GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOUVERNEUR NEW YORK 13642
REGULAR BOARD MEETING JUNE 15, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District was called to order by President David Fenlong, at 5:30 P.M., in the High School Auditorium.

Trustees Present: Todd E. Bates, , Dr. William Cartwright, David Fenlong, Tina French, Lisa McGregor, Nickolas Ormasen, Laurie M. Roberts, Laura Spicer.

Trustees Absent: Brooke Bush.

Also Present: Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools; Dale R. Munn Jr., Business Manager; Jessica Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent; Cory Wood, Executive Director of Operations and Personnel; Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk.

II. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS REVISIONS TO THE DISTRICT SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

(See Sheet #1, Board Minutes File Folder)

President Fenlong explained that the purpose of this public hearing is to discuss proposed updates and revisions to the District-Wide School Safety Plan, as enumerated in Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations. The plan is designed to prevent or minimize the effects of serious violent incidents and emergencies and to facilitate the coordination of schools and the School District with local and county resources in the event of such incidents or emergencies. The draft of the 2026-2027 district-wide school safety plan has been posted on our Board of Education website for review and comments. No comments were received prior to or during the meeting.

The public hearing concluded at 5:33 p.m.

III. COMMENT PERIOD

Jerrilyn Patton, on behalf of the GEA, stated, "We extend our sincere gratitude for your 12 years of dedicated service to our school district, our students, our staff, and our community. Your commitment to public education, thoughtful leadership, and unwavering support of our schools have helped shape opportunities for countless students and has strengthened our district for future generations. We are grateful for your time, your energy and the care that you've invested in this important work. As you step down from the Board of Education, we wish you the best in the years ahead. Thank you for your service, your partnership and the lasting impact that you have made on our schools and community. Best wishes and enjoy your Mondays! Thank you."

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Communications – *None.*

B. Wildcat News

Superintendent Kelly shared an update on the capital project. The athletic fields at the middle school are on schedule to be used for the fall season, as well as the pool and wrestling space at the high school, and the new middle school playground should be completed during summer. At the high school, our students have recently moved back into some newly renovated spaces such as the choral music, orchestra, and band rooms. The 12:1:1 classroom and the home and careers space are both back open and functioning. At the bus garage, construction is wrapping up and our maintenance staff and First Student employees have moved back in.

C. Upcoming Events

Mrs. Kelly shared the dates for several recognition events taking place as the year winds down.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Monthly Financial Report – May 2026

(See Sheet #2, Board Minutes File Folder)

Business Manager Dale Munn's May report showed revenues outpacing expenditures by approximately $600,000. He explained that an anticipated substantial disbursement for Chromebooks did not happen due to supply chain issues. That expense will now move to the next fiscal year where it will affect revenues as well, as it is a BOCES-aided purchase. Mr. Munn also announced that our application for renewal of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) was successful, and we will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students through 2030. He also shared that in the final state budget, the proposal to shift costs to local schools to send students to special schools was rejected; and the final foundation aid budget was

V. FINANCIAL REPORT (CONTINUED)

A. Monthly Financial Report – May 2026 (Cont.)

consistent with our projection. Other items of note included that the general construction allowance for Phase 2 (high school) has been fully utilized. Any future change orders will be changing the contract and need board approval. There have also been some updates to TRS and ERS Tier 6, which may result in an annual increase in retirement costs of approximately $88,000. Lastly, he shared that the final state budget delays the implementation of electric buses, which impacts our transportation reserve that was set aside for this purpose, and initiated some options for the reserve for future board discussion.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Adoption of the Revised 2026-2027 District Code of Conduct

(See Sheet #3, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Spicer, and seconded by Trustee McGregor, that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 District Code of Conduct, as presented.

DISCUSSION: Updates have been incorporated into the posted document. These include an addition for all essential partners for "Professionalism in appearance and all interactions;" a revision to the section for "Use of Internet-Enabled Devices During the School Day;" and minor changes to reflect updates to the "Acceptable Use – Student" policy references.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. 2026-2027 DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT, ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

B. 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Bates, and seconded by Trustee Roberts, that the Board of Education approve the dates for school year 2026-27 for Board of Education meetings; the regular place of meeting to be the High School Auditorium unless otherwise noted, and the hour of 5:30 PM, local time, be designated as time of meetings:

July 13 – Organizational	February 22
August 17	March 8 (*Middle School*)
September 14	March 22 (*Elem School*)
October 19	April 5
November 16 (*Middle School*)	April 26
December 14 (*Elem School*)	May 10 – Annual Budget Hearing
January 11	May 18 – BOE Election and Budget Vote
February 1	June 7

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. 2026-2027 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES, APPROVED.

C. Second Reading and Adoption of Policies

(See Sheet #4, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee McGregor, and seconded by Trustee French, that the Board of Education adopt the following revised policies, effective immediately, as presented: 1620 - **Annual Organizational Meeting;** 7370 - **Acceptable Use Policy (Student);** 7540 - **Student Directory Information.**

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. LISTED POLICIES ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

D. Deletion of Policies

(See Sheet #5, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Bates, and seconded by Trustee French, that the Board of Education delete the following policies, effective immediately, as presented: 3111 - **School District Standards and Guidelines for Web Page Publishing;** 5322 - **Use of the District Cell Phone;** 7570 - **Notification of Release of Sex Offenders.**

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. LISTED POLICIES DELETED AS PRESENTED.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

President David Fenlong asked if any member on the Board wished to have any item on the Consent Agenda removed for special consideration and discussion. No member asked for any item to be removed.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Laura Spicer, and seconded by Trustee Lisa McGregor, that the Board of Education approve the following items, A-E, as a Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2026, as presented.

B. Claims Auditor's Reports

(See Sheet #6, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 6/04/26 – 6/25/26, as presented.

C. CSE Business

(See Sheet #7, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the services, including additions, modifications and deletions, for the following classified CSE students, as reflected in the attached CSE Meeting Minutes report:

5100743	5101810	5101916	5102147	5102218	5102744	5103036
5103056	5103188	5103525	5103777	5103791	5103914	5104053
5104099	5104178	5104426	5104490	5104600	5104618	5104674
5104697	5104930	5105052	5105317			

D. CPSE Business

(See Sheet #8, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the services, including additions, modifications and deletions, for the following classified CPSE students, as reflected in the attached CPSE Meeting Minutes report:

5105032	5105374	5105165	5105365	5105372	5105326

E. Treasurer's Report – May 2026

(See Sheet #9, Board Minutes File Folder)

Accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2026, as presented.

Vote on Consent Agenda:

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

President David Fenlong asked if any member on the Board wished to have any item on the Consent Agenda – Personnel removed for special consideration and discussion. No member asked for any item to be removed.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda – Personnel:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Laura Spicer, and seconded by Trustee Laurie Roberts, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel items, A-D, as a Consent Agenda:

A. Managerial/Confidential Adjustments

Approve the 2026-2027 Managerial/Confidential Employees' salaries to reflect a 4% (four percent) increase over 2025-2026.

B. Resignations

a) Accept the request for resignation from Janeen Streeter, from her position as Music (Orchestra) Teacher, effective June 26, 2026.

b) Accept the request for resignation from Julie Neiss, from her position as English Language Arts Teacher, effective June 29, 2026.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

C. Appointments

1. Summer
   a) High School Regional Summer School Principal. Appoint Nicole Donaldson as the 2026 High School Regional Summer School Principal, at a stipend of $2,000.
   b) Elementary Summer School. Appoint Jamie Mitchell and Lindsey Pierce as Aides, for the GES Summer School at the established rate.
   c) Middle School Summer School. Appoint Taija Douglas as a 1:1 Aide, Grade 4, for the GMS Summer School at the established rate.
2. Instructional
   a) School Counselor. Approve the appointment of Arika Bateman, holding NYS permanent certification in School Counselor, to the position of School Guidance Counselor in the School Counselor tenure area, for a three-year* probationary period commencing on August 31, 2026, and anticipated to end on August 30, 2029, at an annual salary set at Step 20, B60M, in accordance with the Gouverneur Education Association Agreement current salary schedule for 2026-27. This appointment is contingent upon her successful completion of the probationary term. Ms. Bateman's start date will be July 1, 2026 and will include compensation for up to 20 (twenty) days for summer guidance support at her hourly rate, as well as anticipated professional development. *Ms. Bateman has been previously granted tenure in another district.
3. Substitutes and Tutors.
   a) Appoint Erica Hughes as a Tutor for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of all requirements.
   b) Appoint Alissa Jenne as a substitute for the Buildings & Grounds department for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year and starting July 1 for the 2026-27 school year.
4. Extra-Curricular
   a) 2026-27 Advisors. Approve the appointments of the following advisor(s), to be compensated in accordance with the 202-27 Club Salary Schedule of the GEA contract:

FFA - Summer	KYLIE A. TORRES	CLASS B	Step 4

D. Students

Buildings & Grounds. Approve the re-appointment of the following students as substitutes in the Buildings & Grounds department for the 2026-2027 school year, effective July 1, 2026: Peyton Jacques, Karlee Ashley, Arianna Wood, Madison Harper, Isabella Simmons, Matty Isereau, James Minkler, Niklas Tharaldsen.

Vote on Consent Agenda – Personnel:

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

President Fenlong thanked Ms. Streeter and Ms. Neiss for their time with our students and wished Principal Trowbridge all the best in his retirement.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorization to Donate Braille Materials to the St. Lawrence-Lewis B.O.C.E.S.

(See Sheet #10, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of School, motion made by Trustee Laura Spicer, and seconded by Trustee Tina French, that the Board of Education authorize the donation of Braille Materials, which are of no value to the school district, to the St. Lawrence-Lewis B.O.C.E.S. as presented.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. BRAILLE MATERIALS AUTHORIZED FOR DONATION TO THE ST. LAWRENCE-LEWIS BOCES, AS PRESENTED.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

B. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring David Fenlong for Distinguished Service

WHEREAS, David Fenlong has faithfully served the students, staff, families, and community of the Gouverneur Central School District as a member of the Board of Education for twelve years, including eight years as President of the Board; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Mr. Fenlong has exemplified the qualities of teamwork, commitment, and leadership, consistently placing the needs of students and the district at the forefront of every decision; and

WHEREAS, his unwavering dedication is evidenced by his attendance at 244 of 251 Board of Education meetings during his twelve years of service, in addition to the countless hours devoted to committee work, district events, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fenlong has served as a valued member of numerous district committees, including the Labor Management Committee throughout his twelve years of service, the Shared Decision Making Committee, the Policy Committee, the District Schedule Committee, the Technology Committee, the Safety Plan Committee for six consecutive years, and the Capital Project Committee, contributing thoughtful insight, sound judgment, and collaborative leadership to advance the district's mission; and

WHEREAS, he has been a visible and enthusiastic supporter of students, regularly attending concerts, musicals, athletic competitions, academic events, and other activities that celebrate student achievement and showcase the talents of our school community; and

WHEREAS, his encouraging and heartfelt remarks to faculty and staff at the opening of each school year have become a cherished tradition, setting a positive tone and reinforcing the Board of Education's support for those who serve our students each day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fenlong has worked tirelessly to fulfill the district's mission of "delivering the promise of a brighter future for our students and our community," leaving a lasting impact on the Gouverneur Central School District through his steady leadership, integrity, and service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District hereby expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation to David Fenlong for his twelve years of exemplary service and leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes Mr. Fenlong's extraordinary commitment to public education, celebrates the many contributions he has made to the district, and extends its sincere best wishes to him and his family in all future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Board of Education and that a copy be presented to David Fenlong as a lasting expression of the district's appreciation for his dedicated service.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.
MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HONORING DAVID FENLONG FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE, APPROVED.

X. COMMENT PERIOD – *None.*

XI. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion made by Vice-President Todd Bates, and seconded by Trustee Tina French, to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment history of particular persons.
YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.
MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:13 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open session resumed at 7:15 PM.

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, motion made by Vice-President Todd Bates, and seconded by Trustee Tina French, to return to open session and adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk