

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

APRIL 25, 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, Dr. William Cartwright, David Fenlong, Lisa McGregor, Nickolas Ormasen, Laurie M. Roberts, Laura Spicer.

Trustees Absent: Brooke Bush, Naaman Lowry.

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. Presentations

1. Staff Recognition Award – Melinda Schiszler, Marie Moore

President Fenlong announced that the District Shared Decision-Making Committee selected two winners through the peer nomination process for their volunteer commitment to the Odyssey of the Mind program, Melinda Schiszler and Marie Moore. Both recipients were lauded for the huge time commitment to the program. Reading from the awards, Mr. Fenlong said in part, "*Melinda was always upbeat ... she was supportive and encouraging while allowing all ideas and solutions to be the students' own. She brought in many of her own personal items for the team to use in their performance and she always made sure that snacks were available... On the day of the performance, Melinda presented each member of the team with a bouquet of flowers and a gift bag to celebrate their accomplishments.*" "*Marie spent months meeting with the team after school and even held a few Saturday practices to make sure they were prepared for the regional tournament... She never once complained about the time commitment required to help her team solve their selected problem, including the additional month of practice that was required when the team advanced to the state tournament in Syracuse... On the day of the state tournament, Marie spent the long day making sure the students had the time of their lives. She provided a cake and ice cream party when the team advanced, and souvenirs for each team member at the state tournament.*"

B. Communications

President Fenlong read a letter from Ryan's Wish Foundation Board Member Gary West thanking Coach Shelly Benda and the entire GCS community for the continued support for the mission of the Ryan's Wish Foundation, "It is wonderful that the school that Ryan attended and loved continues to support and keep his legacy alive through the mission of helping people with a serious illness to 'play and live strong.'" Mr. Fenlong commented about the wonderful things the Foundation does through donations from the Pink Zone and other events. President Fenlong also noted an invitation for the BOCES Ag Academy Spring Open House on April 27 that is open to the public.

C. COVID Update

Superintendent Jacquelyn Kelly reported that weekly updates are still being posted on the website. For the period of April 16-22, the district had two positive COVID-19 cases reported. During the preceding week, April 9-15, there were four new cases. COVID-19 test kits continue to be available to families as needed.

D. Student Board Representative – Cole Siebels

Mr. Siebels said classmates were excited for the upcoming senior trip and reported that a lot of seniors have received their college letters and have made decisions while others will be entering the military or pursuing a career path. Overall things are going well, and it is hard to believe that graduation will be here soon. President Fenlong publicly thanked the chaperones for the senior trip.

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IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2022*(See Sheet #1, 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 accept the financial report for the period ending March 31, 2022, as presented.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2022, ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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 Trustee Laurie M. Roberts, and seconded by Vice-President Lisa McGregor, that the Board of Education approve the following items A-E as a consent agenda:

A. Minutes

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2022, as presented.

B. Claims Auditor's Reports*(See Sheet #2, Board Minutes File Folder)*

Approve the Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 3/31/22 - 4/22/22, as presented.

C. CSE Business*(See Sheet #3, 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#:

5102531	5103955	5103954	5103952	5102713	5103498
5103395	5103658	5103818	5104309	5102069	5101775
5101897	5104530	5103636	5104446	5104032	5104386
5103871	5104137	5104002	5104052		

D. CPSE Business*(See Sheet #4, 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#:

5103871	5104137	5104002	5104052	5103636	5104386
5104446	5104032				

E. Treasurer's Report - March 2022*(See Sheet #5, Board Minutes File Folder)*

Accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2022 as presented.

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 Trustee Laura Spicer, and seconded by Trustee Todd E. Bates, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel items A-E as a Consent Agenda:

A. **Tenure Recommendations**

1. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that LISA M. DUNKELBERG, Science Teacher, who holds Permanent certification in CHEMISTRY 7-12 issued by the Commissioner of Education, is prospectively awarded tenure in the tenure area of SCIENCE GRADES 7-12 effective 08/28/2022, conditioned upon compliance with APPR requirements or waiver as determined by the State of New York.
2. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that GLEASON E. WALLEY JR., Agriculture Teacher, who holds Permanent certification in AGRICULTURE issued by the Commissioner of Education, is prospectively awarded tenure in the tenure area of AGRICULTURE effective 08/28/2022, conditioned upon compliance with APPR requirements or waiver as determined by the State of New York.
3. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that RACHEL CURRY, Grade 5 Teacher, who holds Professional certification in CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (GRADES 1-6) issued by the Commissioner of Education, is prospectively awarded tenure in the tenure area of ELEMENTARY PREK- 6 effective 09/26/2022, conditioned upon compliance with APPR requirements or waiver as determined by the State of New York.
4. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that JAZ KULP, Kindergarten Teacher, who holds Initial certification in EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (BIRTH-GRADE 2) issued by the Commissioner of Education, is prospectively awarded tenure in the tenure area of ELEMENTARY PREK- 6 effective 09/06/2022, conditioned upon compliance with APPR requirements or waiver as determined by the State of New York.
5. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that BRITTANY L. SCHERMERHORN, Special Education Teacher, who holds Initial certification in STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (GRADE 1-6) issued by the Commissioner of Education, is prospectively awarded tenure in the tenure area of GENERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION effective 08/29/2022, conditioned upon compliance with APPR requirements or waiver as determined by the State of New York.
6. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that MICHAEL A. SHATTUCK, Grade 6 Teacher, who holds Professional certification in CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (GRADES 1-6) issued by the Commissioner of Education, is prospectively awarded tenure in the tenure area of ELEMENTARY PREK- 6 effective 08/29/2022, conditioned upon compliance with APPR requirements or waiver as determined by the State of New York.

