

GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
December 17, 2018 6:30 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
FINAL AGENDA

(Noted attachments can be found on our BOE webpage which is linked on our district homepage.)

- I. CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. COMMENT PERIOD
The Board offers two public comment sessions, where they will hear remarks from members of the community. Those wishing to speak should state their name for the record and limit their comment to five minutes. The Board will not respond to speakers during the meeting except to address inaccurate information or ask clarifying questions. Questions will be referred to the Superintendent to prepare a response by the next meeting, if applicable.
- III. DISCUSSION
- A. Presentations
 - 1. Staff Recognition Awards
 - B. Administrative Updates
 - C. Communications
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT
- A. 2019 Exemption/Income Ceiling Changes for Property Taxes
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- A. Smoking and Vaping at schools
 - B. Transportation – Contract Extension
 - C. Public Response to Previous Comments
- The Board will hold a public discussion on items brought to their attention at the comment period from the previous meeting:*
- 1. Student referrals / Services
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA:
Upon presentation and recommendation of Lauren F. French, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following items under the Consent Agenda:
- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2018
 - B. Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 11/10/18 – 12/07/18
 - C. CSE Business
CSE Personnel Action:
 - a) Elimination of 1:1 Supplementary School Personnel for student ###, effective 6/26/19.
 - D. CPSE Business
 - E. Treasurer's Report – November 2018
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
Upon presentation and recommendation of Lauren F. French, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education consider the following items under New Business:
- A. Board Meeting Date Change
Change the date of the regular meeting scheduled for January 14, 2019 to January 15, 2019 due to unforeseen circumstances.
 - B. Substitute Pay – Certified Teaching Assistant 25+ days
Approve the creation of position: "Sub Teach Assistant 25 days", at the daily rate of \$110.00, effective immediately.
 - C. Amended Resolution for Approval of Quote for Purchase of Natural Gas
Approve the quote from Sprague Operating Resources, LLC for the purchase of natural gas commodity at a fixed price of \$0.286 per therm for the period of January 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019 as presented.
 - D. Authorization to Declare as Surplus and Dispose of Used Textbooks – posted on webpage
Authorize the Business Manager to dispose of used textbooks which are obsolete (list attached).
 - E. Bid Award for Purchase and Installation of Freezer for High School Kitchen
Accept the bid from Kempney Air, Carthage NY, in the amount of \$26,870.00 for the purchase and installation of a 8'x16'x7 freezer to replace the existing freezer in the high school kitchen. Bids were opened publicly on December 13, 2018 at 10 AM.

F. Policy Review – First Reading – posted on webpage

6212.2 – **Registration and Professional Development** – Revised.

In order to clarify this policy and make it more consistent with the applicable laws and regulations, this policy was substantially revised.

7221 – **Participation in Graduation Ceremonies and Activities** – NEW.

New York Education Law Section 3204 was recently amended to add Section 4-b, which requires districts to permit any student who has been awarded a Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential or a Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential, but has not otherwise qualified for a Regents or local diploma, to participate in the graduation ceremony and all related graduation activities of his or her high school graduating class. Gouverneur CSD already allows students who receive these credentials to participate in graduation ceremonies and related activities, but the new policy will formalize the practice in writing.

7222 – **Diploma or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities** – Revised.

With the revised Section 3204 requirements now included in our Policy 7221, this policy has been streamlined to absorb future changes to diploma and/or credential options for students with disabilities.

7250 – **Designation of Person in Parental Relation** – Revised.

General Obligations Law Sections 5-1551 and 5-1552 were recently amended to extend the period of time that an individual can be designated as a person in parental relation from six to twelve months. It also offers specifics for forms of designation.

7320 – **Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and Other Substances** – revised

Vaping devices are specifically mentioned on advice of our school attorney.

7512 – **Student Physicals** – Revised.

Substantial updates were incorporated so we are presenting a fully revised policy.

7522 – **Concussion Management** – Revised.

This policy has been updated to conform with recently released Guidelines for Concussion Management in Schools.

G. P.E. Plan – Informational – *posted on webpage*

H. Recognition of Gift from the family of Wayne Tyler ('54)

Formally accept the financial gift from the family of Wayne Tyler ('54) in the amount of \$1,255.00, to be used by the District to purchase athletic outer clothing for the wrestling team, to remain in the possession of GCS at the end of the season to be worn in future years.

I. Professional Development Pay - GSRPU

Approve the pay rate of Minimum Wage for Professional Development outside of scheduled hours for GSRPU unit members, when Professional Development is in addition to employee's regular scheduled hours, effective July 1, 2018.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. Retirements

Marla Shampine, School Nurse, effective June 30, 2020.

B. Appointments

1. Extra-Curricular

Rescind the appointment of Tracy Whitton as Hospitality Club advisor for 2018-19.

Winter Coaching Appointment 2018-19: Dillon Stowell, Wrestling Assistant (Volunteer).

2. Substitutes / Tutors

Certified Tutors. Pam Stevens, Saddle Serviss, Terri Whitaker, Mitchell Duncan, Christine Cognetti, Chandler Young, Jennifer Brown

Substitutes. Ruth Wallace

Students. Riley Simmons

C. Leaves

1. Leave(s) of Absence

Employee #00260. Approve the medical leave for Employee #00260, approximate dates January 28, 2019 to March 25, 2019. This leave is covered under FMLA.

Employee #00095. Approve the medical leave for Employee #00095, approximate dates February 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019. This leave is covered under FMLA.

2. Leave Replacement Appointments

Tecia Tarkowski. Appoint Tecia Tarkowski as a long-term substitute for Employee #00260 during the period of employee's medical leave, approximate dates January 28, 2019 to March 25, 2019, at the established rate of position title *Sub Teach Assistant 25 days*. Ms. Tarkowski holds current NYS certification in *Teaching Assistant Level 1*.

Brittney Arbuckle. Appoint Brittney Arbuckle as a long-term substitute for Employee #00095 during the period of employee's medical leave, approximate dates February 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019, at the established rate of position title *Sub Teacher 25 days*. Ms. Arbuckle holds current certification in *Elementary Education* from the state of Texas.

IX. COMMENT PERIOD

- X. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND APPOINTMENT OF CLERK PRO TEMPE to discuss matters related to the employment history of a particular person, and to appoint Lauren F. French as Clerk Pro Tempe for the remainder of the meeting.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

XI. EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the terms of a Separation Agreement and General Release with a member of the Gouverneur Teachers' Association in executive session,

Now, therefore, it is

RESOLVED that the Board approves of the Separation Agreement and General Release between the District and the member of the GTA, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or her designee, to take the necessary steps to implement the Agreement.

XII. ADJOURNMENT