

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

MAY 22, 2023

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, Mark Hendrick, Laurie M. Roberts, Laura Spicer.

Trustees Absent: Brooke Bush, Naaman Lowry, Nickolas Ormasen.

Also Present: Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools; Carol LaSala, Business Manager; Jessica Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent; Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk; Mariah Manning, Student Board Representative

II. COMMENT PERIOD

No comments.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Recognition

Superintendent Kelly announced that 17 singers from our high school chorus participated in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) solo festival and the results were outstanding, with all students receiving Excellent, Outstanding, or a score of A or A+ at the festival. She also congratulated all of the band and strings competitors from the Middle and High schools. The annual Art Show was held on May 16, showcasing the work of our students in Kindergarten – Grade 12 in a variety of mediums, with a wonderful turnout. President Fenlong thanked her, saying he is always so proud of the talent in this district.

B. Presentation – Focused Intervention District Support Plan

(See Sheet #1, Board Minutes File Folder)

The Superintendent and CSE Chairperson received notification this week that our district has been designated as a “Focused Intervention District.” Gouverneur was identified for this designation based on the results of several State Performance Plan Indicators, our total enrollment of students with disabilities, and recommendations from Special Education Quality Assurance (SEQA) Program associates. Superintendent Kelly shared a PowerPoint presentation describing the designation and the process of developing a Support Plan for the 2023–24 school year. In concluding, she stated that this is a good opportunity for the district, and thanks to the community that supported the 2023-24 budget, another 12-1-1 classroom will be added to the support initiatives we currently have in place. Mrs. Kelly responded to questions from the Board, including that no money is available with this designation but Professional Development will be offered, and she is hopeful we can utilize services to benefit and accelerate what we are already doing.

C. Communications

President Fenlong thanked everyone who put the budget together, came out and voted for it, and worked the day of the vote, congratulating Ms. Bush and Mr. Bates for retaining their seats on the board.

He shared an invitation from Southwest Tech Principal Holly Durham to the Annual Student Awards Assembly on June 12, 2023, to recognize students in the Career & Technical Education program.

D. Student Board Representative Report – Mariah Manning

Seniors have reached the final 5 weeks of school and the many activities that go along with that. The Honors group met last week and will be voting on speakers for graduation soon. The “cap and gown” pictures were done; that made everything real for many seniors. President Fenlong wished Mariah and her classmates good luck as they finish out the year.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

None.

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V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Adoption of the Revised 2023-2024 District Code of Conduct

(See Sheet #2, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Spicer, and seconded by Vice-President Bates, that the Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 District Code of Conduct, as presented:

DISCUSSION: President Fenlong thanked all who were involved in this effort with appreciation.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. 2023-2024 DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT, ADOPTED 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 Trustee Roberts, and seconded by Trustee Spicer, that the Board of Education approve the following items, A-E, as a consent agenda:

A. Minutes

Approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2023 Regular Meeting and the May 8 and 16 Annual Meeting, as presented.

B. Claims Auditor's Reports

(See Sheet #3, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 05/08/2023 – 05/19/2023, as presented.

C. CSE 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 CSE Meeting Minutes report:

CSE Student ID#:

5104717	5103619	5102952	5103377	5103551	5104387
5103620	5104600	5103799	5101872	5101283	5101561
5100715	5101560	5104375	5104405	5104378	5100284
5104573	5101856	5100907	5104064	5101846	5104551
5103916	5104549	5104064	5103211	5103375	5104696

CSE Personnel Action: Creation of 1:1 full-day Individual Aide for Student #5104064.

D. CPSE 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 CPSE Meeting Minutes report:

CPSE Student ID#:

5104716	5104714	5104551	5103916	5104250	5104549
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E. Treasurer's Report – April 2023

(See Sheet #6, Board Minutes File Folder)

Accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2023, as presented.

Vote on Consent Agenda Items

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

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

Motion to approve Consent Agenda – Personnel

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

VII. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

A. Positions

1. Approve the recommendation to create one (1) FTE position in the General Special Education tenure area, represented by the Gouverneur Teachers Association, effective July 1, 2023.
2. Approve the recommendation to create one (1) FTE position in the Teaching Assistant tenure area, represented by the Gouverneur Teachers Association, effective July 1, 2023.
3. Approve the recommendation to create one (1) FTE position for a 10-month Keyboard Specialist, represented by the Gouverneur School Related Personnel Union, effective July 1, 2023.
4. Approve the recommendation to create one (1) FTE non-represented position for a School Resource Officer for the 2023-2024 school year, in the competitive class of the civil service, paid through ARP funding.

B. Resignations

1. Accept the request for resignation from Shannon D. Mattice, Chief Information Officer, effective June 30, 2023.
2. Accept the request for resignation from Heather Delity, from her position as STEM Teacher, effective June 23, 2023.
3. Accept the request for resignation from Chelsea R. Miller, from her position as English Teacher, effective June 30, 2023.
4. Accept the request for resignation from Rachel Schroeder, from her position as Individual Aide, effective July 1, 2023.

C. Appointments

1. Substitutes and Tutors:

Approve the appointment of the following personnel as listed, pending completion of all requirements, for the 2022-23 school year: Andrew J. Hendrickson (cleaner).

2. Students

Approve the appointment of the following students as Student Monitors for the 2022-2023 school year: Madison Hopper, Gavin Davis, Kaden Wells

Vote on Consent Agenda – Personnel Items:

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

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

President Fenlong thanked Mrs. Mattice for her many accomplishments and things she's done the past 24 years, and said of Mrs. Delity, "We know you'll continue to do great things for kids."

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Revision to 2022-23 School Calendar

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Roberts, and seconded by Vice-President Bates, that the Board of Education approve the following revision to the 2022-23 school calendar: June 20, June 21, June 22, and June 23, 2023: AM Session only for UPK-8 students; full day for staff. (Grades 5-8 students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM; UPK – Grade 4 students will be dismissed at 12:00 PM.)

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. REVISED 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR, ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

B. Merger Request

(See Sheet #7, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Spicer, and seconded by Trustee Dr. Cartwright, that the Board of Education approve a merger with Canton Central School District to allow our students to participate on their Boys' and Girls' Ice Hockey teams during the 2023-2024 school year, per the terms of the Section 10 Athletics Combined Teams Applications, at a cost of approximately \$500 per athlete.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MERGER REQUEST WITH CANTON CSD, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

IX. COMMENT PERIOD

Shannon Mattice addressed the Board to thank them, saying, "It's been an honor to be here the last 24 years; when you love what you do it doesn't feel like work. I've truly appreciated my time here." Trustee Laurie M. Roberts congratulated President Fenlong, Vice-President Bates, and Trustee Bush for winning their seats at the election. She also reflected that considering the number of no votes, the board may need to make more of an effort to inform the public regarding the ballot items. President Fenlong shared all of the upcoming events taking place over the next few weeks and encouraged everyone to attend those of interest to them.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, motion made by Vice-President Todd E. Bates, and seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file
Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk

Signature on file
David Fenlong, President