

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

April 13, 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, Clay Cole, Kayla Osika and Erica Hasselstrom

Excused: Courtney Vencel, Eric Pasho, John Hicks, Kevin Cousin, Jenn Taft and Paul Lahue

Sheila Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

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Mabel Deal, Stanley: Mrs. Deal thanked the Board of Education and Administration for all their hard work.

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

Approval of Agenda

Yes 9 No 0 MC

Acceptance of Minutes

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

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

Administrators' Reports

Lilly Burnett shared a presentation about Elevating Student Voices

Dr. Christopher Brown shared the capital project is ahead of schedule. Grades 6-8 last student day will be June 17. Last student day for Valley and Gorham will be June 22. If there is a snow day the last day will be June 18 and June 23. Happy Birthday to Ella. Senior trip is going to New York City. Solo Fest was held in Victor. Our students performed very well. Marching Band is getting underway. Pageant of Bands will look different but excited to host this event. Dr. Brown gave an overview of property assessments. The district's tax levy amount doesn't change due to property assessments increasing.

Motion by Keri Link, seconded by Jessica Wickham to approve the following resolutions.

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 **Carly Rowe** as Substitute Teacher 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 **Carly Rowe** as Substitute Teaching Assistant for the 2025-26 school year.

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 **Tammy Hurlbutt** as Substitute Bus Driver for the 2025-26 school year.

Appoint Teacher Aide-Brendan Bode: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby grant **Brendan Bode** a probationary Civil Service appointment as Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective April 23, 2026 to April 23, 2027.

Appoint 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 grant **Hallie Powers** a probationary Civil Service appointment as Bus Monitor, at an hourly rate per contract, effective April 6, 2026 to April 6, 2027.

Resignation-Trina Rowlands: 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 **Trina Rowlands**, Clerk effective June 30, 2026

Resignation-Donna Eskind: 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 **Donna Eskind**, Teacher Aide effective June 30, 2026.

Resignation-Lydia Stoops: 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 **Lydia Stoops**, Teacher Aide effective March 17, 2026.

Unpaid Leave Request: 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 unpaid leave request from **Shayna DuVal**, Teacher Aide from April 13,2026 to June 30, 2026.

Marching 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:

	Name	Base	Longevity	Stipend
Marching Band Director	Ian Vanderlinden	\$3729.27	\$0	\$3729.27
Marching Band Asst. Director	Jennifer Hubbard	\$2936.46	\$0	\$2936.46
Marching Band Percussion Director	Jessica Rhodes	\$1230.72	\$0	\$1230.72
Marching Band Color Guard	Amelia Rasmussen	\$1230.72	\$0	\$1230.72

Coach appointment: 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:

	Name	Base	Longevity	Stipend
Assistant Varsity Track Coach	Thomas Daly	\$1158	\$0	\$1158

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 initial proposal of FFA going to Camp Oswegatchie Croghan, NY August 2, 2026 to August 7, 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 final proposal of Senior Trip going to New York City April 15, 2027 to April 17, 2027.

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.

Resignation-Anne Hoffman: 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 **Anne Hoffman**, Special Education Teacher effective June 30, 2026.

Resignation-Lisa VanSickle: 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 **Lisa VanSickle**, Elementary Teacher effective June 30, 2026.

Resignation-Michelle Frieda: 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 **Michelle Frieda**, Elementary Teacher effective June 30, 2026.

Approve Sabbatical: 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 sabbatical request of **Andrea Robertson** for the 2026-2027 school year to complete advanced coursework in human anatomy and physiology.

Separation Agreement and General Release: Resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves of a Separation Agreement and General Release with a tenured employee and authorizes the withdrawal of the matter designated as NYSED No. 46458.

Board of Education Gorham-Middlesex Central School District Resolution:

WHEREAS, the annual meeting and election of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District (the "District") is scheduled for May 19, 2026 (the "Annual Meeting"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District (the "Board") seeks to approve voter propositions for the Annual Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board resolves as follows:

The following propositions shall appear on the ballot for qualified voters to consider at the 2026 Annual Meeting, with the final budget number inserted after the approval by the Board of Education:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2026-2027 Budget

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.

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

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.

PROPOSITION NO. 3- Gorham Free Library Funding

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?

PROPOSITION NO. 4- Middlesex Public Library

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?

PROPOSITION NO. 5- Mabel D. Blodgett Memorial Library

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?

Accept 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

Various Commodities and/or Services

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, Gorham-Middlesex Central 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 Various Commodities and/or Services. And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, Gorham-Middlesex Central 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, Gorham-Middlesex Central 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, Gorham-Middlesex Central School District of New York State and making recommendations thereon...

THEREFORE...

BE IT RESOLVED, That The Board of Education, Gorham-Middlesex Central 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, Gorham-Middlesex Central 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, Gorham-Middlesex Central 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 Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties on behalf of the Board of Education, Gorham-Middlesex Central 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 various commodities and/or services 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.

Resolution Re-Establishing a Liability Reserve Fund

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to Section 1709(8-c) of the Education Law, as follows:

1. The Board hereby re-establishes a reserve fund to be known as the Liability Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding liability claims authorized by Section 1709(8-c) of the Education Law.
2. The source of funds for such Reserve Fund shall be such amounts as may be provided therefore by budgetary appropriation or such revenues as are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account;
3. The sum of \$1,078,822.28, being no more than three percent, exclusive of any planned balance presently authorized, and in combination with the sum appropriated to the Property Loss Reserve Fund, of the annual budget of the District, is hereby appropriated to such fund;
4. The Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and invest the monies of such Fund in accordance with Sections 10 and 11 of the General Municipal Law and other applicable law; and
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approve Property Tax Report Card: 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 annual **Property Tax Report Card**.

Application of Herbicide: 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 emergency application of Broadleaf Herbicide, by June 30, 2026 to maintain the quality of turf.

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

No comments.

Break 6:24pm Phyllis brought cupcakes to celebrate Ella's birthday.

Board Member Items

Monday, April 20 Board Petition Packets due by 5pm

Wednesday, April 15 5pm Special Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 22 Special Board Meeting 7:30am-(WFL BOCES Board elections and administrative budget)

Tuesday, April 28 Audit Committee Meeting 5pm

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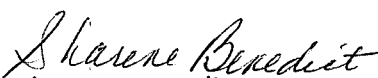
Monday, May 11 Public Hearing -Board meeting immediately following

Tuesday, May 19 Budget Vote

Executive Session motion by Keri Link, seconded by Phyllis Frantel at 6:38pm for the Board to enter into executive session to discuss probationary staff review.

Motion by Phyllis Frantel, seconded by Scott Lambert to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sharene Benedict
District Clerk