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.

<u>Trustees Present</u>: Todd E. Bates, Brooke Bush, David Fenlong, Naaman Lowry, Nickolas Ormasen, Laurie M. Roberts, Laura Spicer.

<u>Trustees Absent</u>: Dr. William Cartwright, Mark Hendrick.

<u>Also Present</u>: Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools; Dale R. Munn Jr., Business Manager; Jessica Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum; Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk; Abigail Bowman, Student Board Representative

II. COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were offered.

III. DISCUSSION

A. <u>Communications</u>

- 1. School Board Candidate Petition Packets are available from District Clerk
- 2. Mindful Minds Club

Candace Grant, elementary Reading AIS teacher, is starting this club that will focus on fostering a schoolwide culture of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and wellness utilizing the CASEL framework. This club was suggested during a district Wellness Committee meeting. The workshop-style club will utilize breathing techniques, mindful movement such as yoga, creative expression, non-violent communication, and community connection. Candace was present and responded to questions. President Fenlong stated that she is greatly appreciated for giving this opportunity to our students.

3. DPO Report

Superintendent Kelly, the District's Data Protection Officer (DPO), updated the Board on the Raptor Technologies data breach, stating that Raptor confirmed that the security vulnerability was corrected immediately upon discovery, and that the data in question is now secured and no longer publicly accessible. The ensuing investigation found that no student data was downloaded, transmitted, or otherwise misused by third parties. Mrs. Kelly reported the breach to the NYSED Chief Privacy Officer on January 30, 2024, and said the District is committed to protecting and securing educational data and safeguarding the privacy of students. In a separate matter, the District has been notified of the new Data Security Review initiative by the NYSED Information Security Office to review current data security controls that are in place to protect systems, applications, and data. Mrs. Kelly has been working with our BOCES Network Administrator to compile the necessary materials and security plan documents in preparation for this review.

4. Mental Health Grant

The District was recently awarded \$508,336 from the Mental Health RECOVS grant to promote mental health and wellness and identify mental health concerns. The funds will be used to hire mental health staff and create increased connections with outside community organizations focused on improving the social/emotional development of our student body. Superintendent Kelly thanked business manager Dale Munn for writing and submitting this grant.

B. Wildcat News

Superintendent Kelly congratulated our winter sports teams' successes in the sectional finals, including wrestling, indoor track and field, boys' swim, and girls' basketball. She also shared that head nurse Bev Martin has developed a Diabetic Peer Initiative Program due to the increase in students diagnosed with diabetes in the Elementary and Middle Schools, where an upperclassman would meet with younger students, focusing on the frustrations of the diagnosis, diabetes care management skills, nutrition management, and establishing a positive peer relationship. GHS senior Carter Premo has been instrumental in implementing the program. February 9 was the first day that Carter visited the middle school to meet with Jaycob Tidmore. There was an instant connection, and Carter even sat and helped him with some school work. Mrs. Kelly thanked nurse Martin for her initiative as well as Carter, his mom and Jaycob and his family for their willingness to work together to help others.

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III. DISCUSSION (CONTINUED)

C. Upcoming Events

- 1. Tuesday, February 13 HS/MS Chamber Singers concert, 7:00 PM, HS Auditorium (rescheduled)
- 2. February 19-23 Mid-Winter Break
- 3. Saturday, February 24 "Walk With A Doc," 10:00 AM, Middle School
- 4. Monday, March 4 Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, HS Auditorium

D. <u>Student Board Representative Report – Abigail Bowman</u>

The Key Club clothing drive is taking place with drop-off boxes at all schools. The Varsity Club raised over \$1,100 through the *Pink Zone* fundraisers, with the money to be donated to local breast and ovarian cancer charities. Senior class privileges have been upgraded for the second semester for eligible seniors to leave the building at lunch and extend their study halls, and students are looking forward to the upcoming winter dance.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. January 2024 Financial Report

(See Sheet #1, Board Minutes File Folder)

Business manager Munn provided brief highlights from the January snapshot. Revenues are projected to be approximately \$650,000 over initial budget this year. Next year's Executive Budget proposal was reviewed. Mr. Munn explained that Governor Hochul proposed changing the Foundation Aid formula to use a 10-year vs. 1-year inflationary factor to determine the increase in funds given to school districts. This proposal would decrease funds given to our district. Another change is related to the elimination of safe harbor, which requires schools to not receive a decrease in funding from the previous year. Between those two proposals half of schools will receive more funding and half will receive less. Mr. Munn did caution that this is the first of three budgets to come out. In terms of expenditures, we are currently under by about \$2.6 million from the original projection; this is related to utilizing grant funds and unrealized expenses due to the difficulty in filling positions. In regard to the fund balance, Mr. Munn said it is on track to increase by \$300,000 by the end of June without a capital project transfer.

B. 2024-2025 Budget

1. List of Priorities

(See Sheet #2, Board Minutes File Folder)

The superintendent and business manager shared the list of priorities generated with the collaboration of Mrs. Sullivan, building administrators and the Director of Special Education. Many of the priorities related to ARP funding have already been built into the budget over time to ensure sustainability. Discussion ensued over each item. Under the Administrative component, Superintendent Kelly clarified that the first SRO is funded out of Title funds, and the additional SRO would cost \$35,000 but the building administrators were in strong support for it. Having 12-month clerical support in each building would replace paying individuals for daily work and add consistency that would benefit the business department and streamline the start of school each year. The Capital component, as previously discussed, contains a \$100,000 project that will be reimbursed after this year; and regarding electric buses, Mrs. Kelly said that in addition to the two grants we applied for, the Governor's proposal also mentioned districts may receive 100% aid. Depending on that outcome, there may not be any final costs on those two items. The residential transportation costs refer to the increased needs of students. For the Program component, district-wide items include the school psychology intern and behavioral consultant services, with the goal of developing a regional capacity in-house to deal with the increased needs of our students. The superintendent stated she would like to continue the after-school and summer programs due to the benefits she has seen with over 200 students taking advantage of the afterschool programs at both the Middle and High Schools and 100 students at the elementary participating in summer school. Special education tuition requirements are associated with out-placement services such as residential treatment that are required for some of our students at a cost of over \$100,000 per student. Staffing was discussed; Mrs. Kelly said that grades 1 and 6 anticipate a decrease in enrollment and one of the priorities is to align teacher placement with enrollment needs. She said the admin team would also like to bring back technology education support since we moved Mrs. Plaisted to a part-time technology and parttime STEM teacher role. Trustee Roberts asked if tech support could come from BOCES; Mrs. Kelly clarified that Mrs. Plaisted also taught our elementary students the technology standards in addition to working with staff technology support. The Orchestra program has seen great growth under Mr. Buell, whose position was ARP-funded, and she would like to keep that program for our students. The district continues to have a need to contract with online psychologists. In a district our size the recommendation is to have three school psychologists; we have one in person plus the intern next year. Continuing with the Program component, priority items for each building were discussed. At the elementary level, many of the previously ARP-funded items have already been budgeted for sustainability, including the Math Interventionist and Math Coach.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT (CONTINUED)

B. <u>2024-2025 Budget – 1) List of Priorities (Cont.)</u>

The counseling teaching assistants were written into the mental health RECOVS grant and will be funded for another year. Classroom aides for Kindergarten were requested for additional support; substitutes have been utilized this year in that capacity. At the middle school, alternative at-risk programming targeted to students at risk of dropping out could potentially require additional staff. Similarly, a Ninth-Grade Academy would provide a smaller setting to acclimate students to the increased expectations at the high school. Following the discussion, Mr. Munn stated that they endeavored to align the priorities with the district's mission statement, and the next meeting would include the first draft of the 2024-25 budget including these elements.

2. <u>Tax Cap Calculation</u>

(See Sheet #3, Board Minutes File Folder)

Mr. Munn shared the final data, keeping the tax cap at 2.03%. President Fenlong commented that in an earlier discussion they were very comfortable with that number, which is in line with previous years. All board members present were in consent for Mr. Munn to submit the tax cap at 2.03%.

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. Trustee Roberts asked for Item B, *Claims Auditor's Reports*, to be removed for special consideration and discussion.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A, C, and D:

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

A. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2024, as presented.

C. <u>CSE Business</u>

(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:

5101339	5100263	11967	5101220	5104820	5103591	5102793
5102836	5103395	5103818	5103568	5104575	5100766	5103496
5102522	5101496	5101256	5102795	5101866	5103480	5102591
5104084	5104592	5100432	11955	5102291	5101581	5101211
5102406	5103619	5102314	5104832	5101130	5104868	5103292
5102247	5102298	5103094	5104869	5101808	5101651	5104383
5104664	5103867					

D. Treasurer's Report – January 2024

(See Sheet #6, Board Minutes File Folder)

Accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2024, as presented.

Vote on Consent Agenda:

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

B. **Claims Auditor's Reports**

(See Sheet #4, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Todd E. Bates, and seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, to approve the Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 1/17/24 - 2/02/24, as presented.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: Trustee Roberts questioned a transaction for indoor sports sound system equipment at the middle school; it was explained that the previous sound system was reinstalled in the new construction but found not to be adequate so the new system was purchased last year for the gym.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

President David 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 for an item to be removed for special consideration and discussion.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda - Personnel:

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

A. <u>Tenure Recommendation</u>

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that DANIELLE L. STOWELL, Physical Education Teacher, who holds Professional certification in Physical Education issued by the Commissioner of Education, is prospectively awarded tenure in the tenure area of *Physical Education* effective 05/06/2024, conditioned upon compliance with APPR requirements or waiver as determined by the State of New York.

B. <u>Resignations</u>

Accept the request for resignation from Hollie Platt, from her position as 2.75-hour Food Service Helper, effective February 5, 2024.

- C. Terminations
 - a) Terminate the employment of Employee #00805, as discussed in a previous executive session, under Article 15.4(f) of the GSRPU contract, for failure to report to work without making satisfactory arrangements, effective at the close of business on February 12, 2024.
 - b) Terminate the employment of Employee #00508, as discussed in a previous executive session, under Article 15.4(f) of the GSRPU contract, for failure to report to work without making satisfactory arrangements, effective at the close of business on February 12, 2024.

D. Appointments

- 1. Instructional
 - a) <u>Health Teacher</u>. Appoint Cheyenne Dann, who holds Initial certification in Health, to the position of Health Teacher in the *Health* Tenure Area for a four-year probationary period commencing on March 14, 2024 and anticipated to end on March 13, 2028 at an annual salary set at Step 9, B45M, in accordance with the Gouverneur Teachers' Association Agreement current salary schedule for year 2023-24, prorated to March 14, 2024. This appointment is contingent upon her 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.
 - b) <u>Occupational Therapist</u>. Appoint Taylor Marcellus to the position of Occupational Therapist in the competitive class of the civil service, commencing on March 4, 2024, at a prorated annual salary set at Step 3, B90M in accordance with the Gouverneur Teachers' Association Agreement current salary schedule, prorated to March 4, 2024, pending permanent civil service classification.
- 2. <u>Non-Instructional</u>
 - a) <u>Groundskeeper</u>. Approve the appointment of Shawn A. Hays to the position of Groundskeeper in the non-competitive class of the Civil Service, effective February 24, 2024, under the terms and conditions of the GSRPU collective bargaining agreement, to be compensated at Level 1, Groundskeeper, prorated to February 24, 2024. This will end Mr. Hays' appointment as a Custodian (Lead) on that date.
 - b) <u>6-hour Food Service Helpers</u>. Approve the appointment of the following personnel as 6-hour Food Service Helpers in the labor class of the Civil Service, under the terms and conditions of the GSRPU collective bargaining agreement, as presented:

<u>Janice Rushlo</u>. Modify the position of Janice Rushlo from a 5-hour Food Service Helper to a 6hour Food Service Helper, effective February 12, 2024.

<u>Darlene Palmer</u>. Modify the position of Darlene Palmer from a 2.75-hour Food Service Helper to a 6-hour Food Service Helper, effective February 12, 2024.

3. <u>Internship</u>

<u>School Psychologist Intern</u>. Approve the appointment of Shea-Marie Mussaw as a School Psychologist Intern (SUNY Plattsburgh) for the 2024-2025 school year, at a stipend equivalent to Step 1, Bachelors, from the 2024-2025 salary agreement with the Gouverneur Education Association (formerly the Gouverneur Teachers' Association). The host site supervisor will be Dale R. Munn Jr., who holds permanent certification in School Psychologist.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

D. <u>Appointments (Cont.)</u>

4. <u>Tutors</u>

Approve the appointment of current substitute Ling Wu as a Tutor for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year.

5. <u>Extra-Curricular</u>

<u>Spring Coaching Appointments</u>. Approve the appointment of the following coaches for the 2023-24 school year:

BASEBALL ASST VOLUNTEER	JARRETT W. BULLOCK	N/A	Uncompensated
BASEBALL ASST VOLUNTEER	MATTHEW C. ASHLEY	N/A	Uncompensated
BASEBALL JV	GEORGE J. BAER	CLASS 3	Step 3
BASEBALL MODIFIED	ANTHONY BESAW	CLASS 4	Step 1
BASEBALL VARSITY	AARON M. MCEATHRON	CLASS 1	Step 5
GOLF	MICHAEL J. BASON	CLASS 2	Step 3
SOFTBALL JV	SHAWN J. TYPHAIR	CLASS 3	Step 7
SOFTBALL MODIFIED	JENNIFER L. ANSON	CLASS 4	Step 2
SOFTBALL VARSITY (.5)	MICHELLE M. BENDA	CLASS 1	Step 18
SOFTBALL VARSITY (.5)	SADDIE R. WHITAKER	CLASS 1	Step 7
TRACK BOYS ASSISTANT	DEREK A. GORDON	CLASS 3	Step 1
TRACK BOYS VARSITY	SEAN T. DEVLIN	CLASS 1	Step 26
TRACK GIRLS	KURTIS P. WELLS	CLASS 1	Step 20
TRACK MODIFIED	VACANT		

E. Leaves and Leave Replacements

- a) <u>Medical Leave</u>. Acknowledge paid and unpaid leave of absence covered under FMLA for employee #00622, for the approximate period 01/18/2024 03/29/24. Employee will use sick time and is eligible to use sick bank time per collective bargaining agreement. Employee will incur approximately seven (7) unpaid days.
- b) <u>Leave of Absence for Temporary Substitute Appointment</u>. Approve the leave of absence of Janice Rushlo from her position as Food Service Helper (5-hr) and appoint her as a long-term substitute Cook 6.5 hour for employee #01198, from 1/25/24 – 2/8/24.

Vote on Consent Agenda - Personnel:

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

President Fenlong congratulated Mrs. Stowell on her tenure appointment, and welcomed all the new hires. He wished the spring sports teams good luck for the upcoming season, and thanked all of the coaching volunteers as well as the other volunteers who devote their time to our students, saying their contributions to our success are meaningful.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Facilities Supervisor position

A discussion was held to discuss the rationale for changing the duties of the Director of Facilities position, with Superintendent Kelly stating that while there is still a need for someone to lead the facilities department, there is more of a need now to work with civil service and personnel. Many Districts have shifted to this type of position as needs change. One benefit of restructuring this position is to free up the business manager to play more of a role in the education of our students such as grant writing and capital project management. The proposed new position, Executive Director of Operations and Personnel, will play a significant role with our civil service positions and requirements related to those positions, as well as play an educational leadership role by serving as a resource for such things as collective bargaining agreement administration and grievance resolution. On the facilities end, the position is responsible for all buildings and grounds that will include working with our athletic coordinator to develop a maintenance schedule for all athletic areas. Additionally, this person would serve as the building administrators' liaison to Capital Project planning and monitoring, and play a role in the creation and implementation of a District Long Term Strategic Educational Plan. Mrs. Kelly confirmed that the district has been working closely with the St. Lawrence County Civil Service Department to make sure we are following all civil service rules and requirements.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

B. <u>Abolishment of Director of Facilities position</u>

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Todd E. Bates, and seconded by Trustee Naaman Lowry, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to abolish the position of Director of Facilities, a non-contractual competitive-class civil service position under the Managerial/Confidential employee group, effective immediately. This position is vacant.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES POSITION, ABOLISHED EFFECTIVE 02/12/2024.

C. <u>Creation of Executive Director of Operations and Personnel position</u>

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Naaman Lowry, and seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to create the 12-month position, Executive Director of Operations and Personnel, in the administrative tenure area of School District Leader, under the Managerial/Confidential employee group.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL, CREATED EFFECTIVE 02/12/2024.

D. Acceptance of Gift

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Laurie M. Roberts, and seconded by Vice-President Todd E. Bates, that the Board of Education formally accept the gift of the donation from The Gouverneur Foundation, in the amount of \$12,500, for SUPA scholarships, and increase the 2023-24 budget code 2110-472 by the same.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. GIFT FROM THE GOUVERNEUR FOUNDATION, ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

E. BOCES Annual Meeting and Vote - informational

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties, will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at which time the proposed administrative, capital, and program budgets of the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES for the 2024-2025 school year will be available for inspection by the Boards of Education.

On Monday, April 22, 2024, each component board will conduct a public meeting for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, and adopting a public resolution concerning the approval or disapproval of the BOCES tentative administrative budget.

F. Merger Request

(See Sheet #7, 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 Brooke Bush, that the Board of Education approve a merger request with Canton Central School District to allow our student(s) to participate on their Lacrosse teams during the 2024-2025 school year, per the terms of the Section 10 Athletics Combined Teams Application, as presented.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: Trustee Spicer asked if any student could participate, even if they had never played the sport. Superintendent Kelly said that we would honor any student's request to play but it is up to the host school's tryout procedures whether the student is allowed to participate. In response to President Fenlong, Mrs. Kelly said the cost for a student to participate in this sport is \$148.00.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

G. <u>2024-2025 School Calendar</u>

(See Sheet #8, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Naaman Lowry, and seconded by Vice-President Todd E. Bates, that the Board of Education adopt the 2024-2025 school calendar, as presented.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: Superintendent Kelly confirmed this follows the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES calendar. The three half-day staff development days as well as Parent-Teacher Conferences dates have been discussed with 5 local districts to use the same half-days, which is also helpful at CTE centers.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR, ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

H. <u>Solar Eclipse – informational</u>

A solar eclipse will be visible in New York State on the afternoon of April 8, 2024. New York will be one of eleven contiguous U.S. states situated within the path of totality for the total solar eclipse. Several regions of the state will be in the direct path of totality, including us. Other parts will be able to view a partial solar eclipse. This presents a unique educational opportunity for students to learn about this exciting astronomical event, and an ideal teachable moment for teachers to delve into the wonders of the cosmos. The next total solar eclipse will not happen in New York again until 2079. Many of our teachers will be educating our students on this exciting event. The District has purchased viewing glasses for all students and employees. With five (5) snow days left at this time, Mrs. Kelly would like to propose to close school on April 8, 2024 as a give back snow day.

I. <u>Give-back days – 2023-24 school calendar</u>

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Todd E. Bates, and seconded by Trustee Naaman Lowry, that the Board of Education give back up to 5 remaining snow days, in the following order, as presented. If additional snow days are used, the days will return to instructional days in reverse order starting with Day 5.

- Day 1 Monday, April 8, 2024
- Day 2 Friday, May 24, 2024
- Day 3 Thursday, May 23, 2024
- Day 4 Friday, May 10, 2024
- Day 5 Wednesday, June 26, 2024

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. GIVE-BACK DAYS ON 2023-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

J. April 8 Board of Education Meeting - Reschedule

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Todd E. Bates, and seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, that the Board of Education change the Board of Education meeting originally scheduled on April 8, 2024, to April 9, 2024. <u>DISCUSSION</u>: Superintendent Kelly confirmed the location will remain in the auditorium.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING ON 4/8/24 RESCHEDULED TO 4/9/24.

K. <u>Overnight Trip - FFA</u>

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Todd E. Bates, and seconded by Trustee Naaman Lowry, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Gouverneur Chapter of the FFA to attend the overnight trip to Camp Oswegatchie from March 1-3, 2024. Approximately 6-8 students will attend with advisor Kylie Torres.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. FFA OVERNIGHT TRIP, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

L. <u>Authorization to Declare as Surplus and Sell/Dispose of Equipment</u>

(See Sheet #9, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Todd E. Bates, and seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, that the Board of Education declare as surplus the attached items and authorize the Business Manager to sell/dispose of the items.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: The items listed contained a number of Chromebooks and other technology items. Business manager Munn confirmed that after a certain time those items are no longer serviced and updates are not provided. This is part of the BOCES recycling program.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. ITEMS DECLARED AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZED FOR DISPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

- IX. COMMENT PERIOD No comments were offered.
- X. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion made by Vice-President Todd E. Bates, and seconded by Trustee Naaman Lowry, to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of particular persons and current litigation.
 YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.
 MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:07 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open session resumed at 8:26 PM.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, motion made by Vice-President Todd E. Bates, and seconded by Trustee Naaman Lowry, that the Board of Education return to open session and adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>Signature on file</u> Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk <u>Signature on file</u> David Fenlong, President