

GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOUVERNEUR NEW YORK 13642
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

APRIL 11, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of Gouverneur Central School District was called to order by President David Fenlong, at 5:30 P.M., in the High School Auditorium, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Present: Todd E. Bates, Brooke Bush, David Fenlong, Naaman Lowry, Lisa McGregor, Nickolas Ormasen, Laurie M. Roberts, Laura Spicer.

Trustees Absent: Dr. William Cartwright.

Also Present: Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools; Carol LaSala, Business Manager; Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk.

II. COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were shared.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Communications

President Fenlong reminded those present to RSVP to a presentation by Dr. Sean Eversley Bradwell related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), sponsored by SLL BOCES on April 28. Board members also received information regarding the upcoming SLL BOCES administrative budget and board candidate vote that will take place at the next meeting.

B. COVID Update

Superintendent Jacquelyn Kelly reported that weekly updates are still being posted on the website. April 2-8 had six positive COVID-19 cases reported; and March 26 - April 1 also had six new cases. COVID-19 test kits continue to be available to families as needed.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. 2022-2023 Budget Discussion Items

The following items will be acted upon under New Business:

1. Updated 2022-2023 Budget Document

(See Sheet #1, Board Minutes File Folder)

Business Manager Carol LaSala reviewed changes that included a reduction to the amount of the transportation contract of approximately \$200,000, and an increase of approximately \$111,000 for special education services due to anticipated student needs.

2. 2022-2023 Property Tax Report Card

(See Sheet #2, Board Minutes File Folder)

Business Manager LaSala shared the document that will be submitted to SED. There were no questions.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policies

(See Sheet #3, Board Minutes File Folder)

1. Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Lowry, and seconded by Trustee Roberts, that the Board of Education approve the revisions to the Board Policy Manual, effective immediately, as presented:

3211 – Use of Assistance Animals

5130 – Budget Adoption

5230 – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Bequests to the District

5570 – Financial Accountability

5750 – School Bus Safety

5760 – Qualifications of Bus Drivers

5770 – Idling School Buses on School Grounds

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V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

A. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policies (Cont.)

- 6140 – Employee Medical Examinations
- 6160 – Professional Growth/Staff Development
- 6212.2 – Registration and Professional Development
- 7582 – Education of Students in Temporary Housing
- 8212 – Fire and Emergency Drills, Bomb Threats, and Bus Emergency Drills
- 8280 – Instruction for English Language Learners
- 8320 – Selection of Library and Multimedia Materials
- 8330 – Objection to Instructional Materials and Controversial Issues

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. POLICY REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY MANUAL, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

- 2. Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Lisa McGregor, and seconded by Trustee Todd E. Bates, that the Board of Education approve to delete the following policies from the Board Policy Manual, effective immediately, as presented:

- 5150 – Contingency Budget
- 8331 – Controversial Issues

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. POLICY DELETIONS FROM BOARD POLICY MANUAL, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

President Fenlong 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 that any items be removed.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Lisa McGregor, and seconded by Trustee Todd E. Bates, that the Board of Education approve the following items as a consent agenda:

A. Minutes

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2022, as presented.

B. Claims Auditor’s Reports

(See Sheet #4, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the Claims Auditor’s Reports for the period 3/29/22 – 4/08/22, as presented.

C. CSE Business

(See Sheet #5, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the services, including additions, modifications, and deletions, for the following classified students, as reflected in the attached CSE Meeting Minutes report:

CSE Student ID#:

5100263	5101190	11924	5101105	5100881	5102840
5103316	5103917	5104061	5104065	5104011	5104202
5102084	5102501	5102682	5102837	5103554	5100704
5102960	5102764	5102035	5100774	5101220	5104041
5102888					

D. CPSE Business

(See Sheet #6, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the services, including additions, modifications, and deletions, for the following classified students, as reflected in the attached CPSE Meeting Minutes report:

CPSE Student ID#:

5104278	5104536
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Vote on Consent Agenda Items

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT / PERSONNEL

President Fenlong asked if any member on the Board wished to have any item on the Consent Agenda – Superintendent / Personnel removed for special consideration and discussion. No member asked that any items be removed.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda – Superintendent / Personnel

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Lisa McGregor, and seconded by Trustee Todd E. Bates, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel items as a Consent Agenda:

A. Ratification of GSRPU Contract for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025

(See Sheet #7, Board Minutes File Folder)

Ratify the Contract between the District and the Gouverneur School Related Personnel Union covering the period from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025, as presented.

B. 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. The amendment extends the term of the Superintendent’s employment for an additional year, through June 30, 2025, and establishes the salary for the 2022-2023 school year.

C. Resignations

Accept the revised resignation date of Lauren VanCour, School Social Worker, to be effective April 6, 2022.

D. Retirements

Accept the request for resignation for retirement purposes of H. Joan Pike, Teaching Assistant, effective June 24, 2022.

E. Appointments

1. Tutors

Approve the appointment of the following personnel to work as Tutors in the District for the 2021-2022 school year: Ken Nicholas

2. Extra Duty

Mentors and Mentees. Approve the following teachers as Mentors or Mentees for the 2021-2022 school year: Megan Weldon, Mentor; Caitlyn Sullivan, Mentee

Vote on Consent Agenda – Superintendent/Personnel Items:

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT/PERSONNEL, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

President Fenlong extended thanks and gratitude to Mrs. Pike for everything she has done for the district and her many years of service.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

(See Sheet #1, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Todd E. Bates, and seconded by Vice-President Lisa McGregor, that the Board of Education adopt the proposed general fund budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$41,317,007, with an anticipated tax levy increase of 1.50%, as presented.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,317,007, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

B. Approval of Property Tax Report Card for 2022-2023

(See Sheet #2, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Lisa McGregor, and seconded by Trustee Laurie M. Roberts, that the Board of Education approve and authorize submission of the Property Tax Report Card for 2022-2023 to the State Education Department, as presented.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD FOR 2022-2023, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

C. Award the Bid for 3 Year Transportation Services Contract

(See Sheet #9, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motioned made by Trustee Todd E. Bates, and seconded by Trustee Naaman Lowry, that the Board of Education award the Bid for student transportation services to the lowest responsible and responsible bidder, First Student, Inc, and

WHEREAS, the School District elected to utilize a competitive bid process for transportation services on or about February 18, 2022, as follows:

- General Student Transportation Services Agreement
- Summer School Student Transportation Services Agreement
- Athletic and Field Trip Transportation Services Agreement
- (collectively the "Bid")

WHEREAS, in accordance with the recommendation of the School District's administration, the Board of Education wishes to award the Bid for the student transportation services to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, First Student, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to enter into three (3) year contracts with First Student for student transportation services in the form approved by legal counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves award of the Bid and transportation contracts to First Student, Inc. in the form approved by legal counsel as follows:

Summer Transportation	7/1/2022 - 8/31/2022 7/1/2023 - 8/31/2023 7/1/2024 - 8/31/2024 Anticipated Costs = \$180,999
General Transportation	9/1/2022 - 6/30/2023 9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 9/1/2024 - 6/30/2025 Anticipated Costs = \$6,795,130
Field/Athletic Trips	9/1/2022 - 6/30/2023 9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 9/1/2024 - 6/30/2025 Anticipated Costs = \$343,298

and authorize the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to execute any documents necessary to effectuate such contract.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACT, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

D. Facilities Use Agreement

(See Sheet #10, Board Minutes File Folder)

WHEREAS, the District is the owner of real property known as the bus garage located at 109 Gleason Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642 (hereinafter the “Bus Garage”); and

WHEREAS, the District desires to permit use of a portion of the Bus Garage by First Student, Inc. (hereinafter “First Student”) to assist in the operation of the District’s transportation program commencing on July 1, 2022, and terminating on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for use of the Bus Garage, First Student will be required to pay the District \$1,500 per month rent for use of the property; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the amount of rental payment set forth in the proposed facilities use agreement is not less than the fair market rental value of the Bus Garage; and

WHEREAS, the district has determined that the facilities use agreement is in the best interest of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Laurie M. Roberts, and seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, that the Board of Education approve the Facilities Use agreement as follows:

The Board hereby finds that the portion of the Bus Garage to be utilized by First Student is not needed by the District during the term set forth in the facilities use agreement.

The Board also finds that permitting use of the Bus Garage by First Student is in the best interest of the District due to the fair market value rent that will be received by the District.

The facilities use agreement between the District and First Student is hereby approved by the Board in the form approved by legal counsel, and the officers and employees of the District are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary or appropriate to complete the transaction.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

E. Memorandum of Agreement to GSRPU Contract

(See Sheet #11, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Laurie M. Roberts, and seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement to the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025 collective bargaining agreement between the District and the GSRPU to offer a one-time change to the notice requirement for retirement under Article 12.5, as presented.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO GSRPU CONTRACT, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

IX. COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were shared.

X. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Naaman Lowry, and seconded by Vice-President Lisa McGregor, to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment history of particular persons; to include tenure recommendations.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:48 PM.

President Fenlong announced that the Board would have no further business to take place in open session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open session resumed at 7:00 PM.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, motion made by Vice-President Lisa McGregor, and seconded by Trustee Laurie M. Roberts, that the Board of Education return to open session and adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM.

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk

David Fenlong, President