

GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
September 14, 2026
5:30 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
Final Agenda: www.gcsk12.org/boe/
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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. COMMENT PERIOD
- III. DISCUSSION
 - A. Welcome to 2026-27 Student Board Representative: Laina Kurdziel
 - B. Wildcat News – Summer School Update
 - C. IDEA Support Plan Update
 - D. Upcoming Events
 - September 21-26 – Spirit Week and Homecoming
 - October 5, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Board Retreat
 - October 8 – NYSSBA Area 6 Dinner Meeting, Malone Country Club
 - October 9 – Half Day Staff Development; no school for students PM.
 - October 12 – Columbus Day holiday; no school
 - October 12-16 – School Board Recognition Week
 - October 15, 4:00 p.m. – Virtual NYSSBA Business Meeting (Voting Delegate Nickolas Ormasen)
 - October 22-24 – NYSSBA Convention, Buffalo NY
 - October 19, 5:30 p.m. – Board of Education meeting –HS Auditorium
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - A. Financial Report – August 2026
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. BOE Committee Designations
 - GEA:** Roberts, Bush, McGregor; **GAA:** Roberts, Bush, Spicer; **GSRPU:** McGregor, Cartwright, Roberts, French; **Capital Project:** Cartwright, Bates, Ormasen; **Safety Plan:** Ormasen, Buckmaster; **Transportation:** Bates, Spicer, Bush; **Technology:** Bates, Ormasen, French; **Policy:** Bates, McGregor, French, Buckmaster
- 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 Regular Meeting of August 17, 2026
 - B. Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 8/21/26 – 9/11/26
 - C. CSE Business
 - D. CPSE Business
 - E. Treasurer's Report – August 2026
 - F. Change Orders
 - 1. Contract: Capital Improvements Project Phase 1 – MS Athletic Facility: Stadium Sound System - Electrical (Number 4-01).
 - 2. Contract: Capital Improvements Project Phase 1 – MS Athletic Facility: Alternate – Hvy Duty Parking Lot Add (Number 5-06).
 - 3. Contract: 2024 Capital Project: 285LF of 15" Connection between Drywell No 6 and existing CB by School (Number 5-07).
- 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. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement #6 between the Gouverneur Central School District and the Gouverneur Education Association
 - Approve the amendment to MOA#6 to the contract between the District and GEA for a non-precedent setting agreement to continue to provide unpaid leave for a particular Teacher's Service as Town Justice for the 2026-27 school year.

B. Retirements

David M. Dailey, from his position as Secondary Mathematics Teacher, effective December 1, 2026.

C. Appointments

1. Instructional

Science Teacher. Appoint Jung (Veronica) LaMothe to the position of Science Teacher in the Science academic tenure area. Mrs. LaMothe will have a four-year probationary period commencing on September 15, 2026. This appointment is contingent upon her successful completion of the probationary term.

2. Non-Instructional

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 September 15, 2026 at a salary of Individual Aide 7.5, Level 1:

- 1) Terry L. Collier
- 2) Janet M. McIntosh
- 3) Veronika Holmberg-Kicakova

3. Substitutes and Tutors

a) Appoint the following substitutes, pending any outstanding requirements:

Nola Farns, certified teacher (retired); Carlton Bressett; Allysa Byrd (cafeteria); June Dewhirst; Christine Weaver; Nelson Barker; Nichole Hull; Richard Nicholas (B&G); RaeLynn Absalon; Hillary Bowman; Lauren Frank; Kortnee Lucidi; Brianna Macaulay

b) Appoint Josh Forgione as a tutor for homebound instruction.

4. Extra-Curricular

a) 2026-27 Coaches – Fall:

FOOTBALL – JV ASSISTANT
FOOTBALL – VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT
FOOTBALL – JV ASSISTANT

ALAN COUNTRYMAN - RESIGNED
MICHAEL SHATTUCK - RESCIND
MICHAEL SHATTUCK

b) 2026-27 Advisors:

DEANONIAN
MUSICAL DIRECTOR # 1
ART CLUB HS
FFA
MUSICAL DIRECTOR # 2
SELECT CHOIR (CHAMBER SINGERS)
E-Sports
DEANONIAN 2
TRAPSHOOTING TEAM - FALL
TRAPSHOOTING TEAM - SPRING
DRAMA CLUB 7 & 8
SENIOR HIGH FALL PLAY
CHOREOGRAPHER (MUSICAL)
HONOR SOCIETY 7 & 8
HONOR SOCIETY 9-12
STAGE BAND
STUDENT COUNCIL HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY CLUB
A-V DIRECTOR
ADVISOR, GRADE 12 #1
ADVISOR, GRADE 12 #2
ADVISOR, GRADE 11 #1
ADVISOR, GRADE 11 #2
HISTORY CLUB
KEY CLUB
STUDENT COUNCIL 7 & 8
WHIZ QUIZ
MUSICAL SET DIRECTOR
ADVISOR, GRADE 10 #1
ADVISOR, GRADE 9 #1
COMPETITIVE SPEAKING CLUB
COSTUME CLUB
MATH CLUB

CORY V. YOUNG
EMILY M. BASON
ROBERT D. DECKER
KYLIE A. TORRES
OLIVIA R. DEARBECK
BRETT M. WORDEN
MICHAEL A. SHATTUCK
BETHANIE J. DENESHA
PAUL D. CAPPELLINO
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BRANDON A. GRIFFIN
MICHAEL J. BASON
DANIELLE J. VALENZUELA
MONICA L. SCOTT
JULIA M. STREETER
OLIVIA R. DEARBECK
HEATHER L. PARKER
SARAH J. WOOD
RICHARD PATTON
BETHANIE J. DENESHA
SARAH J. WOOD
HEATHER L. PARKER
CORY V. YOUNG
LISA M. STOWELL
EMILY B. MASHAW
HEATHER I. ROSE
EMILY M. BASON
ROBERT D. DECKER
GINA WHITE
KATHLEEN M. STAMPER
MICHAEL J. BASON
MEAGHAN A. MATTHEWS
CORY V. YOUNG

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. DEARBECK
TRI-M ADVISOR (Shared)	OLIVIA R. MONTAGNO
TRI-M ADVISOR (Shared)	BRETT M. WORDEN

5. Extra Duty

- High School After School Tutoring: Kathleen Beese, Josh Forgione, Alexia Taylor, Rebecca Taylor, Sam Sochia; substitutes – Lisa Carbone and Jill Davis.
- High School Detention Monitors: Bobbie Holmes, Bille Jean Sheen, Rebecca Taylor; substitutes – Jessica Miller and Sam Sochia.
- Middle School Afterschool Tutoring: Jen Earlywine, Desiree Simmons, Lisa Stowell, Kim Reed, Chris Cognetti, Kristina Hitchman, Melinda Schiszler, Shari Ronas, Jerrilyn Patton, Kristen Gaebel, Brandon Griffin, Melissa Sweeney, Cheri Zira, Sean Devlin, Denise Baer, Autumn Baker, Stacey Devlin; Lead Teacher – Stacey Devlin.

6. Leaves and Leave Replacements

- Acknowledge paid and unpaid leave of absence for tenured employee ###, for the approximate period 08/31/2026 – 11/20/2026.
- Acknowledge paid and unpaid leave of absence for probationary employee ###, for the approximate period 08/31/2026 – 11/20/2026.
- Acknowledge paid leave of absence for probationary employee ###, for the approximate period 09/14/2026 – 10/23/2026.
- Acknowledge paid and unpaid leave of absence for tenured employee ###, for the approximate period 08/31/2026 – 11/20/2026.
- Appoint Nelson Barker as a long-term substitute for the AIS Math position that is encumbered by a vacancy, effective September 21, 2026.

7. Other

- Webmaster: Cory Young, for the 2026-27 school year.
- McKinney-Vento 2026-2027. Through the McKinney-Vento consortium grant we are able to have the following people support our identified homeless population: DTST Members: Monica Scott, Kayley Learn Denner, Christie Warren, Kaitlin McEathron, Saddle Whitaker (Support Leader), Stephanie Plaisted (Support Leader). M-V Mentors: Monica Scott (Liaison/Mentor); Christie Warren, Hunter Hitchman, Kaitlin McEathron, Kayley Learn Denner.

D. Amendments to Organizational Meeting Business

- Committee on Special Education Members
The following be appointed as members of the Committee on Special Education, effective 8/31/26: Alternate Chairperson(s): Remove Grace Dumas, Add Lisa Dunkelberg
- Committee on Preschool Special Education Members
The following be appointed as members of the Committee on Preschool Special Education, effective 8/31/26: Alternate Chairperson(s): Remove Grace Dumas, Add Lisa Dunkelberg

VIII. **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. School Lunch and Breakfast Program

Approve participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program for 2026-2027. Breakfast and lunch meals served to all students at no cost; adult breakfast \$3.75 + tax; adult lunch \$5.50 + tax.

B. 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, as indicated below; therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby declares such items to be surplus property and of no value to the School District and authorizes the Business Administrator to dispose of such items in accordance with Board Policy and in the best interests of the School District:

Item	Number	Condition	Reason For Disposal	Recommended means of disposal
Mama and Baby Echo	3	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Level K Teacher Manual	1	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Level K Composition Notebook	20	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Level K Practice Book	20	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Level K Letter Boards	20	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Level K Student Notebook	20	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Grade 1 Teacher Manual	1	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Level 1 Composition Notebook	20	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Level 1 Practice Book	20	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Level 1 Letter Boards	20	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Level 1 Student Notebook	20	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Grade 2 Teacher Manual	1	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Level 2 Composition Notebook	20	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Level 2 Practice Book	20	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Level 2 Letter Boards	20	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Level 2 Student Notebook	20	Like New	No Longer Used	St. James Donation
Misc Steel beams	10	Like New	Not Used	Auction

C. Resolution Approving Intermunicipal Agreement

WHEREAS, the Board of Education for the Gouverneur Central School District owns and operates an unleaded gasoline and diesel fueling facility for its vehicles at 109 Gleason Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642, and the Village of Gouverneur ("Village") and Town of Gouverneur ("Town") seek to use such fueling station and reimburse the School District for fuel consumption;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, with advice of counsel, has prepared a proposed intermunicipal agreement between the School District, Village, and Town (hereinafter the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the School District's fueling station can accommodate the anticipated additional use by the Village and Town;

WHEREAS, the proposed Agreement authorized by Article 5-G, Section 119-o of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District as follows:

Section 1. The proposed Agreement between the School District, Village, and Town is in the best interest of the School District and is hereby approved.

Section 2. The Superintendent of the School District is authorized and directed to execute the Agreement, and take all steps necessary or appropriate to complete the transaction.

D. Fire Safety Inspection Report

Approve the Fire Safety Inspection Report dated May 3, 2026; all items listed have been corrected.

E. Overnight Trip Request – National FFA Convention

Approve the request for four student members of the local chapter of the FFA, and advisor Kylie Torres, to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, from October 18 – October 24, 2026. The students will be traveling with the Lowville chapter. We also have two students attending who were selected for the National FFA Band.

IX. COMMENT PERIOD

X. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the employment of particular persons and pending litigation.

XI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION and ADJOURNMENT