

# Public Hearing 6:00pm

## GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### AGENDA

MEETING: REGULAR

DATE: June 8, 2026

TIME: Immediately following public hearing and celebrations.

PLACE: HS Auditorium

#### *\*Board Action Items*

#### **A. Call meeting to order/Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **B. Public Access to the Board of Education**

We appreciate you taking the time to attend our meeting and welcome your comments. If you would like to share your thoughts with the board, please state your name and address and please limit your comments to three minutes. If you would like a response, please be sure to include your phone number or email address on the sign in sheet. Please turn cell phones off or to silent and no texting. Thank you for coming.

#### **\*C. Approval of Agenda**

#### **D. Acceptance of Minutes**

D.1. Minutes of May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting

D.2. Minutes of May 19, 2026 Annual Meeting of the Voters

#### **E. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report**

#### **F. Administrators' Reports**

- Dr. Christopher Brown-end of the year

#### **\*G. Consent Agenda**

*In an effort to expediate the business of the Board of Education, but in no way is it meant to diminish the importance of each item, a Consent Agenda has been developed.*

**G.1.a. Substitute Teachers:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent; the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve **Isabelle Cole, Mary Schwartz and Griffin Bond** as Substitute Teachers for the 2025-26 school year.

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**G.1.b. Substitute Teacher Aides:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent; the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve **Lori Barber and Theresa Borrelli** as Substitute Teacher Aides for the 2025-26 school year.

**G.1.c. Substitute Teaching Assistants:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent; the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve **Isabelle Cole, Lori Barber and Theresa Borrelli** as Substitute Teaching Assistants for the 2025-26 school year.

**G.1.d 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 **Aiden Baker** as Substitute Cleaner for the 2025-26 school year.

**G.1.e. Substitute Cleaners:** 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 listed as Substitute Cleaners for the summer:

<b>Arianna Keyser</b>	<b>Jonah Keller</b>	<b>Maryann Silver</b>
<b>Noah Schrader</b>	<b>Lucas Hill</b>	<b>Kaylin Yerkes</b>
<b>Gretchen Lagger</b>	<b>Audrey Keller</b>	<b>Ella Johnson</b>
<b>Ayden Baker</b>	<b>Ella Yerkes</b>	<b>Colton Johnson</b>
<b>Shiloh Dailey</b>	<b>James Santonastaso</b>	<b>Dennis Roussell</b>
<b>Mason Loomis</b>	<b>Lucas Daily</b>	<b>Gwendalyn Robinson</b>
<b>Caleb Wedge</b>	<b>Ryan Santee</b>	<b>Miya Gage</b>
<b>Colby Hunt</b>	<b>Mackenna Staley</b>	<b>Libby Kellison-Johnson</b>
<b>Jesse Bodine</b>	<b>Julia MacVean</b>	<b>Marley Gross</b>
<b>Susana Romeo</b>	<b>Harlynn Bagley</b>	<b>Cole Milliman</b>
<b>Easton Modzel</b>	<b>Ayana Ayers</b>	

**G.1.f. Resignation-Cassandra Miskell:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the resignation of **Cassandra Miskell**, Teacher Aide, effective at end of business June 5, 2026.

**G.1.g. Appoint Clerk-Cassandra Miskell:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Cassandra Miskell** a probationary Civil Service appointment as Clerk, at an

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hourly rate per contract, effective June 8, 2026 to June 8, 2027.

**G.1.h. Appoint Field Band 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 people:

Music	Name	Base	Longevity	Stipend
Field Band Director	<b>Austin Kephart</b>	\$3897.09	\$0	\$3897.09
Field Band Asst Direct	<b>Erin Ormsby</b>	\$3068.00	\$0	\$3068.00
Field Band Color Guard	<b>Amelia Rasmussen</b>	\$1286.10	\$100	\$1386.00
Winterguard Director	<b>Amelia Rasmussen</b>	\$3068.00	\$100	\$3168.00

**G.1.i. Amend 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/Girls Modified Track	<b>Ethan Eschler</b>	\$2,473	\$450	\$2923
Boys/Girls Modified Track	<b>Jessica Frank</b>	\$578	\$0	\$578

**G.1.j. Approve Fine Arts Director Stipend-Kayla Osika:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve **Kayla Osika**, to receive a Fine Arts Director stipend of \$5,000 for the 2025-26 school year.

**G.1.k. Appoint Summer Computer Aides:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve temporary appointment of **Amelia Rasmussen and James Santonastaso IV** as Summer Computer Aides effective July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026.

**G.1.l. Appoint Extended School Year:** 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 at their per-diem rate for the 2026 Extended School Year:

**Teachers:**

- **Griffin Herron**
- **Ethan Eschler**
- **Patricia Smith**
- **Erin Fischer**

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### Teaching Assistant:

- **Brenda Hartman**
- **Lisa Thompson**
- **Danielle Floor**
- **Joylette Aaron**
- **Kristiana Weterrings-Potter**

### Teacher Aides:

- **Lana Burnett**
- **Candace Hackett**
- **Jessica Ann Garling**
- **Kristy Robinson**
- **Emily Whipple**
- **Ann Marie Gannon**
- **Emma Hausauer**
- **Wendy Boyer**
- **Tracy Schrader**

### Related Services:

- **Abigail Finley: Speech**
- **Ian Ellis: Counselor**
- **Brianna DeCann: Counselor**

### Nurse:

- **Cassidy Stell**

### Substitute:

- **Kerri Mitchell-DePorter**
- **Gwen Winkler**
- **Stephanie Bode**
- **Briana Hershey**
- **Madeline James**
- **Rebecca Harford**

### Reading Teacher:

- **Stephanie Ellerstein**

**G.2. Field Trip-Spanish Club:** 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 Spanish Club going to Costa Rica April 2027.

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**G.3. 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 volunteer list submitted for the 2025-26 school year.

**G.4. Resignation-Theresa Borrelli:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of **Theresa Borrelli**, Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2026.

**G.5. Resignation-Jennifer Taft:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of **Jennifer Taft**, Principal, effective July 15, 2026.

**G.6. Accept Abolish Positions:** Whereas, the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, has determined that for reasons of economy and efficiency it is necessary to abolish certain positions.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Dr. Christopher Brown, to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby abolishes positions as follows: Section 1. Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby abolishes positions in the following tenure areas effective June 30, 2026

**Music one full time equivalent**

**Social Studies one full time equivalent**

**School Psychologist .4 equivalent**

Section 2. Be it further resolved that the Board has determined that the services of the following individuals shall be discontinued effective June 30, 2026 in accordance with Education Law as they are determined to be the least senior teacher in their respective tenure areas:

**Music tenure area: Jessica Rhodes**

**Social Studies tenure area: Shawna Turco**

**School Psychologist: Valerie Sawyko**

Section 3. Be it further resolved that the individuals named in Section 2. above, shall be placed upon a preferred list of eligible's for recall to a position for a period of seven (7) years from the effective date of the layoff pursuant to Education Law Section 3013.

Section 4. Be it further resolved that the Superintendent is hereby directed to notify, in writing, each individual above of the information contained in this resolution, including placement of their name on a preferred eligible list for re-employment.

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**G.7. Amend Probationary Appointment School Counselor–Alyssa Veloski:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby amend appointment **Alyssa Veloski**, who holds a Permanent School Counselor certification to a School Counselor position in the tenure area of School Counselor, for a four-year probationary appointment commencing on July 1, 2025 and ending on November 23, 2029 contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at Step 10 of the current MWTa contract.

**G.8. Probationary Appointment English to Speakers of Other Languages Teacher-Melissa Galindo:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby appoint **Melissa Galindo**, who holds a Professional Certificate English To Speakers of Other languages to a 1.0FTE Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages position in the Special Subject tenure area of English to Speakers of Other Languages, for a four year probationary appointment commencing July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2030, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at Step 14 of the current MWTa contract.

**G.9. Probationary Appointment Physical Education Teacher-Logan Babcock:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby appoint **Logan Babcock**, who holds an Initial Certificate Physical Education to a 1.0FTE Physical Education Teacher position in the tenure area of Physical Education, for a four year probationary appointment commencing July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2030, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at Step 1 of the current MWTa contract.

**G.10. Probationary Appointment Elementary Teacher- Kelsey Phillips:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby appoint **Kelsey Phillips**, who holds a Professional Certificate Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) to a 1.0FTE Elementary Teacher position in the tenure area of Elementary, for a four year probationary appointment commencing July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2030, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at Step 6 of the current MWTa contract.

**G.11. Probationary Appointment Elementary Teacher- Emily Campese:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in

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compliance with part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, does hereby appoint **Emily Campese**, who holds an Initial Certificate Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and Initial Certificate Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) to a 1.0FTE Elementary Teacher position in the tenure area of Elementary, for a four year probationary appointment commencing July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2030, contingent on the teacher receiving a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on three of the four years preceding the tenure recommendation; salary starting at Step 1 of the current MWTA contract.

**G.12 Tenure Approval-Michael Salotto:** In compliance with the provisions of 3012 of the education law and part 30.3 of the rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Michael Salotto**, a probationary School Counselor appointed July 1, 2023, be appointed to tenure to the position of School Counselor tenure area. It having been shown that **Michael Salotto**, holds a valid New York State Provisional certification in School Counselor in the aforesaid tenure area; and it further having been shown that the probationary period of **Michael Salotto** to be a School Counselor in the district expires on July 1, 2026; the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central school District does hereby grant tenure to and appoint to tenure **Michael Salotto** effective July 1, 2026 to the position of School Counselor.

**G.13. Tenure Approval-Jessica Bigwarfe:** In compliance with the provisions of 3012 of the education Law and part 30.3 of the rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Jessica Bigwarfe**, a probationary Special Education Teacher appointed July 17, 2023, be appointed to tenure to the position of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions-General Special Education Teacher tenure area. It having been shown that **Jessica Bigwarfe**, holds a valid New York State Professional Certificate Students with Disabilities B-2 and a Professional Certificate Special Education and Permanent Certification Elementary Pk-6 in the aforesaid tenure area; and it further having been shown that the probationary period of **Jessica Bigwarfe** to be a Special Education Teacher in the district expires on July 16, 2026; the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant tenure to and appoint to tenure **Jessica Bigwarfe** effective July 17, 2026 to the position of Special Education Teacher.

**G.14. Set Meeting Dates:** Be it resolved that pursuant to Education Law the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby set the following dates for regular meetings during the 2026-2027 school year:

July 13, 2026	6pm
August 4, 2026	6pm
September 14, 2026	6pm
October 13, 2026	6pm <i>Tuesday</i>
November 9, 2026	6pm
December 14, 2026	6pm
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March 8, 2027	6pm
April 12, 2027	6pm
May 10, 2027	6pm
June 14, 2027	6pm

**G.15. Approve Individual Agreements:** 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 Employment Agreements for the Managerial and Confidential Employees as submitted for the 2026-27 school year.

**G.16. Budget Transfers:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the submitted list of budget transfers.

**G.17. Amend Watchdog Agreement:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby amend the Watchdog Agreement to extend contract to June 30, 2027.  
*This was approved on July 10, 2023 meeting.*

**G.18. Accept Municipal Solutions, Inc. Agreement:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept Municipal Solutions, Inc. Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.

**G.19. Accept OMNI Services Agreement Reinstatement:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept Omni Services Agreement Reinstatement Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.

**G.20. Accept Heartland Services Agreement:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept Heartland Services Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.

**G.21. Approve Contract with the Marcus Whitman Administrators Association:**

**Whereas:** the Superintendent and the Marcus Whitman Administrators Association have been negotiating the terms of a successor collective bargaining agreement; and

**Whereas:** on May 6, 2026 the Superintendent and the Association have entered into a Tentative Agreement covering terms and conditions of employment for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030; and

**Whereas:** the Association has ratified the terms and conditions of employment in this successor Agreement on May 19, 2026; and

**Whereas:** the Superintendent affirmatively recommends that the Board of Education take up this Tentative Agreement and that the Board approve the necessary funds for the implementation of the successor Agreement;

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**Now, Therefore,** it is Resolved: That upon the affirmative recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve this successor 2026-2030 Agreement and, further that the Board approves the necessary funding for this Agreement.

**Further,** the Board authorizes the Superintendent to sign the Agreement to signify its approval.

**G.22. Accept School Resource Officer Contract:** 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 contract with Ontario County, for the School Resource Officer Program at the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District for the dates of September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

**G.23. 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.

### **H. Public Access to the Board**

#### **I. Board Member Items**

- Important Dates:
  - Audit Committee Minutes May 26
  - Audit Committee Meeting June 30
    - Board Committee members
  - Graduation Thursday, June 18 7pm
  - Re-Org Meeting Monday, July 13 6pm
  - President and Vice-President

**\*J. Executive Session** I move to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of particular person.

#### **K. Adjourn Meeting**

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

May 11, 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, Sharene Benedict, Karissa Schutt, John Hicks, Erica Hasselstrom, Staci Thibodeau, Bryan Lamb, Clay Cole, Kayla Osika, Jenn Taft and Eric Pasho

Excused: Courtney Vencl, Kevin Cousin and Paul Lahue

Public Hearing was held from 6:00pm to 7:10pm.

Sheila Brown called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

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**Phyllis Frantel, Canandaigua:** Mrs. Frantel spoke on behalf of Mabel Deal. Mrs. Deal thanks everyone for their hard work.

Motion by Ashley Conley, seconded by Phyllis Frantel to approve the following resolution.

**Approval of Agenda**

Yes 9 No 0 MC

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes of the April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Minutes of the April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Minutes of the April 22, 2026 Special Meeting were accepted as submitted.

**Acceptance of Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

**Administrators' Reports**

**Dr. Christopher Brown** reviewed five-year reserve plan with the Board of Education.

Congratulations to Katherine Green, Staci Thibodeau and Darian Hurwitz, receiving tenure. May 29 and May 30 Pageant of Bands, May 19 School Budget vote Noon to 8pm.

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

**Consent Agenda**

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**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 **Phoebe Cole** as Substitute Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.

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

**Create Bus Monitor position:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve creating one (1) Bus Monitor civil service position effective April 27, 2026.

**Amend Appointment Bus Monitor-Hallie Powers:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby amend appointment of **Hallie Powers** a probationary Civil

Service appointment as Bus Monitor, at an hourly rate per contract, effective April 27, 2026 to April 27, 2027.

**Resignation-Joseph Brown:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept resignation of **Joseph Brown**, Custodian effective May 29, 2026.

**Appoint Provisional Custodial Supervisor-Joseph 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 **Joseph Brown** a provisional Civil Service Custodial Supervisor position until successful completion of civil service exam at an hourly rate per contract, effective June 1, 2026, with a probationary period starting June 1, 2026 to June 1, 2027.

**Resignation-John Peck:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept resignation of **John Peck**, Bus Driver effective August 31, 2026.

**Resignation-Laurie Radder:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept resignation of **Laurie Radder**, Computer Tech Specialist effective June 25, 2026.

**Resignation-Kelly Lopez:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept resignation for the purpose of retirement **Kelly Lopez**, Teacher Aide effective June 30, 2026.

**Field Trip-FFA-Camp Oswegatchie:** 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 Camp Oswegatchie Croghan, NY August 2, 2026 to August 7, 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**

<b>Erin Rafalowski</b>	Student Teacher	Gwen Winkler
Duration: May 18, 2026 to June 12, 2026		

**Resignation-David (Todd) Moore:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept resignation for the purpose of retirement of **David Moore**, Physical Education Teacher effective June 30, 2026.

**Resignation-Kristin Hanggi:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept resignation **Kristin Hanggi**, Agriculture Family and Consumer Teacher effective June 26, 2026.

**Resignation-Paul Lahue:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept resignation for the purpose of retirement of **Paul Lahue**, Athletic Director effective August 12, 2026.

**Termination-Alicia Williamson:** Resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and upon review of relevant records, the Board terminates the probationary appointment of Alicia Williams effective the close of business on June 30, 2026. The Superintendent or his designee shall notify the employee of this decision.

**Long Term Substitute Art Teacher-Deborah Poplasky:** Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Deborah Poplasky**, as a 1.0 FTE Long Term Substitute Art Teacher from April 27, 2026 to June 5, 2026 at Step 6, of the current teacher contract.

**Probationary Business Administrator Appointment-Robert Berson** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Robert Berson**, who holds a permanent School District Administration Certification, to a 1.0FTE Administrative position in the tenure area of School Business Administrator, for a three year probationary appointment commencing on May 12, 2026 and ending on May 11, 2029 salary at \$137,500 per individual employee agreement.

**Approve Individual Agreement-Robert Berson:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve Robert Berson's Agreement for the Managerial and Confidential Employee as submitted for the 2025-26 school year.

**Tenure Approval-Staci Thibodeau:** In compliance with the provisions of 3012 of the education law and part 30.3 of the rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Staci Thibodeau**, a probationary Director of Pupil Personnel Services appointed July 1, 2023, be appointed to tenure to the position of Director of Student Support Services tenure area. It having been shown that **Staci Thibodeau**, holds a valid New York State Professional Certification in School District Leader and Initial Certification School Building Leader in the aforesaid tenure area; and it further having been shown that the probationary period of **Staci Thibodeau** to be a Director of Student Support Services in the district expires on June 30, 2026; the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central school District does hereby grant tenure to and appoint to tenure **Staci Thibodeau** effective July 1, 2026 to the position of Director of Student Support Services.

**Tenure Approval-Katherine Green:** In compliance with the provisions of 3012 of the education law and part 30.3 of the rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Katherine Green**, a probationary Teaching Assistant appointed July 1, 2024, be appointed to tenure to the position of Teaching Assistant tenure area. It having been shown that **Katherine Green**, holds a valid New York State Level III Teaching Assistant certification in the aforesaid tenure area; and it further having been shown that the probationary period of **Katherine Green** to be a Teaching Assistant in the district expires on June 30, 2026; the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central school District does hereby grant tenure to and appoint to tenure **Katherine Green** effective July 1, 2026 to the position of Teaching Assistant.

**Tenure Approval-Darian Hurwitz:** In compliance with the provisions of 3012 of the education law and part 30.3 of the rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Darian Hurwitz**, a probationary School Psychologist appointed July 1, 2023, be appointed to tenure to the position of School Psychologist tenure area. It having been shown that **Darian Hurwitz**, holds a valid New York State Professional certification in School Psychologist in the aforesaid tenure area; and it further having been shown that the probationary period of **Darian Hurwitz** to be a School Psychologist in the district expires on June 30, 2026; the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central school District does hereby grant tenure to and appoint to tenure **Darian Hurwitz** effective July 1, 2026 to the position of School Psychologist.

**Reasonable Assurance Letters:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent and/or designee to send reasonable assurance letters regarding employment for the 2026-27 school to the following groups:

- Substitute Teachers**
- Substitute Nurses**
- Substitute Bus Drivers**
- Substitute Bus Monitors**
- Substitute Teacher Aides/Assistants**
- Substitute Cleaners**
- Tutors**
- Food Service**

**Chairman and Chief Inspector-Lonnie Gunsalus:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Lonnie Gunsalus** as Chairman and Chief Inspector for the Annual Meeting of the Voters to be held on May 19, 2026.

**Annual Meeting Election Inspectors:** 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 as election inspectors for the Annual Meeting of the Voters to be held on May 19, 2026.

LuAnn Oswald (voting machine)	Bonnie Andre (voting machine)
Linda Turner	Sharon Gage
Sue Cooper	Claudia Clark
Beth Tomion	Margaret Murphy
Sabra Dunton	Joanne Burley
Sharene Benedict	

**Accept NYSSBA Agreement for Consultant Services:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept NYSSBA Agreement for Consultant Services effective May 15, 2026 to June 30, 2028.

**Budget Transfers:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the submitted list of budget transfers.

**ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee does hereby accept **Coach Don Ennis Memorial Scholarship, Jackson Mumby Memorial, Class of 1971 Alumni is switched to: Marcus Whitman High School Alumni Fund, Schinsing Family for the Trades, Randall Baker Memorial Scholarship, David Fox Memorial, Jennifer Bay Colf Legacy Scholarship for Nursing Excellence, Conrad C Muehe Memorial Athletic Scholarship.**

*These scholarships get audited because funds come to District and District distribute funds to student. Other scholarships not audited because no funds come into District and person sends a check directly to students.*

**Five-Year Reserve Plan:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the Five-year Reserve 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.

**Re-Organizational Meeting:** Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does

approve set date for the re-organizational meeting for July 13, 2026 6pm.

Yes 9 No 0 MC

### **Public Access to the Board**

Christopher Brown welcomed new Business Administrator Robert Berson. Congratulations to Paul Lahue on his upcoming retirement.

### **Board Member Items**

Review 2026-27 Board dates

Audit Committee Minutes

Safety Committee Minutes

Important Dates:

Tuesday, May 19 School Budget Vote Board Elections Noon-8pm

Tuesday, May 26 Audit Committee Meeting 5pm

Monday, June 8 Board Meeting 6pm Auditorium

Safety Committee Meeting in June

Break 7:35pm

**Executive Session** motion by Phyllis Frantel, seconded by Keri Link at 7:50pm for the Board to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of particular person and discuss collective negotiations with Administrator's Association.

8:58pm Christopher Brown and Robert Berson left executive session.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Jessica Wickham to adjourn the meeting at 9:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharene Benedict  
District Clerk

GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VOTERS

May 19, 2026

HS Gym

The meeting was called to order at Noon by Chief Inspector and Chairman, Lonnie Gunsalus, and voting was immediately started.

At 8:00 PM, Lonnie Gunsalus announced that voting was complete. After tabulating the results, Mr. Gunsalus read the following results:

Proposition 1:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$43,952,600 as a general fund appropriation for the 2026-2027 school year and to levy the necessary tax, therefore.

Yes 500 No 167

Proposition 2:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

Be it RESOLVED, to authorize the purchase of motor vehicles for use in the transportation program of the District, including three (3) 64 Passenger (64-84 pupils Conventional Diesel Type C school buses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$566,313, expend therefore an aggregate sum not to exceed \$566,313, and be it further RESOLVED, that the sum of \$566,313 being the aggregate of the aforesaid maximum estimated amounts, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be appropriated from the existing School Bus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, the unassigned fund balance or raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property in the District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued; and be it further RESOLVED that the District shall be authorized to enter into one or more purchase contracts on terms satisfactory to the Board of Education, with respect to one or more of the vehicles hereby authorized to be acquired.

Yes 518 No 149

Proposition 3:

Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$142,400 (which is an increase of \$9,700 from the amount in effect currently of the sum of \$132,700) and to pay over such money to the trustees of the Gorham Free Library?

Yes 482 No 183

Proposition 4:

Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$58,404 (which is an increase of \$1,230 from the amount in effect currently of the sum of \$57,174) and to pay over such money to the Town of Middlesex for disbursement to the Middlesex Public Library?

Yes 476 No 185

Proposition 5:

Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$54,934 (which is an increase of \$2,616 from the amount in effect currently of the sum of \$52,318 and to pay over such money to the Mabel D. Blodgett Memorial Library?

Yes 470 No 192

**Board Member Candidates**

Scott Lambert	Total	411
Lisa Grefrath	Total	410
Phyllis Frantel	Total	364
Christopher B. Braun	Total	250
Keri Link	Total	244

Write In:

Caroline Baker	3
Anna King Spoor	1
Craig Green	1
Chris Kerrick	1
Matthew Spoor	1
Sharene Benedict	1

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharene Benedict  
District Clerk