

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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

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., EDT in the High School Auditorium, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Trustees Absent: Brooke Bush.

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

II. COMMENT PERIOD

President David Fenlong opened the floor for public comment; no comments were offered.

III. DISCUSSION

A. COVID Update

Superintendent Jacquelyn L. Kelly reported that as of this date, Gouverneur High School has 5 positive cases with 105 students currently quarantined; Gouverneur Middle has 2 positive cases with 27 students quarantined; and Gouverneur Elementary has 1 positive case with 12 students quarantined. She explained that the high numbers at the high school are a consequence of two BOCES buses with no seating charts being affected on the first and second day of school. She added that there were no adult staff quarantines from these cases; there are two staff members out from an unrelated exposure. Updated guidelines are being followed resulting in fewer quarantines than in the past. In a classroom, the quarantine radius is now 3 feet, and many classrooms have students 4 feet apart, so if a student in that situation is positive, no students would be quarantined. Also, fully vaccinated students are not quarantined unless they are exhibiting symptoms. A COVID communication plan is being worked on that will be shared with staff soon. On the positive side, Mrs. Kelly stated that today 345 students were present at the high school, and of the 105 quarantined, 65 were logged in and learning from home virtually. She commended the principals for making sure students have their Chromebooks. Regarding the mandated testing plan, she is working with head nurse Bev Martin and will share more information as it becomes available. Approximately 115 GCS faculty and staff will need testing, as well as First Student and St James employees. President David Fenlong, on behalf of the Board, commended Mrs. Kelly for all of her efforts to keep the students in-person learning, saying she is doing a fantastic job.

B. Board Retreat – October 30, 2021

The Board will meet with Mark Snyder from NYSSBA in the district conference room. Mr. Snyder will lead training on the board-selected topics of establishing district goals and performance expectations.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

None.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

President David 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 Roberts, 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 August 23, 2021, as presented.

B. Claims Auditor's Reports

(See Sheet #1, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 08/20/2021 – 09/03/2021, as presented.

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VI. CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

C. CSE Business

(See Sheet #2, 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#:

14171 5100252 5101101

D. CPSE 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 CPSE Meeting Minutes report:

CPSE Student ID#:

5104322 5103871

E. Treasurer's Report – August 2021

(See Sheet #4, Board Minutes File Folder)

Accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2021, 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 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. Amendment to School Resource Officer Contract

(See Sheet #5, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the Amendment to the contract between the District and Robert Klimowicz (SRO) to provide a salary increase and paid time off language and extend the contract through June 30, 2022, as presented.

B. Resignations

Accept the request for resignation from Kaitlin McGregor, from her position as School Psychologist, effective October 1, 2021.

C. Appointments1. Instructional

a) Mentors and Mentees. Approve the following teachers for the 2021-2022 school year:

Bason, Michael	Mentor	Lewis, Bridget	Mentor
Bates, Paula	Mentor	Lewis, Brittany	Mentee
Burnham, Deann	Mentor	Massey, Morgan	Mentee
Cappellino, Jessica	Mentor	Matthews, Meaghan	Mentee
Cornell, Alicia	Mentee	McDougall, Jillian	Mentor
Cullen, Joni	Mentee	Miller, Chelsea	Mentee
Doster, Katherine	Mentee	Moon, Erin	Mentor
Gately, Jana	Mentee	Murphy, Emily	Mentee
Gates, Erin	Mentor	Reed, Kimberly	Mentee
Gauthier, Barbara	Mentor	Richardson, Brooke	Mentee
Griffin, Brandon	Mentee	Schiszler, Melinda	Mentee
Hartle, Carrie	Mentor	Sweeney, Melissa	Mentor
Hitchman, Kristina	Mentee	Whitaker, Saddle	Mentor
Holmes, Bobbie	Mentee	Whitaker, Terri	Mentor
Hughes, Jaime	Mentee	Wood, Sarah	Mentor
Leuze, Kristi	Mentee	Young, Chandler	Mentor

b) McKinney-Vento 2021-2022: Through the McKinney-Vento consortium grant we are able to have the following people support our identified homeless population: Title I District Support Leaders: Rachel Curry and Christine Cognetti; Title I Mentors: Stephanie LaShomb, Elementary School; Monica Scott, Middle School; Christie Warren, High School.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT / PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

C. Appointments (Cont.)

1. Instructional (Cont.)

- c) Teaching Assistant. Approve the appointment of Desiree Simmons, who is certified as Teaching Assistant Level 1, to the position of teaching assistant in the Teaching Assistant tenure area, at an annual salary of Teaching Assistant Step 1 in accordance with the Gouverneur Teachers’ Association Agreement current salary schedule for 2021-22, prorated to September 27, 2021. The probationary period is effective September 27, 2021 and is anticipated to end on September 26, 2025 (unless extended in accordance with the law). This expiration date is tentative and conditional only.
- d) Revision to Appointment of .4413 FTE Teacher: Revise the appointment of Judith Tomford from .4413 FTE to .4 FTE, effective September 1, 2021, at an adjusted annual salary of \$21,000, Step 2, B30M, for the 2021-22 school year, paid through Title I funds. This is a non-probationary position.

2. Non-Instructional

- a) Individual Aide. Appoint Jennifer Prashaw, to the position of Individual Aide in the non-competitive class of the civil service, commencing on September 27, 2021, at an annual salary in accordance with the GSRPU agreement, Individual Aide 7.5HR Level 1, from the current GSRPU salary schedule, prorated to September 27, 2021. Ms. Prashaw’s initial assignment is with student 5102951.
- b) 2.75-hour Food Service Helper. Appoint Michelle Blair, to the position of 2.75-hour Food Service Helper in the labor class of the civil service, commencing on September 20, 2021, at an annual salary in accordance with the GSRPU agreement, Food Service Helper 2.75HR Level 1, from the current GSRPU salary schedule, prorated to September 20, 2021.

3. Substitutes

Approve the appointment of the following personnel to work as per diem substitutes, pending completion of all requirements, for 2021-2022: Melissa Blaine, Jeffrey Bogrette, Adrienne Cox, Britny Harmer, Shawn Kirby, Ethan Mitchell, Linda Soto, Karah Thomas, Laura Dennee, Melissa Gates, Angela Jordan, Danielle Klock, Kristen Kulp, Maureen Schesser, Rachel Schroeder, Kiesha Smith, Brenda Tharrett, Keirsten Thomas, Ricky Yerdon.

4. Extra-Curricular

Winter/Spring Coaches. Approve the following appointments, pending completion of all requirements, and compensated in accordance with the Coaching Salary Schedule of the GTA contract, as presented:

BASKETBALL BOYS VARSITY	JOHN E. FREE	CLASS 1	Step 3
BASKETBALL BOYS JV	CHARLES W. NEWVINE	CLASS 2	Step 3
BASKETBALL BOYS 8TH GRADE	MICHAEL A. SHATTUCK	CLASS 4	Step 5
BASKETBALL BOYS 7TH GRADE	MICHAEL A. SHATTUCK	CLASS 4	Step 5
BASKETBALL GIRLS VARSITY	SEAN T. DEVLIN	CLASS 1	Step 16
BASKETBALL GIRLS JV	RICK L. VROOMAN	CLASS 2	Step 10
BASKETBALL GIRLS 8TH GRADE	EVELYN G. BARTON	CLASS 4	Step 14
BASKETBALL GIRLS 7TH GRADE	EVELYN G. BARTON	CLASS 4	Step 14
WRESTLING VARSITY	GEORGE J. BAER	CLASS 1	Step 12
WRESTLING 7TH & 8TH GRADE	DAVID M. DAILEY	CLASS 4	Step 21
WRESTLING JV	SHAWN P. CUMMINGS	CLASS 2	Step 25
WRESTLING ASSISTANT - VOLUNTEER	AARON M. MCEATHRON	N/A	Uncompensated
WRESTLING ASSISTANT - VOLUNTEER	DYLAN J. MORRISON	N/A	Uncompensated
CHEERLEADING WINTER	KELSEY J. KELLERMAN	CLASS 1	Step 4
CHEERLEADING VOLUNTEER - WINTER	SHADY YERDON	N/A	Uncompensated
INDOOR TRACK	KURTIS P. WELLS	CLASS 2	Step 15
INDOOR TRACK MODIFIED	KURTIS P. WELLS	CLASS 4	Step 15
BASEBALL VARSITY	JOHN E. FREE	CLASS 1	Step 3
BASEBALL JV	AARON M. MCEATHRON	CLASS 3	Step 3
BASEBALL ASST VOLUNTEER	ANTHONY BESAW	N/A	Uncompensated
SOFTBALL VARSITY	RICHARD J. WOOD	CLASS 1	Step 8
SOFTBALL JV	SHAWN J. TYPHAIR	CLASS 3	Step 6
SOFTBALL JV	SADDIE R. WHITAKER	CLASS 3	Step 5
SOFTBALL ASST VOLUNTEER	JENNIFER L. WILCOX	N/A	Uncompensated
SOFTBALL ASST VOLUNTEER	EDWARD L. SMITH	N/A	Uncompensated
TRACK GIRLS	KURTIS P. WELLS	CLASS 1	Step 18
TRACK GIRLS ASSISTANT	DANIELLE L. STOWELL	CLASS 3	Step 2
TRACK BOYS VARSITY	SEAN T. DEVLIN	CLASS 1	Step 24
GOLF	MICHAEL J. BASON	CLASS 2	Step 1