B. **Resignations**

Accept the request for resignation from Laura Dennee, 2.75-hr Food Service Helper, effective April 28, 2022.

C. **Appointments**

1. **Administrative**

- a) **Summer School - Middle School Principal.** Approve the appointment of Angela Calkins, who holds Initial NYS certification as School Building Leader, to the position of 2022 Summer School Middle School Principal, at a stipend of \$3,000 for ten days to be paid out of ARP funding. This is in addition to her contractual 20 days from July 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT / PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

C. 1. Appointments – Administrative (Cont.)

- b) Summer School - Elementary School Principal. Approve the appointment of Peter R. Trowbridge, who holds Permanent NYS certification as School District Administrator, to the position of 2022 Summer School Elementary School Principal, at a stipend of \$3,000 for ten days to be paid out of ARP funding. This is in addition to his contractual 20 days from July 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022.

2. Instructional

- a) Rachael E. Huntley. Approve the appointment of Rachael E. Huntley, who holds Initial NYS certification as School Counselor, to the position of High School Counselor in the School Counseling & Guidance Tenure Area for a four-year probationary period commencing on July 1, 2022, and anticipated to end on June 30, 2026, at an annual salary set at Step 3, Masters+60, in accordance with the Gouverneur Teachers' Association Agreement current salary schedule for year 2022-2023. Ms. Huntley will be paid an additional 20 days at her per diem rate July 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022.
- b) Brandon A. Griffin. Approve the appointment of Brandon A. Griffin, who holds Emergency COVID-19 NYS certification in Social Studies 7-12, to the position of Social Studies Teacher in the Social Studies Tenure Area for a four-year probationary period commencing on April 23, 2022, and anticipated to end on April 22, 2026, at an annual salary set at Step 1, Masters+45, in accordance with the Gouverneur Teachers' Association Agreement current salary schedule for year 2021-2022, prorated to April 23, 2022. This appointment is contingent upon his successful completion of the probationary term and having received annual composite or overall APPR ratings of Highly Effective or Effective in at least three of the four preceding years and a rating higher than "Ineffective" in the final year of the probationary period. Mr. Griffin's initial assignment is Middle School.
- e) Art Knauf. Middle School Detention Monitor. Appoint Art Knauf as detention monitor for the 2021-2022 school year, to be paid at the contractual rate.

D. Managerial/Confidential Resolution for Juneteenth

WHEREAS, in October 2020, the New York State Legislature passed legislation adopting Juneteenth as an official state holiday; and

WHEREAS, the District may include Juneteenth in the school calendar consistent with applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Juneteenth as a paid holiday for staff represented by an employee organization (union) is governed by the applicable collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to designate Juneteenth as a holiday for employees not represented by an employee organization (union).

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved, that Juneteenth will be a paid holiday for employees not represented by an employee organization (union) when the Board designates Juneteenth as a holiday on the instructional calendar.

E. Memorandum of Agreement – GAA

(See Sheet #6, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the Memorandum of Agreement #5 to the collective bargaining agreement with the Gouverneur Administrators' Association to recognize Juneteenth as a paid holiday for administrators to the same extent that it is recognized as a holiday on the District's instructional calendar, as presented.

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 heartfelt thanks on behalf of the board to everyone on list, and congratulated those who had their tenure announced.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Members of BOCES Board of Education

(See Sheet #7, 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 Todd E. Bates, that the Board of Education cast their ballot for the three (3) open seats on the BOCES Board of Education, for: Roger M. Bennett, Michael J. Davis, Cindy McLean.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. BALLOT(S) CAST FOR ROGER M. BENNETT, MICHAEL J. DAVIS, AND CINDY MCLEAN FOR BOCES BOARD OF EDUCATION.

B. Vote on 2022-2023 BOCES Administrative Budget

(See Sheet #8, 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 cast its vote for the adoption of the 2022-2023 Administrative Budget for the Board of Cooperative Education Services in the amount of \$8,984,857.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. BALLOT CAST TO ADOPT THE 2022-2023 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,984,857.

C. Report of BOE Candidate Petitions Received

(See Sheet #9, 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 accept the report of Board of Education Nominating Petitions Received as of April 18, 2022, as presented: William Cartwright, Naaman Lowry.

DISCUSSION: President Fenlong explained that since only two candidates will appear on the ballot for three open seats, the third vacancy will be filled by the individual with the most write-in votes. If that person refuses, it will be offered to the person with the next highest number of votes, and so on. In the event of a tie between the top vote-getters wishing to serve, there must be a run-off election. If all write-in nominees refuse, the board can fill the vacancy by appointment, call a special election, or the District Superintendent for the BOCES is authorized to appoint an individual to the vacancy; it cannot be left open.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. REPORT OF NOMINATING PETITIONS RECEIVED FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION, ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

D. Indian River Field Band merger

(See Sheet #10, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Nickolas Ormasen, and seconded by Trustee Todd E. Bates, that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Indian River CSD and Gouverneur CSD to combine their respective Field Band programs with respect to participation in the New York State Field Band Conference, as presented.

DISCUSSION: It was confirmed that the band will perform under the Indian River name.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MERGER AGREEMENT WITH INDIAN RIVER CSD FOR FIELD BAND, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

E. Revision to 2021-2022 Calendar

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 approve the following revisions to the 2021-2022 school calendar:

April 29, 2022 – Half-Day (PM) Staff Development; students will report for AM only.

June 24, 2022 – Snow day give-back; all students and school-calendar staff will not report, except for staff with graduation duties that day.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. REVISION(S) TO 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

IX. COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were offered.

X. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Vice-President Lisa McGregor, and seconded by Trustee Laurie M. Roberts, to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending litigation.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00 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 6:24 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 6:25 PM.

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk

David Fenlong, President