

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

NOVEMBER 21, 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., EDT in the High School Cafeteria, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Present: Todd E. Bates, Brooke Bush, Dr. William Cartwright, David Fenlong, Mark Hendrick, Naaman Lowry, Nickolas Ormasen, Laurie M. Roberts, Laura Spicer.

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

II. COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were made.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Presentation – New York State Testing Data

Jessica Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, shared information regarding the district's New York State Test Data for ELA and Math up to 2021-2022. Among the district's goals for improvement are to support consistency in grade level instruction, support students that are underperforming through intervention services, and support teachers with instructional strategies. She highlighted several things the district is doing that directly correlate to improvement. A math coach, math consultant, and AIS Math teacher have been added at the elementary level. The AIS Math providers are currently servicing 73 students at Tiers 2 and 3 for pull-out interventions, and they are reviewing an additional 14 students that are receiving interventions in the classrooms. ELA consultant Rachele Amo is helping to facilitate the implementation of the writing units of study (grades K-4), and *Foundations* (grades K-3). AIS Reading providers are currently servicing 99 students at Tiers 2 and 3. Additionally, elementary teachers have been provided common release time to plan writing units together, and they're receiving professional development throughout the school year in *Foundations*. Consultant Brandi Harris is working on reading strategies at the Middle School. Ms. Sullivan also identified some issues that may have adversely affected the 2021-22 test scores: chronic absenteeism is at an all-time high due to ongoing quarantining of students; behavior problems that can be attributed to the extended period students were not in school consistently; and learning gaps that existed from the pandemic itself. Discussion followed, with Trustee Dr. Cartwright commenting that he will be interested to see the future scores of current students and hopes to see correlating progress in the proficiency levels. Trustee Ormasen noted that we can't lose sight of the absenteeism problem, which has always been a challenge for the district. In response to Trustee Roberts, Ms. Sullivan clarified that the consultants and coaches work with teachers based on the same curriculum modules for consistency in instruction. Trustee Lowry asked about our 12:1+1 students; Ms. Sullivan explained that the math consultant is working with the 12:1+1 teachers at both the middle school and elementary school to make modifications to curriculum, with a focus on teaching students of different levels in one classroom. Conversation regarding the correlation between instruction and the tests ensued. Superintendent Kelly said that the testing is part of how schools are held accountable to receiving federal funding, and with constant changes in standards and testing, teachers do not "teach to the test." Trustee Roberts was pleased that the district invested in the additional coaches and consultants and the resulting increase in students receiving services, and said she is looking forward to seeing future progress. Ms. Sullivan stated that the next step is to delve deeper into the data to see what standards students are consistently missing and determine how to backtrack to see where those missing pieces might be, ideally to improve instruction from the start rather than waiting until the end when we get ready to test.

B. Communications

Several student athletes were recognized. President Fenlong announced that Randi Griffith represented the Wildcats and the entire USA in Spain in boxing. "She's a tough competitor and a role model for young women and all of our students and students everywhere, and we wanted to say, 'Great Job!'" He commended the Football team for their outstanding season representing the Wildcats as well. "We see that they work hard every week, they do their best, they're gracious in victory and in defeat, they never give up, and that is sportsmanship." Trustee Brooke Bush announced that Rikki Griffith and Meredith Bush represented the Wildcats at the NYS Cross Country match and did an outstanding job. President Fenlong thanked everyone who is part of the program and A.D. Mr. Wood, saying it was a fun season to watch.

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## 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 Dr. William Cartwright, and seconded by Trustee Naaman Lowry, 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 November 7, 2022, as presented.

B. Claims Auditor's Reports

*(See Sheet #1, Board Minutes File Folder)*

Approve the Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 11/07/22 – 11/18/22, as presented.

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#:**

5104309	14074	5100627	11925	11959	5103498
5103525	5103281	5103791	5103555	5102147	5100775
5101378	5101025	5100704	5104600	5104498	5103056
5100743	5103245	5103583			

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:

5104640	5104409
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E. Treasurer's Report – October 2022

*(See Sheet #4, Board Minutes File Folder)*

Accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2022, 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 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 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 Trustee Laurie M. Roberts, and seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel items, A-C, as a Consent Agenda:

A. Memorandum of Agreement #3 between the Gouverneur Central School District and the Gouverneur School Related Personnel Union

*(See Sheet #5, Board Minutes File Folder)*

Approve the MOA#3 to the contract between the District and GSRPU and unit member Kaitlyn Thorne to grant Ms. Thorne an unpaid leave of absence from her position as Individual Aide from January 19, 2023 - May 19, 2023 to complete her student teaching field experience for teacher certification.

## VII. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

B. Resignations

- a) Accept the request for resignation from Victor M. Correa III, from his position as Music (Strings) Teacher, effective December 20, 2022.
- b) Accept the request for resignation from Erica Frizzell, from her position as 5-hour Food Service Helper, effective December 2, 2022.

C. Appointments1. Instructional

Gouverneur Elementary School Afterschool Tutoring - Instructors. Appoint the following personnel as Tutoring Instructors for the 2022-2023 school year, to be paid at the rate of \$30/hour, funded through the ARP SLR Comprehensive After School grant: Victoria Baker.

2. Substitutes and Tutors

Approve the appointment of the following personnel as listed to work as per diem substitutes for Instructional and/or Support positions as recommended, pending completion of all requirements including mandatory Vector training, NYSED fingerprint clearance, substitute training and shadowing, and necessary employee paperwork, for the 2022-2023 school year: Nicole Cudhea, Pamela Doty, Shawna Gilbo, Katelyn Kennedy, Ling Wu, Jennifer Palumbo (certified teacher).

3. Coaches and Advisors

- a) Winter Coaching Appointments, contingent upon completing all applicable NYSED coaching requirements:

BASKETBALL BOYS - JV	ROBERT WEBSTER	Class 2, Step 1
BASKETBALL BOYS – VOLUNTEER	DEREK GORDON	Uncompensated

- b) Advisor Appointment, contingent upon completing all requirements:

WINTER COLOR GUARD	HAILEY COOK	Class E, Step 1
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**Vote on Consent Agenda – Personnel Items:**

YEAS: All Trustees Present    NAYS: None.

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

**President Fenlong offered congratulations to all the appointees and Ms. Frizzell. He gave a special thank you to Mr. Correa for all he's done for sharing his music and passion with our kids and community, and hoped he continues to do so wherever he goes.**

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorization to Declare as Surplus and Sell/Dispose of Equipment

*(See Sheet #6, 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 Laurie M. Roberts, that the Board of Education declare the following equipment as surplus and authorize the Business Manager to sell/dispose of the following items: iPad; Chromebooks – 46.

YEAS: All Trustees Present    NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. ITEMS AS LISTED DECLARED AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZED FOR SALE/DISPOSAL, AS PRESENTED.**B. Request for Overnight Trips for FFA

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Laura Spicer, and seconded by Trustee Brooke Bush, that the Board of Education approve the request for the FFA to attend the following overnight trips:

Member Leadership Series in Syracuse: Jan 28-29

Winter Weekend at Camp Oswegatchie: March 3-5

New York State FFA Convention in Buffalo: May 18-20

FFA Summer Camp at Camp Oswegatchie: July 9-14 or August 6-11 (depending on availability)

DISCUSSION: Trustee Bush asked if any of these trips included the Middle School FFA. High School Principal Cory Wood responded these leadership events are only for the high school FFAs.