VII. CONSENT AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT / PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

D. Leaves and Leave Replacements

- a) Leave of Absence and Extension of Probationary Period. Approve the medical leave for probationary Employee #00617, from September 8, 2021, to approximately October 20, 2021. This leave is not covered under FMLA, and the employee will incur approximately 8 unpaid days. The probationary appointment will be extended by the number of unpaid days incurred.
- b) Long-Term Substitute Appointment. Appoint Krista Jimenez, who is permanently certified in PreK-6, to the non-probationary position of long-term substitute to replace Employee 00617, effective September 13, 2021, to terminate upon the return from the leave of absence of Employee 00617. Ms. Jimenez will be compensated at the established rate of Sub Teacher Certified and/or Sub Teacher 25 days.

Vote on Consent Agenda – Superintendent/Personnel Items

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Student Board Representative

Upon presentation and recommendation of Superintendent Jacquelyn L. Kelly, motion made by Trustee Bates, and seconded by Trustee Spicer, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Cole Siebels as the Student Board Representative for 2021-22.

DISCUSSION: President David Fenlong stated the Board is looking forward to working with Mr. Siebels.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. COLE SIEBELS APPOINTED AS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2021-22.B. SLL BOCES Stipend – 2021-2022

Upon presentation and recommendation of Superintendent Jacquelyn L. Kelly, motion made by Trustee Bates, and seconded by Trustee Lowry, that the Board of Education set the following hourly and daily rates for stipends for participation in SLL BOCES workshops: \$25.00/hourly and \$150.00/daily.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. SLL BOCES STIPEND, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.C. Transportation Contract – Out of District Parent Transport*(See Sheet #6, Board Minutes File Folder)*

Upon presentation and recommendation of Superintendent Jacquelyn L. Kelly, motion made by Trustee Bates, and seconded by Vice-President McGregor, that the Board of Education approve, pending the finalized document from our attorney, the Transportation Contract for a specific parent of an out-of-district student for the period September 20, 2021– June 30, 2022, with an anticipated annual cost of \$10,080. Reimbursement will be paid for actual miles driven times the IRS mileage rate.

DISCUSSION: Business Manager LaSala clarified that this contract has to be submitted to SED, and our attorney is drafting another document to add more specific language.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT FOR OUT OF DISTRICT PARENT TRANSPORT, APPROVED PENDING FINALIZED DOCUMENT FROM OUR ATTORNEY.

IX. COMMENT PERIOD

Youth Golf Camp. Trustees Roberts and Cartwright spoke accolades for Nick Sterling and the outstanding job he did with the recent youth golf camp; he had a great turnout and the kids loved it.

COVID update. Superintendent Kelly recapped her COVID report for those who had missed it. Providing clarification to comments from attendee Tonya Carter, Mrs. Kelly confirmed the school is using the CDC guidelines in contact tracing – in classrooms that is persons in a 3-foot radius of a positive student, and in the lunchroom and on buses a 6-foot radius, unless there is no seating chart. At this time the school is not offering a remote option, except for students who are isolated or quarantined; they will receive virtual instruction. When asked whether a specific percentage of student absences would initiate moving to fully remote instruction, Mrs. Kelly stated that has not been discussed yet, adding that the CDC is focusing on in-person instruction. Regarding testing procedures, Mrs. Kelly confirmed the district is mandated to test unvaccinated employees and any students with parental consent and will use the procedures recommended by the county health department and the CDC.

X. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Naaman Lowry, and seconded by Trustee Todd E. Bates, to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open session resumed at 6:51 PM.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, motion made by Trustee Dr. William Cartwright, and seconded by Trustee Naaman Lowry, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM.

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:51 PM, EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk

David Fenlong, President

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