

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING /
ADOPT GVCS AND BOCES BUDGET
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 – 5:30 P.M.
MEDIA LAB ROOM #1121

The meeting was livestreamed on the school's website: www.genvalley.org

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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

Members Absent: Rylee Ordway (student representative)

District Personnel: Dr. Paige Kinnaird, Superintendent, Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal, Paula Roberts, Dean of Students/Curriculum Coordinator, Erin Ostrander, Business Official/Deputy District Clerk, and Pam Winterhalter, District Clerk

Staff Member: Holly LaBenne, Donna Slawson

Guests: Faith White, Morgan Grooms (left at 5:38 p.m.)

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 Max Gilluly, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School to adopt the Board of Education Agenda of the April 21, 2026, Board of Education Meeting, as submitted.

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

Presentation(s) to the Board:

- Youth and Government students Morgan Grooms and Faith White shared their trip to the Capital in Albany, New York in March. They talked about their experience and what Bills they presented to Legislation.
- Donna Slawson, Youth and Government Advisor, stated that Addison Bradt was selected to go onto National Conference. Addy has been a part of the Youth and Government since the 7th grade. Donna also shared that she has been working with Josie Preston and is proud to announce, which she believes Addy will be the first to earn the Civic Readiness Seal at Graduation.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Board of Education minutes of the regular meeting and budget work session held on March 31, 2026, as submitted.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA REPORTS: Admin presentation

- Dr. Kinnaird reviewed the following: 1) Attendance data and discipline data; 2) Mrs. Scott-Schneider and her student teacher took 16 - 8th graders to a Women and Sports Day at St. Bona's. They were able to interact with Division I athletes and approximately 300 other female students

across the county; 3) Mrs. Hemphill and Mr. Edmister have been working with our Junior Firefighters as they participated in ladder training practice; 4) Two upcoming parent meetings: One on April 29 at 5:00 p.m. ~ to highlight some things that are changing for next school year. Second one on May 5 at 5:00 p.m. ~ Title I Parent meeting; 5) Reviewed some activities going on in the Elementary wing

- Mrs. Donlon mentioned that 7 students were inducted into the National Honor Society, which is the largest group in several years. We currently have 2 student applications for Board of Education student representative.
- Mrs. Slawson announced that the Wizard of Oz production earned four Meritorious Achievement Awards from the Theatre Association of New York State.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Michelle Kelley mentioned the Budget, Personnel & Negotiations Committee have met but nothing that can be reported on at this time.
- Erin commented we had 3 responses regarding the RFP for 5-year auditor company. It is recommended to go with the lowest bid, and to have a new firm with a fresh set of eyes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report by Erin Ostrander
 - Recap of the Budget: nothing has changed since the Budget Work Session. We have not received the final numbers from the State, so this is a balanced budget off the executive budget from the Governor.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Treasurer's Reports as submitted: Extra-Curricular Activity 3/1-3/31/2026; Payroll Account 3/1-3/31/2026; Agency Account 3/1-3/31/2026; General Fund – Community Bank, N.A. 3/1-3/31/2026, School Lunch Fund 3/1-3/31/2026, Scholarship Fund 3/1-3/31/2026, Risk Retention (U.I. Reserve) 3/1-3/31/2026, Capital Fund 3/1-3/31/2026, Special Aid Account 3/1-3/31/2026.

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

APPROVE WARRANT 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 Accounts Payable Warrant Reports - Dated March 30, 2026, as submitted: Federal Fund #9, General Fund #9, School Lunch Fund #9, Capital Fund (HADD) #9.

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 and Appropriation Status Detail Reports dated July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026, as submitted.

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

AWARD AUDITING BID: Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School awards the Professional Auditing Services Bid as submitted to: Mengal Metzger Barr & Company, LLP in the amount of \$157,950 for a five-year period of 2026-2030.

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

ADOPT 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adopts the 2026-2027 school year budget in the amount of \$22,001,161.00, as presented.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD: Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Shawn Gursendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Property Tax Report Card for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE COOPERATIVE NATURAL GAS BID: 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 resolution:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PARTICIPATING IN A COOPERATIVE BID COORDINATED BY
THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF
ONTARIO, SENECA, WAYNE AND YATES COUNTIES
FOR**

Cooperative Natural Gas Bid WFL 2027-19
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WHEREAS, The Board of Education, ***Genesee Valley School District*** of New York State desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties from year to year or, until this Resolution is rescinded, for the purchase of supply of natural gas. And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, ***Genesee Valley School District*** of New York State is desirous of participating with The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o... ***And...***

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, ***Genesee Valley School District*** of New York State has appointed The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, ***Genesee Valley School District*** of New York State and making recommendations thereon...

THEREFORE...

BE IT RESOLVED, That The Board of Education, ***Genesee Valley School District*** of New York State and The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties hereby accepts the appointment of The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters related above...
And...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Education ***Genesee Valley School District*** of New York State authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services... ***And...***

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Education **Genesee Valley School District** of New York State agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding... **And...**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The **Superintendent** on behalf of the Board of Education, **Genesee Valley School District** of New York State hereby is authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties for supply of natural gas and if requested to furnish The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts.

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

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Tim Hand, 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 **Second Reading/Approval** 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
2. Accept the **Public School Fire Safety Non-Conformance Report** dated December 10, 2025, as submitted.
3. Approve **Linda Warner** as a substitute After School Monitor as of April 1, 2026, rate of pay shall be \$30 per hour.
4. Approve to **excise eWaste list**, as submitted (Technology Department).
5. Approve to **excise Bus #65** per detailed information submitted (Transportation Dept.).
6. Accept the **2025-26 QAP (Quality Assurance Protocol) Final Summary Report** from New York State Education Department, Office of Early Learning on our PK program, as submitted.
7. Approve the **CSE/CPSE Recommendations** dated April 17, 2026, as submitted.
8. Approve the following transportation requests to a non-public school **Parker-Jordan Christian Academy** for the 2026-2027 school year: (Bradlee) Eli Allen, (Jezaree) Lilly Allen; Lincoln Voccola, McKinley Voccola; and David Wickett, Noah Reed.
9. Approve to **change the 2025-2026 school year calendar** to close school on Friday, May 22, 2026, due to excess snow days.
10. Set the **last day of school for student attendance** for the 2025-2026 school year as follows: Grades 7-12 last full day of attendance will be June 16, 2026. Last full day for PK-6 will be June 22, 2026; and 1:00 p.m. dismissal on June 23 & 24, 2026.
11. Appoint the following **County Vote Inspectors** for the May 19, 2026 Annual School Budget vote, pay shall be \$16.15 per hour. **Belmont Site:** 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Suzanne Thomas, Jeaneane Finnemore, Mary K. Presutti; and 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Bob Drosendahl, Dirk Knapp, Joyce Bledsoe
12. Approve **Taylor Washburn** to be able to complete 50 hours of observation in general education classrooms across grades K, 1st and 2nd for SUNY Empire. This will start the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

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

VOTE: Yes 7, No 1, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

YOU MAY CAST ONE VOTE FOR EACH VACANCY:

Danielle O'Connor
2706 NY-394
Ashville, NY 14710

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

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 Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation of **Brian Edmister, II** as Aquatic Director, effective June 30, 2026.

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

CREATE AND APPOINT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent: Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints **Morgan Hamer** who holds an Initial New York State Teaching Certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), to a full-time probationary position of Elementary Teacher effective August 24, 2026 in the Elementary tenure area. There is a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence on August 24, 2026 and conclude on August 23, 2030. ***This appointment includes Professional Development work during the summer of 2026.*** The base salary for the 2026-2027 school year shall be Step 5, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract.

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

CREATE AND 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 **Jill Coleman** who holds a Professional New York State Teaching Certificate in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), a Professional Extension New York State Teaching Certificate in Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-8), and a Permanent New York State Certificate in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6; to a full-time probationary position of Special Education Teacher effective August 24, 2026, in the Special Education tenure area. There is a probationary period of three (3) years, to commence on August 24, 2026, and conclude on August 23, 2029. ***This appointment includes Professional Development work during the summer of 2026.*** The base salary for the 2026-2027 school year shall be Step 25, benefits in accordance with the GVEA contract.

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Shawn Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation from **Jeremy Marsh** as substitute bus driver, effective April 14, 2026.

VOTE: Yes 7, 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 accepts the resignation from **Miranda Hemphill** as GVCS Stand A.M. Advisor, effective April 17, 2026.

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

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE: 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 approves leave of absence request for **Alayna Ebert** from her position of 7-12 ELA Teacher for the period of on or about July 1, 2026, until on or about February 1, 2027.

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. – Public Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026 Noon to 8:00 p.m. – District Election/Accept Vote Results
(after votes have been tallied)
- Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting

Informational / Discussion:

- 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Schedule draft (to be approved at May 5th meeting)
- Discussed setting date for Reorganizational Meeting and Retreat

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Max Gilluly - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing superintendent evaluation at 6:16 p.m.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

***Dr. Kinnaird left at 7:18 p.m.*

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Shawn Gusendorf, seconded by Michelle Kelley - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School exits executive session at 7:41 p.m.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by James Cartwright - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 7:41 p.m.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk