

**GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**August 18, 2025**  
**5:30 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
**Final Agenda: [www.gcsk12.org/boe/](http://www.gcsk12.org/boe/)**  
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- I. CALL TO ORDER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. COMMENT PERIOD
- III. DISCUSSION
  - A. Communications
    - 1. Area 6 Dinner Meeting, September 11, 2025
    - 2. NYSSBA Convention, October 23-25, 2025
  - B. Upcoming Events
    - Aug. 27 – Freshman Orientation
    - Aug. 28 – New Teacher Orientation
    - Sept. 2-3 – Staff Development Days
    - Sept. 3 – Gouverneur Elementary School Open House
    - Sept. 3 – Middle School Open House
    - Sept. 4 – First Day of School for Students
    - Sept. 8 – Regular BOE Meeting, 5:30 PM, HS Auditorium**
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT
  - A. Financial Report – July 2025
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Approval of School Safety Plan 2025-26  
*A public hearing was held on July 21, 2025. No additional comments have been received.*
- 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 Regular Meeting of July 21, 2025
  - B. Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 7/15/25 – 8/8/25
  - C. CSE Business
  - D. CPSE Business
  - E. Treasurer's Report – July 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. Resignations
    - a) Jean Johnson, English Teacher, effective August 7, 2025.
    - b) Autumn Kirker, English Teacher, effective August 8, 2025.
    - c) Kateena Smith, Individual Aide, effective August 14, 2025.
  - B. Appointments
    - 1. Instructional
      - a) High School English Teacher. Appoint Alexia Taylor, holding NYS Initial certification in English 7-12 and 5-6 Extension, to the position of English Teacher in the *English* academic tenure Area, for a four-year probationary period commencing on September 2, 2025.
      - b) English Teacher. Appoint Alexandria Michura, pending NYS certification in English, to the position of English Teacher in the *English* academic tenure Area, for a four-year probationary period commencing on September 2, 2025.

- c) Title I .30 FTE Teacher – St. James: Appoint Judith Tomford to the non-probationary position of .30 (tentative) FTE\* Teacher, for the 2025-26 school year. \*The actual FTE will be based on final Title I allocations and is subject to change.
2. Non-Instructional
- a) Teacher Aide: Approve the transfer of Alana Luther from her position as an Individual Aide to the position of Teacher Aide, effective September 2, 2025.
- b) Individual Aides:
- Zoey Cunningham, effective September 2, 2025
  - Jenneca Cook, effective September 2, 2025
  - Cassidy Simmons, effective September 2, 2025
  - Taija Douglas, effective September 2, 2025
  - Alisha DeVito – effective September 15, 2025
- c) Custodians. Approve the transfer of the following individuals from Cleaner to Custodian, effective August 19, 2025: Jessica Pickett, Spencer Ritchie
- d) School Nurse (LPN): Brittany L. White, effective September 2, 2025, and approve up to five days from August 19-29 for Beginnergarten and training.
3. Substitutes/Tutors
- a) Approve the appointment of returning substitutes for the 2025-26 school year; all requirements are complete:
- Reigan Ayen, Amber Barr, Hailey Cook, Betty Hall (retired/certified), Ethan Matthews, Chloe Smith, Gina Taylor (retired/certified), Ling Wu, Kateena Smith, Forrest Fuller, Ashton Bowman.
- b) Approve the appointment of instructional and non-instructional substitutes for the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of all new hire requirements:
- June Dewhirst (certified PreK-6), Tiffany Forsythe, Jaelyn Goodale, Veronika Holmberg-Kicakova, Janet McIntosh, Emma Riley, Alan Countryman.
4. Extra-Curricular
- a) 2025-26 Coaches – Fall:
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| SWIM – MODIFIED GIRLS            | JULIE K. NEISS - RESCIND  |
| FOOTBALL – JV ASSISTANT          | DAVID M. DAILEY - RESCIND |
| FOOTBALL – MODIFIED ASSISTANT    | ALAN COUNTRYMAN           |
| FOOTBALL ASSISTANT – VOLUNTEER   | DAVID. M. DAILEY          |
| VOLLEYBALL ASSISTANT – VOLUNTEER | LEAH CARD                 |
- b) 2025-26 Advisors:
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| DEANONIAN                                | CORY V. YOUNG       |
| MUSICAL DIRECTOR # 1                     | EMILY M. BASON      |
| ART CLUB HS                              | ROBERT D. DECKER    |
| FFA                                      | KYLIE A. TORRES     |
| FFA - Summer (retroactive - Summer 2025) | KYLIE A. TORRES     |
| MUSICAL DIRECTOR # 2                     | OLIVIA R. MONTAGNO  |
| SELECT CHOIR (CHAMBER SINGERS)           | BRETT M. WORDEN     |
| E-Sports                                 | MICHAEL A. SHATTUCK |
| DEANONIAN 2                              | BETHANIE J. DENESHA |
| TRAPSHOOTING TEAM - FALL                 | PAUL D. CAPPELLINO  |
| TRAPSHOOTING TEAM - SPRING               | PAUL D. CAPPELLINO  |
| CHOREOGRAPHER (MUSICAL)                  | DANIELLE J. PEAKE   |
| DRAMA CLUB 7 & 8                         | BRANDON A. GRIFFIN  |
| HONOR SOCIETY 7 & 8                      | MONICA L. SCOTT     |
| HONOR SOCIETY 9-12                       | JULIA M. STREETER   |
| STAGE BAND                               | OLIVIA R. MONTAGNO  |
| STUDENT COUNCIL HIGH SCHOOL              | HEATHER L. PARKER   |
| VARSITY CLUB                             | SARAH J. WOOD       |
| ADVISOR, GRADE 11, #1                    | SARAH J. WOOD       |
| ADVISOR, GRADE 11 #2                     | BETHANIE J. DENESHA |
| ADVISOR, GRADE 12 #1                     | KATHLEEN M. STAMPER |
| ADVISOR, GRADE 12 #2                     | BOBBIE HOLMES       |

HISTORY CLUB	LISA M. STOWELL
KEY CLUB	EMILY B. MASHAW
STUDENT COUNCIL 7 & 8	HEATHER I. ROSE
WHIZ QUIZ	EMILY M. BASON
MUSICAL SET DIRECTOR	ROBERT D. DECKER
BUILDERS CLUB	BRITTANY L. BUCKMASTER
ADVISOR, GRADE 10 #1	HEATHER L. PARKER
COMPETITIVE SPEAKING CLUB	MICHAEL J. BASON
MATH CLUB	CORY V. YOUNG
PERFORMING ARTS DIRECTOR	RICHARD PATTON
SENIOR HIGH FALL PLAY	MICHAEL J. BASON
K-KIDS CLUB (0.5)	ALISSA M. MCEATHRON
K-KIDS CLUB (0.5)	KAYLA M. SIDE
MILITARY KIDS CLUB ELEMENTARY (0.5)	NICOLE CUDHEA
MILITARY KIDS CLUB ELEMENTARY (0.5)	KATRINA COOK
BAND PEP	OLIVIA R. MONTAGNO
TRI-M ADVISOR (Shared)	OLIVIA R. MONTAGNO
TRI-M ADVISOR (Shared)	BRETT M. WORDEN

5. Extra Duty

- a) Elementary School Afterschool Tutoring – Instructors: Corey Rogers, Penny Matice.
- b) Middle School Afterschool Tutoring – Instructors: Stacey Devlin, Brandon Griffin, Sean Devlin, Nola Farns, Julie Neiss, Lisa Stowell, Pam Stevens, Jennie Dalton, Denise Baer, Melinda Schiszler, Chris Cognetti, Brad Davis, Kristina Hitchman, Cheri Zira, Kim Reed, Brock Davison, Desiree Simmons, Jessica Miller, Candy Brown, Melissa Sweeney.

6. Other

- a) School District Foster Care Co-Liaison: Kayley Learn Denner, in accordance with Board Policy 7133, Education of Students in Foster Care.

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. Tax Warrant for 2025-2026

Approve the tax warrant for 2025-2026 in the amount of \$7,281,815 (\$7,208,765 School + \$73,050 Library).

B. School Lunch and Breakfast Program

Approve participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program for 2025-2026. Breakfast and lunch meals served to all students at no cost.

All breakfasts – Students	\$0.00
All lunches – Students	\$0.00
Breakfast – Adult	\$3.00 + tax
Lunch – Adult	\$5.25 + tax

C. Appointment of Voting Delegate for the NYSSBA Virtual Annual Business Meeting

D. Approval of Phase 2 Building Contracts

- Contract No. 1 – General Construction: Con Tech Building Systems
- Contract No. 2 – Mechanical Construction: ENI Mechanical Inc.
- Contract No. 3 – Plumbing Construction: Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors
- Contract No. 4 – Electrical Construction: Dow Electric, Inc.
- Contract No. 5 – Sitework Construction: T.J. Fiacco Construction LLC
- Contract No. 6 – Roofing Construction: RSI Roofing Inc.
- Contract No. 7 – Geothermal Well Fields Construction: American Auger & Ditching Co., Inc.
- Contract No. 8 – Vehicle Fueling System Construction: RM Dalrymple Company, Inc.

E. Authorization to Declare as Surplus and Dispose of Used Items

Whereas, the School District owns certain items which are obsolete, no longer useful or necessary for school district purposes and of no value to the School District; therefore,

be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby declares the following item(s) to be surplus and authorizes the Business Administrator to dispose of such items in accordance with Board Policy and in the best interests of the School District:

- a) *Core Knowledge Language Arts Curriculum* materials: 5 classroom sets and teacher editions (Grade 3) and 5 classroom sets and teacher editions (Grade 4) – to be donated to St. James school.
- b) Three (3) *Leedy & Ludwig* Timpani drums.

IX. COMMENT PERIOD

X. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the employment history of particular persons.

*No further business is expected to take place.*

XI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION and ADJOURNMENT