

GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
March 17, 2025

5:30 p.m. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
Final Agenda: www.gcsk12.org/boe/

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. COMMENT PERIOD
- III. DISCUSSION
 - A. Communications
 - B. Wildcat News
 - C. Upcoming Events
 - 1. Friday, March 21 – Staff Development Day, no school for students
 - 2. March 28-29 – High School Musical performances
 - 3. April 7 –Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 PM, HS Auditorium
 - 4. April 10 – BOCES Annual Meeting
 - 5. April 18 – Good Friday holiday; school is not in session.
 - 6. April 21-25 – Spring Break; no school for students and 10- and 11-month staff.
 - 7. April 21 – School Board Nominating Petitions due – 5:00 PM
 - D. Student Board Representative Report – Tony Fiacco

- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - A. Monthly Financial Report - February
 - B. 2025-2026 Budget
 - 1. Budget Draft Document #2

- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Superintendent Jacquelyn L. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the following items as a Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes of the March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting
- B. Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 2/20/25-3/15/25
- C. CSE Business
- D. CPSE Business
- E. Treasurer's Report – February 2025

VII. CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Superintendent Jacquelyn L. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel items as a Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Amendment to Superintendent's Contract
Resolved, that the Board approves of an amendment, in the form included in the minutes for this meeting, to the July 1, 2021 contract of employment between the Board and the Superintendent.
- B. Resignations
Alejandra Hall, from her position as Individual Aide, effective March 28, 2025.
- C. Appointments
 - 1. Instructional
 - a) Teaching Assistant – Counselor: Mackenzie D. Reynolds, holding NYS Teaching Assistant Level I certification, to the position of Teaching Assistant – Counselor in the

Teaching Assistant tenure area for a four-year probationary period commencing on February 3, 2024.

2. Non-Instructional

- a) Individual Aide: Grace Holmes, effective March 17, 2025.
- b) Individual Aide: Kateena E. Smith, effective March 18, 2025.

3. Extra-Curricular

a) Marching Band – Summer 2025.

Approve the following Marching Band recommendations, pending completion of any outstanding requirements, and compensated in accordance with the 2025-26 extra-curricular Club salary schedule of the GEA contract, as presented:

DIRECTOR	OLIVIA MONTAGNO
ASSISTANT 1	RYAN BURT
ASSISTANT 2	JENNECA COOK
COLOR GUARD	HAILEY COOK

b) Advisors – 2024-25.

Approve the following Advisor for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year:

PERFORMING ARTS DIRECTOR	RICHARD PATTON
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c) 2024-25 Spring Coaches

Approve the following coaching recommendations, pending completion of any outstanding certification requirements, and compensated in accordance with the 2024-25 Coaching Salary Schedule of the GEA contract, as presented:

MODIFIED BASEBALL-RESCIND	ANTHONY BESAW
JV BASEBALL-APPOINT	ANTHONY BESAW
MODIFIED SOFTBALL	LEESA ISEREAU
MODIFIED TRACK – VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT	BRANDON GRIFFIN
MODIFIED TRACK – VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT	CONNOR CANELL

4. Substitutes and Tutors

- a) Instructional and Support staff substitutes: Donna Massey, Reigan Ayen, Nicole Law, Emma Lucas, Destiny Blair, Connor Canell, Drew Gates, and Sarah Meashaw, pending completion of all hiring requirements:
- b) Instructional tutors: Kristen Gaebel, Kelly Spencer Ayen, Stephanie LaShomb

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Upon presentation and recommendation of Superintendent Jacquelyn L. Kelly, that the Board of Education consider the following items under New Business:

A. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement for Election Services between St. Lawrence County Board of Elections and Gouverneur Central School District Board of Education

Applicable to the GCSD Election being held May 20, 2025, and any subsequent revote(s) related thereto, as presented.

B. Compensation Rate for Election Inspectors

Approve to compensate Election Inspectors at the rate of \$175/day on School District voting days during the 2024-2025 school year.

C. Appointment of Inspectors and Officers for the Annual Meeting and Vote

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District, St. Lawrence County, New York, has called an Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on the 20th day of May, 2025, and WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of inspectors and officers for said Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the Chairperson, certified inspectors, acting clerk, and assistant clerk as follows:

- 1) **Lisa Sheen**, a duly qualified voter of said School District, is hereby appointed as the Chairperson of the Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote on May 20, 2025, and the Budget Hearing on May 12, 2025.
- 2) The following named qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed to

act as Inspectors of Election of the Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote, so that there shall be at least two Inspectors for each voting machine to be used thereat: **Diane Kelley**, Chief Election Inspector; **Judith Poticher**, Election Inspector.

- 3) **Lisa Sheen**, a duly qualified voter of said School District, is designated as Acting Clerk in the absence or inability to act of the District Clerk, for purposes of said Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote.
- 4) **Kim Shampine** is designated as Assistant Clerk of said Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote.
- 5) Be it further resolved, the Board authorizes the Clerk to make any changes to the appointments as deemed necessary, per the county list of approved inspectors, or appoint at least two inspectors for each voting machine from the list of certified inspectors.

D. Bid Award for Trash Removal and Recycling Services

Approve and award the bid from Waste Management. Bids were opened publicly on March 3, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

E. Acceptance of Gift

Formally accept the gift of the donation from Northern Credit Union in the amount of \$250.00, for support of the Positivity Project at the Middle School, and increase the 2024-25 budget code A2210-400-22-002600 by the same.

F. SEQRA Resolution – Geothermal Heat Pump

Approve the resolution regarding State Environmental Quality Review, as presented.

G. Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing Resolution

Approve the Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing Resolution, as presented.

IX. COMMENT PERIOD

X. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the employment history of particular persons, including tenure recommendations, and collective negotiations pertaining to the support staff union.

XI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT