GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOUVERNEUR NEW YORK 13642
ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING JULY 13, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the Board of Education of Gouverneur Central School District was called to order by Tatia Z. Kennedy, Clerk of the District, at 5:30 p.m., in the Middle School Cafeteria, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Present: Todd E. Bates, Logan Buckmaster, Brooke Bush, Dr. William Cartwright, Tina French, Lisa McGregor, Nickolas Ormasen, Laurie M. Roberts, Laura Spicer.

Trustees Absent: None.

Trustees Arriving Late: Nickolas Ormasen

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. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BUSINESS

A. Administration of Oath (New Board Members)
The District Clerk administered and countersigned the oath of office to newly-elected Board member Logan Buckmaster. The oath conforms to Article XIII-1 of the New York State Constitution, and Section 10 of the Public Officers Law.

B. Election of Officers

1. Board President – Lisa McGregor
The Clerk called for nominations for President of the Board for the year 2026-27. Todd Bates nominated Lisa McGregor. Dr. William Cartwright nominated Todd Bates, who declined the nomination. Dr. William Cartwright nominated Tina French. A roll call vote was held, eight votes (all trustees present) for Lisa McGregor; no votes for Tina French.

**LISA MCGREGOR ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2026-2027 YEAR.**

2. Board Vice-President – Tina French
The Clerk called for nominations for Vice-President of the Board to serve in the absence of the President and be authorized to sign all legal documents such as deeds, contracts, etc. and co-affix the seal of the District. Dr. William Cartwright nominated Tina French. There were no further nominations.

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. TINA FRENCH ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2026-2027 YEAR.**

3. Administration of Oath to Elected Board Officers
The Oath was administered to President Lisa McGregor, and Vice-President Tina French by the Board Clerk.

**School Board President Lisa McGregor took charge of the remainder of the meeting.**

**Trustee Nickolas Ormasen arrived at this point in the meeting, at 5:35 p.m.**

C. Appointment of District Officers for 2026-2027

1. District Clerk – Tatia Z. Kennedy
Motion made by Trustee Todd Bates, seconded by Trustee Laurie Roberts, that Tatia Z. Kennedy be appointed as Clerk of the District.

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. TATIA Z. KENNEDY APPOINTED DISTRICT CLERK OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2026-2027 YEAR.**

II. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

C. Appointment of District Officers for 2026-2027 (Cont.)

2. Acting District Clerk – Jacquelyn L. Kelly
Motion made by Trustee Laura Spicer, seconded by Trustee Laurie Roberts, that Jacquelyn L. Kelly be appointed as Acting Clerk of the District in the absence of the regular clerk.
YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.
**MOTION CARRIED. JACQUELYN L. KELLY APPOINTED ACTING DISTRICT CLERK OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2026-2027 YEAR.**

3. District Treasurer – Kimberly A. Shampine
Motion made by Trustee Laurie Roberts, seconded by Trustee Todd Bates, that Kimberly A. Shampine be appointed as District Treasurer.
YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.
**MOTION CARRIED. KIMBERLY A. SHAMPINE APPOINTED DISTRICT TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2026-2027 YEAR.**

4. Deputy Treasurer – Michelle A. LaVigne
Motion made by Trustee Laurie Roberts, seconded by Trustee Brooke Bush, that Michelle A. LaVigne be appointed Deputy Treasurer.
YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.
**MOTION CARRIED. MICHELLE A. LAVIGNE APPOINTED DEPUTY TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2026-2027 YEAR.**

5. School Tax Collector – Marion Bowhall
Motion made by Vice-President Tina French, seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, that Marion Bowhall, Town of Gouverneur, be appointed Tax Collector of the District.
YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.
**MOTION CARRIED. MARION BOWHALL, TOWN OF GOUVERNEUR APPOINTED SCHOOL TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE 2026-2027 YEAR.**

6. Internal Claims Auditor – Tammy Law
Motion made by Trustee Todd Bates, seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, that Tammy Law be appointed as Internal Claims Auditor, at a rate of $20.90/hour.
YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.
**MOTION CARRIED. TAMMY LAW APPOINTED INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR FOR THE 2026-2027 YEAR.**

7. Administration of Oath to Appointed Officers
The Oath was administered to the appointed officers within 30 days.

D. Other Appointments for 2026-2027

**Motion to approve Organizational Meeting business items D-1 through D-32:**
Motion made by Trustee Laura Spicer, seconded by Trustee Laurie Roberts, that the following annual organizational meeting business Items D-1 through D-32, Other Appointments for the 2026-2027 year, be approved by consent agenda as presented:

1. School Attorney
Case & Leader be appointed School Attorney, at a rate of $195.00 per hour.

2. Legal Counsel
Ferrara Fiorenza PC be appointed as legal counsel to the District, at their established rate.

3. Central Treasurer and Assistant Central Treasurer for Extraclassroom Activity Fund
Michelle Hassett be appointed Central Treasurer and Amy Barr be appointed Assistant Central Treasurer of the Extraclassroom Fund.

4. Faculty Auditor for Extraclassroom Activity Funds
Kimberly A. Shampine appointed Faculty Auditor for Extraclassroom Activity Funds.

5. Independent Auditor
Crowley & Halloran CPAs, P.C. be appointed as Independent Auditor at the contractual amount of $15,800.00.

II. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

D. Other Appointments for 2026-2027(Cont.)

6. District Attendance Officer
   Michelle LaVigne be appointed District Attendance Officer of the District, in accordance with Education Law 3213.
7. Records Access Officer
   Dale Munn, Jr. be appointed Records Access Officer, in accordance with Freedom of Information Law.
8. Records Management Officer
   Dale Munn, Jr. be appointed Records Management Officer, in accordance with Commissioner's Regulation 185.2(a)(1).
9. Data Protection Officer
   Jacquelyn L. Kelly be appointed Data Protection Officer, in accordance with Section 2-d of the Education Law.
10. Residential Designee
    Cory Wood be appointed Residential Designee, in accordance with Board Policy 7124, Entitlement To Attend – Age and Residency.
11. Asbestos Designee
    Cory Wood be appointed as Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Local Educational Agency (LEA) Designee to ensure compliance with, and as required by, the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986.
12. School Pesticide Representative
    Cory Wood be designated as School Pesticide Representative.
13. Chief Emergency Officer
    Jacquelyn L. Kelly be designated as Chief Emergency Officer.
14. District Chief Safety Officer
    Robert Klimowicz be designated as District Chief Safety Officer.
15. Student and Staff Substance Use Designee
    Beverly Martin be appointed as staff designee to provide information on substance use to students, parents and staff.
16. Chemical Hygiene Officer
    Lisa Dunkelberg be appointed Chemical Hygiene Officer of the District, as required by the District's Chemical Hygiene Plan, at a stipend of $500.
17. Purchasing Agent
    Dale Munn, Jr. be appointed Purchasing Agent of the District; and in the case of his absence, that Jacquelyn L. Kelly be appointed as Purchasing Agent; and that the Purchasing Agent shall be authorized to purchase, procure, store, and distribute all supplies and equipment for which appropriations have been made with due regard to existing law, economy and efficiency, and the needs and desires of the departments of the school requesting such supplies; and that the Purchasing Agent is further authorized to execute in the name of the Board of Education any and all documents, contracts, orders or other instruments necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, until such time as the Board may revoke the appointment.
18. Insurance Broker
    MacFadden-Dier Agency, Inc. be appointed Insurance Broker for the School and be instructed to purchase Security Bonds in the proper amounts for the District Treasurer, Tax Collector, Claims Auditor, and Central Treasurer of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds.
19. School District McKinney-Vento Liaison
    Monica Scott be appointed School District Liaison for students in temporary housing, in accordance with Board Policy 7582, Education of Students in Temporary Housing.
20. School District Foster Care Liaison
    Monica Scott be appointed School District Foster Care Liaison(s), in accordance with Board Policy 7133, Education of Students in Foster Care.

II. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

D. Other Appointments for 2026-2027(Cont.)

21. Civil Rights Compliance Designees
    Cory Wood and Jessica Sullivan be appointed Civil Rights Compliance Designees for students and staff.
22. Dignity for All Students Act Coordinators
    Jessica Sullivan be appointed as Lead Coordinator – District; and the following staff be appointed as building coordinators:
    HS - Principal, Guidance Counselors
    MS – Principal, Guidance Counselors
    Elementary – Principals, Guidance Counselors
23. Title IX Coordinator(s)
    The District has designated and authorized the following District employee(s) to serve as its Title IX Coordinator(s): Cory Wood, Executive Director of Operations and Personnel, 315-287-4870, wood.cory@gcsk12.org; and Jessica Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent, 315-287-4870, sullivan.jessica@gcsk12.org.
24. Impartial Hearing Officers for Committee on Special Education
    The school district will use the district specific list of Impartial Hearing Officers as maintained by the IHRS (Impartial Hearing Reporting System), for the Committee on Special Education.
25. Committee on Special Education Members
    The following be appointed as members of the Committee on Special Education:
    Chairperson: Kimberly Richards, Director of Special Education
    Alternate Chairperson(s): Shea-Marie Mussaw, Grace Dumas, Dale Munn
    Secretary: Katherine Brozzo, Donna Wood
    School Physician: Donald Schuessler, M.D.
    School Psychologist(s): Shea-Marie Mussaw, Grace Dumas, Dale Munn
    Teacher of the Disabled Child: As defined by Federal Regulations
    Regular Education Teacher: As defined by Federal Regulations
    Parent of Child
    Parent Representative: Adrienne Cox
26. Surrogate Parents for Committee on Special Education
    Adrienne Cox be appointed Surrogate Parent for the Committee on Special Education.
27. Committee on Preschool Special Education Members
    The following be appointed as members of the Committee on Preschool Special Education:
    Chairperson: Kimberly Richards, Director of Special Education
    Alternate Chairpersons: Shea-Marie Mussaw, Grace Dumas
    Parent of Child
    Parent Representative: Adrienne Cox
    Evaluator: A professional who participated in the Evaluation of the child for whom services are being sought
    Agency Representative: A designated representative from county service agency and/or agency serving child from 0-2 years of age
    The Child's Teacher* (if he/she has one; if not, an appropriately certified teacher (**For initial CPSE evaluation meetings a Special Education teacher and a Regular Education teacher*).
28. Sub Committees of the Committee on Special Education
    The Board of Education appoint the following sub committees of the CSE, for Gouverneur Elementary, Gouverneur Middle, and Gouverneur High Schools:
    Not less than one special education teacher of the student, or, if appropriate, not less than one special education provider of the student, AND the Chairperson of the CSE or the building principal or a school psychologist, AND related services personnel as appropriate, AND a general education teacher, whenever the student is, or may be, participating in the regular education environment, AND the student's parent or person in parental relation, AND the student, if appropriate.

II. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

D. Other Appointments for 2026-2027(Cont.)

29. Representative and Alternate Representative to St. Lawrence Counties School District Employees Medical Plan

WHEREAS, the Gouverneur Central School District is a Participant in the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School District Employees Medical Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section IV of the Municipal Cooperative Agreement directs this School District to select the Superintendent or a designee to serve on the Plan's Board of Directors, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates Dale Munn, Jr. to serve as the School District's representative on the Plan's Board of Directors for 2026-2027; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board of Education hereby designates Jacquelyn L. Kelly to serve as an alternate district representative on the Plans' Board of Directors for 2026-27 should the district's representative not be able to attend a Board of Directors' Meeting.

30. Representative and Alternate Representative to St. Lawrence Counties School District Employees Workers' Compensation Plan

WHEREAS, the Gouverneur Central School District is a Participant in the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School District Employees Workers' Compensation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section IV of the Municipal Cooperative Agreement directs this School District to select the Superintendent or a designee to serve on the Plan's Board of Directors, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates Dale Munn, Jr. to serve as the School District's representative on the Plan's Board of Directors for 2026-2027; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board of Education hereby designates Jacquelyn L. Kelly to serve as an alternate district representative on the Plans' Board of Directors for 2026-227 should the district's representative not be able to attend a Board of Directors' Meeting.

31. Agricultural Advisory Board Members

The following members of the Agricultural Advisory Board will act as the liaisons between the AAB and the District: Mr. Donald Peck, Mr. Allyn Tubbs.

32. Audit Committee

All Trustees of the Board of Education be appointed as Audit Committee.

**Vote on Organizational Meeting Business Items D-1 through D-32:**

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS D-1 THROUGH D-32, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

E. Designations for 2026-2027

**Motion to approve Organizational Meeting business items E-1 through E-4:**

Motion made by Vice-President Tina French, seconded by Trustee Dr. William Cartwright, that the following annual organizational meeting business Items E-1 through E-4, Designations for the 2026-2027 year, be approved in a consent agenda as presented:

1. Designation of Official Depositories

The Official Depositories will be Community Bank, N.A.; and New York Cooperative Liquid Asset Securities System (NY CLASS).

2. Official Newspaper

Gouverneur Tribune Press and Watertown Daily Times be designated as the official newspapers.

3. Mileage Reimbursement Rate

The current IRS mileage rate be used for any and all approved travel by district personnel using a privately-owned vehicle. (.76 – Trustee Laurie Roberts asked Dale)

4. IEE Reimbursement Cap

The reasonable cost for independent educational evaluations at public expense shall be capped at $3,000.00 in accordance with Policy 7680.

II. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

E. Designations for 2026-2027 (Cont.)

**Vote on Organizational Meeting Business Items E-1 through E-4:**

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS E-1 THROUGH E-4, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

F. Authorizations for 2026-2027

**Motion to approve Organizational Meeting business items F-1 through F-11:**

Motion made by Trustee Laurie Roberts, seconded by Trustee Dr. William Cartwright, that the following annual organizational meeting business Items F-1 through F-11, Authorizations for the 2026-2027 year, be approved in a consent agenda as presented:

1. Payroll Certification Officer

   Jacquelyn L. Kelly be named Payroll Certification Officer.

2. Designation to approve conference/convention/workshop attendance

   The Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent be designated to approve conference/convention/workshop attendance.

3. Distribution of Petty Cash

   Petty Cash Funds be approved for the following:

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| High School | $ 100 |
| Business Office | $ 100 |
| Gouverneur Elementary School | $ 100 |
| School Lunch | $ 300 |
| Tax Collector | $ 200 |

4. Designation of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to Sign Checks

   The Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer be designated to sign all checks.

5. Designation of Chief School Officer to approve Budget Transfers

   The Chief School Officer be authorized to approve all Budget Transfers.

6. Designation of Superintendent of Schools to Apply for Grants in Aid

   The Superintendent of Schools be authorized to apply for Grants in Aid.

7. Authorization to Participate in Cooperative Purchasing Programs

*(See Sheet #1, Board Minutes File Folder)*

   The Gouverneur Central School District Board of Education agrees to participate in the St. Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Programs in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the "Cooperative Purchasing Agreement", for the 2026-27 school year, as presented.

8. Authorization to Appoint Impartial Hearing Officer

   WHEREAS, Part 200 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education was amended to require that, upon receipt of a request for an impartial hearing involving a student with or a student suspected of having a disability, a board of education "immediately" appoint an impartial hearing officer pursuant to the procedure set forth in said regulations; and

   WHEREAS, said regulations also authorize a board of education to designate one or more of its members to appoint the impartial hearing officer.

   The President and Vice President of the Board of Education are hereby authorized to appoint the impartial hearing officer to preside over special education hearings held pursuant to 8 NYCRR §200.5.

9. Indemnification and Legal Defense Resolution

*(See Sheet #2, Board Minutes File Folder)*

   Approve the Indemnification and Legal Defense Resolution pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 18, as presented.

10. Authorization to Employ Temporary Personnel

   Authorize the Superintendent to appoint Temporary, Part-time, Per-Diem or Substitute Personnel and to temporarily fill vacant positions pending consideration and appointment by the Board Of Education at the next Board of Education meeting.

II. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

F. Authorizations for 2026-2027 (Cont.)

11. Authorization for Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, the Executive Director of Operations and Personnel, the School Business Manager, as Acting Superintendent

Authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, the Executive Director of Operations and Personnel, the School Business Manager, as the Acting Superintendent, to act in lieu of the superintendent in her absence, as part of his/her regular duties.

**Vote on Organizational Meeting Business Items F-1 through F-11:**

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS F-1 THROUGH F-11, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

G. Other Items

1. Re-adoption of all Policies, and Code of Ethics in effect during Previous Year

Motion made by Trustee Todd Bates, seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, that the Board of Education approve that all policies, and Code of Ethics in effect during the previous year be adopted for the year 2026-2027.

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. POLICIES AND CODE OF ETHICS IN EFFECT DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR, RE-ADOPTED.**

2. Appointment of NYSSBA Advocacy Liaison

Motion made by Vice-President Tina French, seconded by Trustee Todd Bates, that Trustee Nickolas Ormasen be appointed Legislative Liaison of the District for the year 2026-2027.

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. NICKOLAS ORMASEN APPOINTED LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, WITH THANKS.**

**This concludes the Organizational Meeting business.**

III. COMMENT PERIOD

Parent Nicole Smith requested information on the status of the Orchestra program for the upcoming school year. Superintendent Kelly stated that the Administration and Music Department are working together to continue the program at the high school for our current Orchestra students, but it will no longer be offered at the Middle School. There are currently no Middle School students participating in the Orchestra program.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Wildcat News

Superintendent Kelly reported that the Capital Project is on schedule, but disruptions will continue throughout the summer and into the new school year, with substantial completion expected this winter. At the high school, asbestos abatement is taking place in some areas, drilling has begun in the parking lot on the west side of the building, and work is currently being done on the roof. Interior upgrades continue on the pool and the wrestling space. The athletic stadium and playground at the middle school will soon be wrapping up, then paving is expected to begin on the parking lot. Inside, there is work being done on doors throughout the building. At the elementary school, the parking lots have been milled and paving will begin soon. There is a door being installed, from the outside, into the library for safety. Inside the building ADA compliant lockers and cubbies are being installed.

B. Upcoming Events

August 17 – Regular Board of Education meeting. Superintendent Kelly said the location may need to be changed again due to construction, but it will be posted on the website.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT – None.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2026-2027 District School Safety Plan

A public hearing was held June 15, 2026. No changes have been suggested to the posted draft. Comments are still welcome. It is expected that the Plan will be adopted at the next meeting on August 17, 2026.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

President Lisa McGregor 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 Dr. William Cartwright, seconded by Trustee Todd Bates, that the Board of Education approve items A-F as a consent agenda:

A. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2026, as presented.

B. Claims Auditor's Reports

*(See Sheet #3, Board Minutes File Folder)*

Approve the Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 06/15/2026 – 6/30/2026 as presented.

C. CSE Business

*(See Sheet #4, 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:

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| 5104879 | 5105376 | 5103852 | 5104988 | 5103522 | 5103045 |
| 5102773 | 5103908 | 5105358 | 5105379 | 5104613 | 5103509 |

D. Treasurer's Report – June 2026

*(See Sheet #5, Board Minutes File Folder)*

Approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2026, as presented.

E. Student Activities Report – Second Quarter 2026

*(See Sheet #6, Board Minutes File Folder)*

Approve the Student Activities Report for Quarter 2, 2026, as presented.

F. Change Orders

*(See Sheet #7, Board Minutes File Folder)*

1. Approve the Change Order for Contract: General Construction (Number 1-01), as presented.
2. Approve the Change Order for Contract: General Construction (Number 1-02), as presented.
3. Approve the Change Order for Contract No. 5 – Site Construction (Number 5-02), as presented.

**Vote on Consent Agenda:**

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

President Lisa McGregor asked if any member on the Board wished to have any item on the Consent Agenda – Personnel removed for special consideration and discussion. Trustee Laurie Roberts requested to pull Item B - 3, the instructional appointment of Amy Davis. Trustee Laura Spicer requested to pull the Cross Country Assistant appointment from Item B -2, the appointment of 2026-27 Fall Coaches. Those items were removed for special consideration and discussion.

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda – Personnel Items A, B (1, 2 [except cross country assistant] and 4), and C:**

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Todd Bates, and seconded by Trustee Dr. William Cartwright, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel items, A, B (1, 2 [except cross country assistant] and 4), and C, as a Consent Agenda:

A. Resignations

a) Accept the request for resignation from Meagan Dupuis-Fregoe, from her position as Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2026.
b) Accept the request for resignation from Milaglos Murray, from her position as Special Education Teacher, effective August 20, 2026.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

B. Appointments

1. Summer
   a) High School Regional Summer School. Approve the appointment of Kathy Stamper as a Teaching Assistant (online Health), at the established rate.
   b) Elementary Summer School. Rescind the appointment of Lindsey Pierce as an Aide and approve the appointments of Lindsey Pierce and Stephanie LaShomb as Teachers, for the GES Summer School at the established rate. Approve the appointment of Shelley Burnham as a Substitute at the established rate.

2. Extra-Curricular - 2026-2027 Coaches - Fall.

Approve the following coaching recommendations, pending completion of any outstanding certification requirements, and compensated in accordance with the 2026-27 Coaching Salary Schedule of the GEA contract, as presented:

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| FOOTBALL - VARSITY ASSISTANT | GEORGE J. BAER | CLASS 2 | Step 6 |
| SOCCER GIRLS VOLUNTEER | MICHELLE M. BENDA | N/A | Uncompensated |
| FOOTBALL JV | STEVEN M. BESAW | CLASS 2 | Step 30 |
| SOCCER BOYS MODIFIED | JARRETT W. BULLOCK | CLASS 4 | Step 3 |
| FOOTBALL JV ASSISTANT | ALAN COUNTRYMAN | CLASS 3 | Step 2 |
| CROSS COUNTRY | SHAWN P. CUMMINGS | CLASS 1 | Step 27 |
| FOOTBALL ASSISTANT - VOLUNTEER | DAVID M. DAILEY | N/A | Uncompensated |
| FOOTBALL - VARSITY | SEAN T. DEVLIN | CLASS 1 | Step 27 |
| CHEERLEADING FALL | ERICA DOWLING | CLASS 3 | Step 4 |
| VOLLEYBALL MODIFIED | GRACE DUMAS | CLASS 4 | Step 2 |
| SOCCER GIRLS JV | CHELSI (PECK) GRIFFITH | CLASS 4 | Step 4 |
| FOOTBALL ASSISTANT - VOLUNTEER | CODY HARTLE | N/A | Uncompensated |
| SOCCER VARSITY BOYS | LUCAS A. HAYDEN | CLASS 1 | Step 11 |
| VOLLEYBALL JV | LEESA M. ISEREAU | CLASS 3 | Step 4 |
| FOOTBALL MODIFIED | TIMOTHY W. KNOWLTON | CLASS 4 | Step 26 |
| FOOTBALL ASSISTANT - VOLUNTEER | MICHAEL A. SHATTUCK | N/A | Uncompensated |
| SOCCER VARSITY GIRLS | SHAWN J. TYPHAIR | CLASS 1 | Step 16 |
| FOOTBALL - MODIFIED ASSISTANT | RICK L. VROOMAN | CLASS 4 | Step 3 |
| VOLLEYBALL VARSITY | JOSEPH F. WAHL JR | CLASS 1 | Step 6 |
| SWIM GIRLS | BRETT M. WORDEN | CLASS 1 | Step 3 |

4. Substitutes and Tutors

Appoint Forrest Fuller as a substitute for the Buildings & Grounds dept. for the 2026-27 school year.

C. Approval of Amendment to Superintendent's Contract

*(See Sheet #8, Board Minutes File Folder)*

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.

**Vote on Consent Agenda – Personnel Items A, B (1, 2 [except cross country assistant] and 4), and C:**

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL Items A, B (1, 2 [except cross country assistant] and 4), and C, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

VIII. PERSONNEL (*Removed from Consent Agenda*)

B. Appointments

2. Extra-Curricular - 2026-2027 Coaches - Fall.

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Laura Spicer, and seconded by Trustee Todd Bates, that the Board of Education approve the following coaching recommendation, pending completion of any outstanding certification requirements, and compensated in accordance with the 2026-27 Coaching Salary Schedule of the GEA contract:

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| CROSS COUNTRY ASSISTANT | KURTIS P. WELLS | CLASS 3 | Step 20 |

YEAS: Bates, Buckmaster, Bush, Cartwright, French, McGregor, Ormasen, Roberts NAYS: Spicer

**MOTION CARRIED. EXTRA-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

VIII. PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

B. Appointments (Cont.)

3. Instructional

Special Education. Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Roberts, and seconded by Trustee Bates, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Amy Davis, pending NYS certification in Students With Disabilities (All Grades), to the position of Special Education teacher in the *General Special Education* tenure area, for a three-year* probationary period tentatively commencing on August 31, 2026, and anticipated to end on August 30, 2029, at an annual salary set at Step 21, B45M, 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. Davis has been previously granted tenure in *Elementary PreK-6*.
DISCUSSION: In response to Trustee Roberts, Superintendent Kelly explained that Ms. Davis has worked for the district for many years as an Elementary teacher. She is finishing up her coursework for special education certification, and as soon as that certificate is awarded her probation will begin in the Special Education tenure area.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. APPOINTMENT OF AMY DAVIS IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION TENURE AREA, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Merger Requests

*(See Sheet #9, Board Minutes File Folder)*

a) Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Todd Bates, and seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, that the Board of Education approve a merger with the Harrisville CSD to allow their students to participate on the Gouverneur Boys' and Girls' Spring Track teams (all levels) during the 2026-27 school year, per the terms of the Section 10 Athletics Combined Teams Application, as presented.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. MERGER REQUEST WITH THE HARRISVILLE CSD, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

b) 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 a merger with the Clfiton-Fine CSD to allow their students to participate on the Gouverneur Boys' and Girls' Spring Track teams (all levels) during the 2026-27 school year, per the terms of the Section 10 Athletics Combined Teams Application, as presented.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. MERGER REQUEST WITH THE CLIFTON-FINE CSD, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

X. COMMENT PERIOD – None.

XI. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Todd Bates, and seconded by Vice-President 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 6:10 PM.**

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

**Open session resumed at 6:47 PM.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, motion made by Trustee Laura Spicer, and seconded by Trustee Laurie Roberts, to return to open session and adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM.

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:47 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk | Lisa McGregor, President