

GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
August 17, 2026
5:30 p.m. MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
Final Agenda: www.gcsk12.org/boe/
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I. CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS REVISIONS TO THE DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of this public hearing is to afford the Board of Education the opportunity to hear opinions from the public regarding a revision to the 2026-27 Code of Conduct regarding the prohibition of e-bikes and other motor-driven vehicles on school grounds.

The current Code of Conduct is posted on the District website: <https://www.gcsk12.org/about-us/code-of-conduct/files/26-27-code-of-conduct.pdf>

III. STATEMENT FROM SUPERINTENDENT – ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

IV. COMMENT PERIOD

V. DISCUSSION

A. Communications

1. APP Process (Superintendent Kelly)
2. NYSSBA Convention, October 22-24, 2026: Buffalo

B. Upcoming Events

Aug. 25 – New Teacher Orientation
Aug. 31 – Freshman Orientation
Aug 31, Sept. 1 – Staff Development Days
Sept. 1 – Gouverneur Elementary School Open House
Sept. 1 – Middle School Orientation/Open House
Sept. 2 – First Day of School for Students
Sept. 7 – Labor Day holiday
Sept. 12 – “Walk With A Doc”
Sept. 14 – Regular BOE Meeting, 5:30 PM, HS Auditorium
Oct. 8 – NYSSBA Area 6 Dinner Meeting, Malone Country Club

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Financial Report – July 2026

B. Acceptance of Grant

Upon presentation and recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education accept the NYSERDA P-12 Clean Green Schools Initiative grant in the amount of \$5,030,000 to be used as a partial funding source for Capital Project 511101060007016240572 at the Gouverneur High School.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Adoption of School Safety Plan 2026-27

A public hearing was held on June 15, 2026. No additional comments have been received.

Upon presentation and recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the School Safety Plan 2026-27, to be submitted to SED and distributed to specified agencies.

B. Anticipated Adoption of Revised 2026-27 Code of Conduct

Upon presentation and recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the revised 2026-27 Code of Conduct, as presented.

VIII. **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 Organizational Meeting of July 13, 2026
- B. Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 7/1/26 – 8/14/26
- C. CSE Business
- D. CPSE Business
- E. Treasurer's Report – July 2026
- F. Change Orders
 - 1. Contract: Capital Improvements Project Phase 1 – MS Athletic Facility: Building B Lockers (Number 1-01).
 - 2. Contract: Capital Improvements Project Phase 2 – General Construction: Steel Lintels at Pool Area (Number 1-03).
 - 3. Contract: Capital Improvements Project Phase 2 – General Construction: Nurse C107 Flooring Removals (Number 1-04).
 - 4. Contract: Capital Improvements Project Phase 2 – General Construction: Area E Restrooms ACM Window Sealant Removal (Number 1-05).
 - 5. Contract: Capital Improvements Project Phase 2 – General Construction: Remove Aux Gym Plaster Ceiling (Number 1-06).

IX. **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. Amendment to School Resource Officer (SRO) contracts for salary increase
 - a) Robert Klimowicz
 - b) Michael Tyler
 - c) Edward Jenack
- B. Retirements
 - a) Kimberly A. Richards, from her position as Director of Special Education, effective February 15, 2027.
- C. Resignations
 - a) Adjust the resignation date from Milaglos Murray from August 20, 2026 to be effective at the close of business on August 10, 2026.
 - b) Grace Dumas, from her position as School Psychologist, effective at the close of business on July 22, 2026.
- D. Appointments
 - 1. Summer
 - a) Regents Proctoring/Scoring. Appoint the following personnel for Regents Proctoring/Scoring (August 18-20, 2026), at the established rate: Jennifer Anson, Shawn Cummings, Lisa Dunkelberg, Bobbie Holmes, Matt Miller, Evan Shampine, Julia Streeter.
 - 2. Instructional
 - a) Teaching Assistant Counseling. Appoint Elyssa Bice, holding NYS Initial certification in Teaching Assistant, to the position of Teaching Assistant – Counseling in the Teaching Assistant tenure Area, effective August 18, 2026 for professional development purposes. Ms. Bice will have a four-year probationary period commencing on August 31, 2026.
 - b) Title I .30 FTE Teacher – St. James: Continue Judith Tomford's non-probationary position of .30 FTE* Teacher for the 2026-27 school year and annually until appointment ends by board resolution. Ms. Tomford holds Permanent certification in Nursery, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6. Ms. Tomford is assigned to St. James. *The actual FTE will be based on final Title I allocations and is subject to change annually.
 - c) Instructional Support Services (ISS) (Part-time). Appoint Terri L. Whitaker to the non-probationary position of Instructional Math Coach, which constitutes an Instructional Support Services ("ISS") position within the meaning of Part 30 of the Regents Rules, effective September 2, 2026, for up to 40 days during the 2026-2027 school year. Mrs. Whitaker possesses permanent certification in Mathematics 7-12.

3. Non-Instructional

- a) Individual Aides. Appoint the following Individual Aides, in the noncompetitive class of the civil service, under the terms and conditions of the GSRPU contract, effective August 31, 2026 at a salary of Individual Aide 7.5, Level 1:

1. Kaitlyn Redmond
2. Amber Barr
3. Jessica Rose
4. Alecia Hoffman

- b) Cleaner. Appoint Alisa Jenne as a Cleaner in the labor class of the civil service, under the terms and conditions of the GSRPU contract, effective August 31, 2026 at a salary of Cleaner, Level 1.

