

GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
February 9, 2026
5:30 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Final Agenda: www.gcsk12.org/boe/
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- I. CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION
To discuss pending litigation, collective negotiations, and the employment history of particular persons.
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
- III. COMMENT PERIOD
- IV. DISCUSSION
 - A. Presentations
 - 1. FFA update on National Convention
 - 2. Capital Project update – Cory Wood, Executive Director of Operations & Personnel
 - B. Communications
School Board Candidate Petition Packets are available from District Clerk
 - C. Wildcat News
 - D. Upcoming Events
February 16-20 – Mid-Winter Break
March 9 – Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, **Middle School Cafeteria**
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - A. 2026-2027 Budget:
 - 1. Property Tax Cap Calculation
 - 2. 2026-27 Budget Priorities
 - B. Financial Report – January 2026
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Upon presentation and recommendation of Superintendent Jacquelyn L. Kelly, that the Board of Education consider the following items:
 - A. Second Reading and Adoption of New and Revised Policies
Approve the revisions to the Board Policy Manual, effective immediately, as presented:
 - 3280 – Use of School Facilities, Materials and Equipment
 - 5850 – Data Networks and Security Access
 - 5851 – Cybersecurity Incident Response
 - B. Second Reading and Approval to Delete Policies
Approve the deletion of the following policies from the Board Policy Manual, effective immediately, as presented:
 - 3283 – Use of Facilities by the Boy Scouts of America and Patriotic Youth Groups
 - 7421 – Objectives of the Athletic Program
 - 8350 – Use of Copyrighted Materials
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA:
Upon presentation and recommendation of Superintendent Jacquelyn L. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the following items as a Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2026
 - B. Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 1/15/26 – 2/06/26
 - C. CSE Business
 - D. CPSE Business
 - E. Student Activities Report – 4th Quarter, 2025
 - F. Treasurer's Report – December 2025

VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL:**

Upon presentation and recommendation of Superintendent Jacquelyn L. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel items as a Consent Agenda:

- A. Memorandum of Agreement between the Gouverneur Central School District and the Gouverneur Education Association
Approve the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 26, 2026, to the contract between the District and the Gouverneur Education Association that addresses the use of outside service providers to deliver interim student instruction when in-person instructors are not available, including the present vacancy for a Speech Pathologist.
- B. Memorandum of Agreement between the Gouverneur Central School District and the Gouverneur School Related Personnel Union
Approve the Memorandum of Agreement #1 dated February 9, 2026, to the contract between the District and the GSRPU that adds the position title "Building Electrical Maintenance Worker".
- C. Positions
a) Approve the recommendation to create one (1) position for a 2.75-hour Food Service Helper, effective immediately, under the terms and conditions of the GSRPU contract.
b) Approve the recommendation to replace one Building Maintenance Worker position with one Building Electrical Maintenance Worker position, in the non-competitive class of the Civil Service, effective immediately, under the terms and conditions of the GSRPU contract.
- D. Retirements
a) Karleen Bognaski, from her position as Teacher of the Visually Impaired / Special Education teacher, effective June 30, 2026.
b) Nola Farns, from her position as Special Education teacher, effective June 30, 2026.
- E. Resignations
Jamie DeRusso, from her position as School Counselor, effective at the close of business on February 27, 2026.
- F. Appointments
1. Non-Instructional
a) 2.75-hour Food Service Helper. Appoint Nicole Rose, commencing on February 2, 2026.
b) 2.75-hour Food Service Helper. Appoint Angellee Jenkins, commencing on February 10, 2026.
c) Building Electrical Maintenance Worker. Appoint Curtis Hall, commencing on February 18, 2026.
d) Building Maintenance Worker. Appoint Terry Scott, commencing on February 18, 2026.
2. Extra-Curricular
a) Marching Band – Summer 2026:
DIRECTOR OLIVIA DEARBECK
ASSISTANT 1 RYAN BURT
ASSISTANT 2 JENNECA COOK
COLOR GUARD HAILEY COOK
VOLUNTEER LYNN KURDZIEL
VOLUNTEER GIANNA MONTAGNO
b) Coaching Appointments – Spring 2026:
GOLF MICHAEL J. BASON
SOFTBALL VARSITY MICHELLE M. BENDA
BASEBALL MODIFIED ANTHONY BESAW
TRACK BOYS ASSISTANT SHAWN P. CUMMINGS
TRACK BOYS VARSITY SEAN T. DEVLIN
SOFTBALL MODIFIED - VOLUNTEER CHELSI PECK
BASEBALL VARSITY AARON M. MCEATHRON
TRACK MODIFIED JULIE K. NEISS
SOFTBALL ASST VOLUNTEER KORRINE PATTERSON
SOFTBALL MODIFIED SARAH RIUTTA
SOFTBALL JV SHAWN J. TYPHAIR
TRACK GIRLS KURTIS P. WELLS
SOFTBALL ASST VOLUNTEER SADDIE R. WHITAKER
3. Substitutes
Jordyn Girard, Allysa Byrd, Harlee Derr, Anne Degroat-Laisdell, Sarita Hall.

G. Probation Adjustments

- a) Approve to extend the probationary period end date of Employee xxx by 146 days, due to approved unpaid leave days and expired certification interval during the original probationary period.
- b) Approve to modify the probationary term of Employee xxx, appointed to a four-year probation pending certification, to the probationary term of 1/9/26 – 1/8/30. Certification was issued 1/9/26.
- c) Approve to modify the probationary term of Employee xxx, appointed to a four-year probation pending certification, to the probationary term of 1/21/26 – 1/20/30. Certification was issued 1/21/26.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Upon presentation and recommendation of Superintendent Jacquelyn L. Kelly, that the Board of Education consider the following items under New Business:

A. Board Review of Parental Complaint dated January 9, 2026

B. Authorization of Superintendent for Approval of Change Orders

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby resolves to authorize the Superintendent of Schools (and in her absence, her designee) to execute and approve change orders up to a value of \$35,000 during the 2024 Capital Construction Project. This authority will allow work to proceed in between Board meetings, with the understanding that change orders will be presented and explained, as necessary, to the Board.

C. Senior Class Trip

Approve the request from the Senior Class of 2026 to travel to the Boston, Massachusetts area for 3 days/2 nights in May, 2026.

D. BOCES Annual Meeting and Vote - informational

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties, will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at which time the proposed administrative, capital, and program budgets of the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES for the 2026-2027 school year will be available for inspection by the Boards of Education.

On Monday, April 20, 2026, 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.

E. Nomination for BOCES Board

There are currently 3 seats held by Todd Bates, Michael Miller, and Kevin Wells that will be vacated as of June 30, 2026.

The effective appointment date for the BOCES board members elected to fill the vacancies shall be July 1, 2026 for a three-year term expiring on June 30, 2029. Nominations for BOCES board candidates must be made by resolution of the Board of Education of the component school district and transmitted to the clerk of the BOCES by close of business Friday, March 20, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District hereby nominates Todd E. Bates of Gouverneur, NY, to fill a vacant seat on the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES Board.

F. Standard Work Day

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gouverneur CSD, Location code 74003, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body:

Title	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)
Electrical Maintenance Worker	8.00

X. COMMENT PERIOD

XI. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the employment history of particular persons, including tenure recommendations.

No further business is expected to take place.

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT