

**GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

March 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, Christopher Wickham, Bryan Lamb, Staci Thibodeau, Kayla Osika, Jen Taft and Paul Lahue

Excused: Courtney VencI, Erica Hasselstrom, Eric Pasho, John Hicks, Kevin Cousin, Sharene Benedict and Clay Cole

Budget Workshop 6:00pm to 6:50pm.

Sheila Brown called the meeting to order at 6:50pm.

Public Access to the Board of Education

Elaina Smith and Dan Smith (students) spoke about a music teacher.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Cindy Hall to approve the following resolution.

Clerk Pro Tem-Christopher Brown: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Christopher Brown** as clerk pro tem.

Yes 9 No 0 MC

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

Approval of Agenda

Yes 9 No 0 MC

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

FFA Students recited the FFA creed

Student Athletes participating in Indoor Track, Boys Swimming, Bowling, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball and Cheerleading were recognized. Team League Title, Individual League title, Team Sectional Title, Individual Sectional Title, All Tournament Team Selection, Coach of the Year, Scholar Athlete Teams, School Records, State Qualifier, All Stars and Exceptional Senior Selections were recognized.

Administrators' Reports

Dr. Christopher Brown shared with the Board that the district remains as opposed to the New York State EV Bus Mandate but is in favor of alternative energy sources.

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

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 approve **Deborah Poplasky and Marianna Dalglish**, as Substitute Teacher Middlesex 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 approve **Marianna Dalglish**, as Substitute Teaching Assistant for the 2025-26 school year.

Substitute Cleaner: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve **Shaylynn Christler**, as Substitute Cleaner for the 2025-26 school year.

Appoint Cleaner-Jeffrey Englin: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Jeffrey Englin** a Civil Service appointment as Cleaner, effective February 11, 2026 with a probationary period February 11, 2026 to February 11, 2027.

Resignation-Tyler Bermon: 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, **Tyler Bermon**, Building Maintenance Mechanic, effective end of workday February 26, 2026.

Resignation-Cynthia Bliss: 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, **Cynthia Bliss**, Cook, effective end of workday March 6, 2026.

Resignation-Elizabeth Eldridge: 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, **Elizabeth Eldridge**, Food Service Helper, effective end of workday March 6, 2026.

Appoint Cook-Elizabeth Eldridge: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Elizabeth Eldridge** a Civil Service appointment as Cook, effective March 9, 2026 with a probationary period March 9, 2026 to March 9, 2027.

Appoint Teacher Aide-Kristin Burnett: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Kristin Burnett** a Civil Service appointment as Teacher Aide, effective March 16, 2026 with a probationary period March 16, 2026 to March 16, 2027.

Resignation-Jennifer Kerrick: 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, **Jennifer Kerrick**, Bus Driver, effective April 12, 2026.

Substitute Bus Driver: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve **Jennifer Kerrick**, as Substitute Bus Driver for the 2025-26 school year.

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 Lacrosse	Joseph Urlacher	\$4053	\$0	\$4053
Modified A Softball	Danielle Floor	\$2605	\$0	\$2605
Varsity Track Asst Coach	David Helling	\$3184	\$300	\$3484

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 final proposal of FFA going to NYS FFA Convention Buffalo Niagara Convention Center Buffalo, NY May 14, 2026 to May 16, 2026.

Field Trip-Senior Trip NYC: 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 Senior Trip going to New York City April 15, 2027 to April 17, 2027.

Student Athletes Nationals Competition: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby acknowledge five student athletes going to national track meet being held at The Track at New Balance Boston, MA March 12, 2026 to March 13, 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.

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

Clarissa Prizzi Student Teacher **Malcolm MacKenzie**
Duration: March 16, 2026 to May 15, 2026

Empire State University

Ashton Booker Observation **Wendy Warters**
Duration: March 16, 2026 to May 15, 2026.

Resignation-Haley Goodwin: 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, **Haley Goodwin**, Special Education Teacher, effective end of workday April 6, 2026.

Resignation-Jennifer Lengyel: 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, **Jennifer Lengyel**, Elementary Teacher, effective end of workday June 30, 2026.

Resignation-Tessa Stanney: 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, **Tessa Stanney**, Special Education Teacher, effective end of workday June 26, 2026.

Notice of Public Hearing and Call of the Annual Meeting of the Voters of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a budget hearing, the presentation of the school budget as adopted by the Board of Education for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and the transaction of such other business as authorized by law for the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm in High School Library, 4100 Baldwin Road, Rushville, NY.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Annual Meeting and School District Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from Noon to 8:00 pm in the High School Gym, 4100 Baldwin Road, Rushville, NY at which time the polls will be opened to vote upon the school budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, upon any propositions, and for the election of three members to the Board of Education, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the estimated amount of money which will be required for the 2026-2027 school year for school purposes, and the annual property

exemption report, may be obtained by any District resident during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual budget vote, except Saturday, Sunday or a Holiday, and on the date of the election, at each school building, or at the District Office, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Board of Education member must be filed in the District Clerk's office between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, no later than Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5 pm. Each petition shall be directed to the District Clerk, be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District and state the name and residence of each candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the District Clerk in District Office. Three seats for the Board of Education, each for three-year terms, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2029, will be filled.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (585) 554-4848 extension 1805 or sbenedict@mwcsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 21, 2026. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission, or email.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee or early mail ballots may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday, except holidays. The District Clerk must receive completed applications at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The District Clerk must receive absentee or early mail ballots no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots or early mail ballots have been issued will be available in the Office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm during each of the five days prior to the election, except Sunday, and shall be posted at the polling place at the election of members of the Board of Education.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that voters at the annual meeting shall vote by machine unless machines are not available, upon the annual budget proposition, which shall appear on the ballot in the following form, after such budget has been finalized by the Board of Education:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2026-2027 Budget

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that voters at the annual meeting shall vote by machine unless machines are not available, on the election of Board of Education Members, and on the following propositions, and on such other propositions as are authorized by law and the rules of this Board to be voted on at said time:

- PROPOSITION NO. 2 – Buses
 PROPOSITION NO. 3- Gorham Free Library Funding
 PROPOSITION NO. 4- Middlesex Public Library
 PROPOSITION NO. 5- Mabel D. Blodgett Memorial Library

District Clerk is authorized to revise the legal notice to comply with legal requirements.

By order of the Board of Education
 of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District
 Rushville, NY
 Sharene Benedict
 District Clerk

MW SEQR for 2026 Capital Outlay Project

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District ("the Board") has considered the effect upon the environment of the proposed Capital Outlay Project with the following Scope of Work to be completed:

Mechanical pump replacement, sitework, flooring. ("Proposed Action")

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the scope of the project and has further received and considered the advice of its Architects with respect to the potential for environmental impact resulting from the proposed action, and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR part 616.5 (c), now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education as follows:

- 1) The Proposed Action does not exceed thresholds established under 6 NYCRR Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review Act, ("SEQRA").
- 2) The Board hereby determines the Proposed Action as a **Type II** action in accordance with the SEQRA regulations.
- 3) No further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA.
- 4) This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Accept Budget Transfers: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee does hereby accept the Budget Transfers over \$10,000 and that the Budget Transfers over \$10,000.

Accept Five-Year Financial Plan: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee does hereby accept Five-Year Financial Plan.

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

Public Access to the Board**Board Member Items:**

Student Ex-Officio Board Member-Board discussed replacement and process. Ella could be part of the interview committee.

Buildings Grounds Committee Meeting-Cindy gave an overview of the meeting and capital project areas they were able to see.

Important Dates:

Wednesday, April 8 All Staff Appreciation Day


Monday, April 20 Board Petition Packets due by 5pm

Wednesday, April 22 Special Board Meeting 7:30am (zoom) *Sharene will get packet to the Board once available.*

Executive Session motion by Keri Link, seconded by Phyllis Frantel at 7:55pm for the Board to enter into executive session to discuss probationary staff review.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Cindy Hall to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher R. Brown,
Clerk Pro Tem