

GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
April 20, 2026
5:30 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Final Agenda: www.gcsk12.org/boe/
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- I. CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. COMMENT PERIOD
- III. DISCUSSION
 - A. Communications
 - Absentee and Early Voting Ballot applications are available from District Clerk
 - B. Wildcat News
 - C. Upcoming Events
 - April 21 – Dean Oratorical Competition, 6 PM, HS Auditorium
 - April 28 – Tri-M Music Honor Society Talent Show, 6:30 PM, HS Auditorium
 - May 4-8 – National Teacher Appreciation Week
 - May 9 – Prom, Gouverneur Community Center
 - May 11 – Budget Hearing, 5:30 PM, HS Auditorium, followed by Regular BOE Meeting
 - May 12 – VFW Retirement Tea, 4:30 PM, Silas Wainwright Post
 - May 12 – Elementary Art Show and Book Fair, 5-6:30 PM, Gouverneur Elementary School
 - May 12 – HS Music Concert (Band/Chorus/Orchestra), 6:30 PM, HS Auditorium
 - May 14 – PreK-Kindergarten Spring Concert, 6:30 PM, HS Auditorium
 - May 19 – Annual Election and Budget Vote, 12-8 PM, HS Auditorium
 - May 19 – District Art Show, All Day, HS Auditorium Lobby
 - May 20 – Grades 1-2 Concert, 6:30 PM, HS Auditorium
 - May 25 – Memorial Day holiday; school closed
 - May 27 – Middle School Concert, 6:30 PM, HS Auditorium
 - May 28 – Grades 3-4 Concert, 6:30 PM, HS Auditorium
 - May 28 – National Honor Society Induction, 7:00 PM, Gouverneur Community Center
 - D. Student Board Representative Report – Ashlyn Besaw
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - A. Monthly Financial Report - March
 - B. Draft Reserve Plan
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none.
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA:
Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following items as a Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes of the March 30, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - B. Claims Auditor’s Reports for the period 3/31/2026 – 4/17/2026
 - C. CSE Business
 - D. CPSE Business
 - E. Student Activities Report – 1st Quarter, 2026
 - F. Treasurer’s Report - March 2026
 - G. Change Order – Contract No. 5 – Site Construction (Number 5-01)
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL:
Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel items as a Consent Agenda:
 - A. Tenure Recommendations
 1. Desiree Simmons, Teaching Assistant, in the tenure area of *Teaching Assistant*, effective 5/21/26.
 2. Michelle M. Benda, Physical Education Teacher, in the tenure area of *Physical Education*, effective 9/1/26.
 3. Candace M. Brown, Teaching Assistant, in the tenure area of *Teaching Assistant*, effective 9/1/26.
 4. Kimberly A. Richards, Director of Special Education, in the tenure area of *Administrator- Special Education*, effective 7/1/26.

5. Jessica A. Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent, in the tenure area of *Assistant Superintendent For Curriculum & Instruction*, effective 7/1/26.
6. Matthew R. Miller, Social Studies Teacher, in the tenure area of *Social Studies*, effective 9/1/26.
7. Kayla M. Side, Grade 4 Teacher, in the tenure area of *Elementary*, effective 9/1/26.
8. Alissa M. McEathron, Grade 4 Teacher, in the tenure area of *Elementary*, effective 9/1/26.

B. Retirements

Accept the request from Richard Nicholas, Jr., 12-month Cleaner, to extend his retirement date from July 31, 2026 to August 31, 2026.

C. Resignations

Emma York, from her position as Social Studies Teacher, effective June 26, 2026.

D. Appointments

1. Instructional

- a) Rescind the appointment of Joshua Forgione in the General Special Education tenure area, and appoint Joshua Forgione, holding Initial certification in Social Studies 7-12 and Social Studies 5-6 Extension, to a four-year probationary period commencing on August 31, 2026 in the Social Studies tenure area.
- b) Modify the appointment of Michele Brenno, holding Professional certification in Students With Disabilities (All Grades), to a four-year probationary period commencing on April 4, 2026, in the General Special Education tenure area.
- c) Special Education Teacher. Appoint Kristin Lamanteer, pending NYS applicable certification, to the position of Special Education Teacher in the General Special Education tenure area, effective 7/1/26 for professional development purposes. Ms. Lamanteer will have a four-year probationary period tentatively commencing on August 31, 2026.

E. Leaves and Leave Replacements

1. Acknowledge paid and unpaid leave covered under FMLA provisions for probationary employee ##.
2. Acknowledge paid and unpaid leave covered under FMLA provisions for employee ##.
3. Acknowledge paid and unpaid leave covered under FMLA provisions for employee ##.
4. Acknowledge paid leave covered under FMLA provisions for employee ##.
5. Acknowledge paid leave covered under FMLA provisions for employee ##.
6. Appoint Sarah Riuitta to the non-probationary position of long-term substitute to replace Employee ## effective 3/30/26 – 6/26/26.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

A. Adoption of Proposed 2026-2027 Budget

Adopt the proposed general fund budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year in the amount of \$50,483,279, with an anticipated tax levy increase of 2.0%, as presented.

B. Approval of Property Tax Report Card for 2026-2027

Approve and authorize submission of the Property Tax Report Card for 2026-2027 to the State Education Department, as presented.

C. Election of Members of BOCES Board of Education

Cast their ballot for the three (3) open seats on the BOCES Board of Education, for: Todd Bates, Michael Miller, and Kevin Wells.

D. Vote on 2026-2027 BOCES Administrative Budget

Cast their vote for the adoption of the 2026-2027 Administrative Budget for the Board of Cooperative Education Services in the amount of \$10,279,948.

E. Report of BOE Candidate Petitions Received

Accept the report of Board of Education Nominating Petitions Received as of 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2026, as presented.

F. Merger Request – Girls' Wrestling

Approve a merger request from Heuvelton Central School District to allow their students to participate on our Varsity Girls' Wrestling team during the 2026-2027 school year.

G. Code of Conduct Public Hearing

Set Monday, 6/1/26 for a Public Hearing to discuss the annual updates and revisions, if any, to the District's Code of Conduct. The Public Hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the HS Auditorium.

IX. COMMENT PERIOD

X. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the employment history of particular persons.

XI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT