

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
& REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 – 5:30 P.M.
MEDIA LAB ROOM

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

The Public Budget Hearing 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; Michelle Kelley, Jamie Willson, Shawn Grusendorf, James Cartwright, Rylee Ordway, Student Rep.

Members Absent: Tim Hand

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

Staff Member: SueAnn Lindquist, Michael Mead, Kayla Marsh, Kim Marciano, Cassidy Cochran (left at 5:56pm), Caroline Mapes, Erin Graham, Chelsea Dunham, Lisa Scott-Schneider, Donna Slawson, Nichole Norasethaporn, Alva Robbins, Miranda Hemphill, Mackenzie Edmister, Nancy George, Nanette Vossler, Kristin Fuller, Kathleen Johnson, Holly Burger, Deb Auman (in at 6:00pm)

Guests: Erica Moses & Molly Pike (left at 6:07pm), David & Leslie Haggstrom

BUDGET PRESENTATION: Dr. Kinnaird & Erin Ostrander presented the 2026-2027 school year budget followed by questions and answers.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the Public Budget Hearing at 5:56 p.m. to start the regular meeting.

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

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:56 p.m. by Heath Gordon, President presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons to Address the Board:

- No scheduled guests

APPROVE AGENDA: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Max Gilluly, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School to adopt the Board of Education Agenda of the May 5, 2026, Board of Education Meeting, as submitted.

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

Presentations to the Board:

- Dave Haggstrom presented the Angelica Town Library Budget, and Erica Moses presented the Belmont Town Library Budget.

- Heath Gordon, Board President announced the vote information:

*The Annual Budget Vote and Election of Board of Education Members will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 12:00 Noon until 8:00 p.m. There will be one election site held at the Genesee Valley Central School Pool Vestibule for both Angelica and Belmont district residents. Residents will vote on the following propositions: 2026-2027 school budget, the purchase of 1-(60) Passenger School Bus with the ability to carry (2) wheel-chairs /use of transportation reserve funds and increase support for both the Angelica & Belmont Town Libraries. Residents will also vote on three board of education members. Petitions have been filed by **Jeremy Marsh, Jamie Willson and Michelle Kelley**. All Ballots will be tallied after polls close at 8:00 p.m.*

New this year: we will be using electronic voting machines provided by the Allegany County Board of Elections.

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/adopt BOCES budget dated April 21, 2026, as submitted. VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA REPORTS: **Dr. Kinnaird** reported on the following: Chicken BBQ on May 8th to celebrate Teacher Appreciation week; the Class of 2024 purchased window clings to displayed in the pool vestibule windows; information regarding two community forums, one on April 29 & the other on May 5 – the presentations will be on the website soon; May 18th will be GVCS Safety forum – to discuss our safety plan, a safety survey will be available for the community's input, our Public Plan will be on the website by Friday – this will be voted on at the June Board meeting. **Paula Roberts** reviewed book studies, professional data activities, teacher conferences, summer professional learning, opening of 2026-2027 school year Professional Development days and meet the teacher night on Wednesday, August 26.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ~ Max mentioned the next Athletics Community Meeting date has changed from June 4th to June 3rd at 4:30 p.m. in Belfast
- ~ Michelle stated the Policy Committee meets next week
- ~ Dr. Kinnaird mentioned possibly combining the Health & Wellness Committee and the Safety & Security Committee for next school year after researching New York State guidelines both committees have a lot of the same goals.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report by Erin Ostrander – she is working on the 5-year plan and is hoping to have something for the June Board meeting

APPROVE WARRANT REPORTS: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following Accounts Payable Warrant Reports – Dated April 29, 2026, as submitted: Federal Fund #10, General Fund #10, School Lunch Fund #10, Capital Fund (HADD) #10 VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Michelle Kelley, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the consent agenda items as follows:

1. Approve the *CSE/CPSE Recommendations* dated May 1, 2026, as submitted.
2. Approve *Paizlee Tilton* to volunteer in the 2nd Grade classroom under the supervision of Rachele Preston and Rhonnie Tilton.

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

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: 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 approves *April Cole* as Long Term Substitute Teacher for Julia Kelley from May 1st through May 8th. The rate of pay shall be 1/200th of Step 1 of the daily rate without benefits, as per board policy.

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

RESCIND APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER MOTION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Jamie Willson, seconded by Max Gilluly - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School *rescinds* the motion made at the April 21, 2026 Board meeting to appoint *Jill Coleman* to a full-time probationary position of Special Education Teacher.

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

APPOINT ADVISOR: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by Michelle Kelley - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints *Nancy Brown* as GVCS Stand (A.M.) Advisor for the 2026 Fair Season. The pay shall be as per GVEA Teacher's contract.

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – Health and Wellness Committee meeting
- Monday, May 11, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – Policy Review Committee meeting
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – Safety & Security Committee meeting
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026 Noon to 8:00 p.m. – District Budget vote, tally ballots, meeting at 8:30 p.m. and to accept vote results
- Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. – Governing meeting (Heath, Max & Jamie)
- Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – Athletics Committee meeting at Belfast School
- Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board meeting

Informational / Discussion:

- Dr. Kinnaird suggested dates and times for the Board Reorganization meeting & Board Retreat in July. This will be discussed further to vote on at the June Board meeting.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Shawn Grusendorf, seconded by James Cartwright - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School suspends the regular order of business at 6:35 p.m. to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel discussion.

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

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by James Cartwright, seconded by Jamie Willson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School resumes the regular order of business at 7:40 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Michelle Kelley, 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 6, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela A. Winterhalter
District Clerk