4. Substitutes/Tutors

- a) Approve the appointment of returning substitutes for the 2026-27 school year; all requirements are complete:

Katelynn Ayen	Madison Ayen	Reigan Ayen
Maureen Baer	Evelyn Barton*	Destiny Blair
Ashton Bowman	Tori Brunet	Kathleen Buell*
Paul Buell*	Whitney Bush	Connor Canell
Hannah Clement	Antoinette Cogan*	Hailey Cook
Alan Countryman	Annie DeGroat-Laisdell	Baylee Deleon Perez
Robert Dunkelberg*	Rachel Durham	Selena Figueroa
Forrest Fuller	Drew Gates	Andrea Gray
Betty Hall*	Sarita Hall	Veronika Holmberg-Kocakova
Kelly Houle	Gina Johnson	Rachel Laso
Patrick Looby	Anita Mantia	Donna Massey
Janet McIntosh	Jaymie McIntyre	Donna Parks
Gabrielle Platt	Raelyn Prashaw	Mackenzie Reynolds
Jenika Richards	Sarah Riutta	Sullivan Rumble
Maureen Schesser	Nikolaus Schiszler	Johnessa Simmons
Anita Sleeman*	Chloe Smith	Jennifer Stiles
Marlene Thomson	Joseph Wahl*	Terri Whitaker*
Patricia Williams*	Jennie Young	Natalie Young

- b) Approve the appointment of returning tutors for the 2026-27 school year; all requirements are complete:

Jessica Miller	Kara Mashaw	Desiree Simmons
Cherie Zira	Ken Nicholas	Lisa Carbone
Lindsey Daniels*	Jill Davis*	Olivia Dearbeck*
Jackie Koch*	Stephanie LaShomb*	Kim Reed*
Beth Siebels*	Pam Stevens*	Terri Whitaker*

5. Leave / Leave Replacements

- a) Appoint Paul Buell, who holds Permanent Music certification, to the non-probationary position of long-term certified substitute for Employee Olivia Dearbeck, for the approximate period of September 21 – until the employee returns from leave, at the established rate.
- b) Appoint Kathy Buell, who holds Permanent N-6 certification, to the non-probationary position of long-term certified substitute for Employee Laney Smith, for the approximate period of August 31, 2026 – until the employee returns from leave, plus two additional days prior to August 31 for planning, at the established rate.
- c) Appoint Connor Canell as a long-term substitute for Employee Ashley Shattuck, for the approximate period of August 31, 2026 – November 20, 2026, at the established rate.
- d) Appoint Gina Johnson as a long-term substitute for Employee Danielle Valenzuela, for the approximate period of August 31, 2026 – November 20, 2026, at the established rate.

6. Extra-Curricular

- a) 2026-27 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:

VOLLEYBALL MODIFIED	JESSICA MILLER
SOCCER GIRLS VOLUNTEER	CHLOE SMITH
FOOTBALL ASSISTANT – VOLUNTEER	MARK TYLER
SOCCER GIRLS MODIFIED	ANTHONY WOOD

X. NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. Resignation of Science Teacher to Accept the Appointment of CSE/CPSE Chairperson
Accept the resignation of Lisa M. Dunkelberg from her position as Science teacher (high school) and appoint Lisa M. Dunkelberg, who holds NYS Professional certification in School District Leader, to the position of CSE/CPSE Chairperson (11-month), in the School District Leader Tenure Area, effective August 31, 2026 under the terms and conditions of the Gouverneur Administrators' Association (GAA) contract. Mrs. Dunkelberg will have a four-year probationary period commencing on August 31, 2026.
- B. Resignation of Special Education Teacher to Accept the Appointment of Assistant Principal
Accept the resignation of Brittany L. Buckmaster from her position as Special Education teacher (middle school) and appoint Brittany L. Buckmaster, who holds NYS internship certification in School Building Leader, to the position of Assistant Principal (11-month), in the Administrative Assistant Principal Tenure Area, effective August 31, 2026 under the terms and conditions of the Gouverneur Administrators' Association (GAA) contract. Mrs. Buckmaster will have a four-year probationary period commencing on August 31, 2026.
- C. Tax Warrant for 2026-2027
Approve the tax warrant for 2026-2027 in the amount of \$7,425,990 (\$7,352,940 School + \$73,050 Library), as presented.
- D. BOE Committees – discussion
- E. NYSSBA Area 6 Director Election
The Board of Education shall cast a ballot for either Tori Thurston or Gary Lambert for the position of Area 6 Director on the NYS School Boards Association Board of Directors, for a two-year term from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028.
- F. Voting Delegate for the NYSSBA Virtual Annual Business Meeting
The Board of Education shall appoint _____ as the voting delegate for the New York State School Boards Association's Annual Business Meeting to be held virtually on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 4pm.
- G. Intermunicipal Agreement for Dual Enrollment Courses
Approve the Intermunicipal Agreement to send Gouverneur CSD students to Madrid-Waddington CSD to take dual enrollment courses through SUNY Canton's Dual Enrollment Program for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

XI. COMMENT PERIOD

XII. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the employment history of particular persons.

No further business is expected to take place.

XIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION and ADJOURNMENT