cooler leaking.
5. Approve the following volunteers: **Tracie Deichmann** as a classroom volunteer in the 2nd Grade under the supervision of Rachele Preston; **Olivia Hopkins** as a volunteer in the PK 3 classroom under the supervision of Cristin Hopkins; **Josh Crego** as a volunteer with the JV Baseball team, under the supervision of Brian DePew; and **Duane Powers** as a volunteer with the Varsity Softball team, under the supervision of Brooke Bradt.
6. Approve the following Spring Sports Athletic Event workers for the 2026-27 school year: **Brandy Hutchison, Pam Winterhalter, Erin White, Kyle Dougherty, Candie Mitchell, Linda Warner, Josies Preston, Nathan Slawson, Rollie Duttweiler, Kayla Marsh and Zachary Smith**
7. Approve overnight trip request for the **Marching Band** to attend Cedar Point in Cleveland, Ohio on May 22-23, 2026, under the supervision of Alva Robbins, as submitted. The marching band students will perform and be able to enjoy the park.
8. Approve first reading of the following **Board of Education Policies: #1620** Annual Organizational Meeting; **#1640** Absentee, Military, and Early Mail Ballots; **#5323** Reimbursement of Meals/ Refreshments; **#5413** Procurement: Uniform Grant Guidance

for Federal Awards; **#5681** School Safety Plans; **#5850** Data Networks and Security Access; **#5851** Cybersecurity Incident Response; **#6161** Conference/Travel Expense Reimbursement; **#7521** Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions and/or Anaphylaxis, **#7522** Concussion Management.

9. Approve overnight trip request for the ***Future Farmers of America (FFA) Club*** to attend SUNY Cobleskill on March 26-27, 2026, under the supervision of Carolyn Wright. Students will tour the college, as well as compete in contests to showcase knowledge of Ag. Mechanics, Meat Eval, and Milk Quality.

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

MOTION TO CREATE AN AD HOC PLANNING COMMITTEE: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves to create an AD HOC Planning Committee, to be composed of GVCS Community representatives. This Committee will plan the 30th year celebration of Genesee Valley Central School, and will operate from May, 2026 – June, 2027.

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education Genesee Valley Central School approves the leave of absence request for ***Shannon Clendenin*** from her position of Teacher Aide, for the period of on or about February 23, 2026 until she is cleared by her doctors to return.

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

APPOINT CLASS ADVISOR: 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 appoints ***Jenn Turybury*** as Advisor for the Junior Class, effective February 6, 2026, pay as per GVEA contract.

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

APPROVE INTERIM PRINCIPAL: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education Genesee Valley Central School approves ***Tracie Deichmann*** as Interim Elementary Principal from on or about March 10, 2026, through on or about May 31, 2026.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 1 (Heath Gordon) Motion carried.

CREATE AND APPOINT TEACHER AIDE POSITION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education Genesee Valley Central School creates and appoints ***Ashlyn Hoffman*** to the position of Teacher Aide, effective March 11, 2026. There is a one-year probationary period beginning March 11, 2026, and concluding on March 10, 2027. The rate of pay shall be as per the CSEA contract.

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of ***Maureena Chamberlain*** as Elementary Secretary due to retirement, effective September 30, 2026. Retirement benefits shall be under the terms of the Confidential & Managerial contract.

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – ***Safety & Security Committee Meeting***, Room #2140
- Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – ***Budget, Personnel & Neg. Comm. Mtg.***, District Office
- Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. – ***Budget Work Session***
- Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – ***Governing Committee Meeting***, District Office
- Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. – ***Regular Meeting*** (Adopt GVCS & BOCES Budgets)

Informational/Discussion:

- BOCES Annual Budget handout/Invitation to Annual Dinner & Budget Presentation on 4/1/2026 - RSVP by March 19, 2026 to Pam Winterhalter
- Annual Spring Dinner (ACASB) meeting at Moonwinks in Cuba, NY on 4/30/2026 – RSVP to Pam Winterhalter
- GVCS Stand rental at the Angelica Fairgrounds – Motion next month for District to pay fee
- 2026-2027 Board of Education meeting schedule and Board Retreat date
- Building Conditions Survey (BCS) Reporting
- 2026-2027 Board of Education Student Member – training from BOCES / to start May or June
- Fitness Center – discussion about the equipment and programs
- Transportation for the Amish
- Extended School Year/School Violence Prevention Grant – looking into a 5 year grant, be notified when grant runs out, grant is due April 17th

***Max Gilluly exited the meeting at 6:40 p.m.*

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Michelle Kelley – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School entered into executive session at 6:41 p.m. for the purpose of Super Eval discussion.

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

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Michelle Kelley – BE IT RESOLVED IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School exited executive session at 7:12 p.m. to return to regular order of business.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourned the regular meeting at 7:13 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk