

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

MAY 11, 2026

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 5:45 P.M., in the High School Auditorium, following the Annual Budget Hearing.

Trustees Present: Todd E. Bates, David Fenlong, Tina French, Lisa McGregor, Laurie Roberts, Laura Spicer.

Trustees Absent: Brooke Bush, Dr. William Cartwright, Nickolas Ormasen.

Also Present: Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools; Jessica Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent; Dale R. Munn Jr., Business Manager; Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk.

II. COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were received from the audience; President David Fenlong expressed thanks to everyone who was involved in putting together the 2026-2027 budget, with accolades for keeping the most important aspect in the forefront, our students.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Communications – None.

B. Wildcat News

Superintendent Kelly announced that our Drone Soccer Team was recently notified that they received a wild card bid to compete in the 2026 U.S. Drone Soccer National Championship on May 18–19, 2026, at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. Adding that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for these students as well as for our district, Mrs. Kelly said that this is the type of activity that translates into career opportunities, and we are incredibly proud of the teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship our students have demonstrated.

C. Upcoming Events

Many concerts and other end-of-year events are taking place and Mrs. Kelly encouraged everyone to come out and support our student accomplishments.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Monthly Financial Report - April

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

Business Manager Munn noted that projected revenues continue to be very close to anticipated year-end expenditures, with April's revenue balance ending approximately \$100,000 higher than expenses. With no adopted state budget at this time, from the information available he stated that he expects our aid to be consistent with the Executive budget original proposal, and he reiterated that the decrease in our enrollment affected our aid. Regarding Expenditures, he informed the board that the Smart Schools monies need to be fully expended by 2027, and one area he is looking at is to purchase generators that were not part of the construction project. The generators, if approved, would provide backup electricity to support our technology infrastructure in the event of a power outage, which would fulfill the requirement to utilize the monies from the statewide bond for school related technology. Moving on to the Fund Balance, he shared that a new Special Education Reserve Plan is being considered by the state senate, saying that would be good for the district if it goes through.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Code of Conduct Public Hearing – June 1, 2026

The current Code of Conduct is available to view on the District website: <https://www.gcsk12.org/about-us/code-of-conduct/>. Anyone who would like to add comments or suggestions can email the Superintendent ([kelly.jackie@gcsk12.org](mailto:kelly.jackie@gcsk12.org)) or the District Clerk ([kennedy.tatia@gcsk12.org](mailto:kennedy.tatia@gcsk12.org)) by May 29. Comments will also be welcome at the public hearing.

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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 one asked for any item to be removed.

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items**

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Laura Spicer, seconded by Trustee Lisa McGregor, 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 April 20, 2026, as presented.

B. Claims Auditor’s Reports

*(See Sheet #2, Board Minutes File Folder)*

Approve the Claims Auditor’s Reports for the period 4/23/26 – 5/8/26, as presented.

C. CSE 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 CSE Meeting Minutes report:

5105334	5102200	5101212	5100907	5101946	5104600	5104365
5103896	5104312	5104725	5104629	5104844	5103087	5101856
5103591	5103375	5103269	5101986	5105156	5102737	5104573
5104877	5105028	5105178	5104022	5104906	5102867	

D. CPSE 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 CPSE Meeting Minutes report:

5105347	5105340
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E. Treasurer’s Report – March 2026

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

Accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month of April 2026, 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 Roberts, and seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel items A-C as a Consent Agenda:

A. Retirements

Accept the request for resignation for retirement purposes from Marie A. Moore, Teacher Aide, effective June 30, 2026.

B. Resignations

- a) Accept the request for resignation from Lindsey Felio, Teaching Assistant, effective May 5, 2026.
- b) Accept the request for resignation from Grace Holmes, Individual Aide, effective May 15, 2026.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

C. Appointments

1. Summer Feeding Program

Approve the appointments of Cooks and Food Service Workers for the 2026-2027 Summer Feeding Program. Staff will be compensated in accordance with their hourly rate from the 2026-27 salary schedule of their collective bargaining units.

Building	Position	Employee	Dates	Hours
Elementary	Cook	Michelle Blair	7/7/26-8/13/26	Tue-Thu 8:00-12:00
Elementary	Food Service Helper	Darlene Palmer	7/7/26-8/13/26	Tue-Thu 8:00-12:00
Middle School	Cook	Nola Scott	7/7/26-8/13/26	Tue-Thu 7:30-12:30
All	Substitute	Julie Richards, Crystal Christman, Liz Kelly, Sherry Shattuck		

2. Tutors

Approve the following certified staff as tutors for home instruction for the 2025-26 school year: Jill Davis, Olivia Dearbeck

3. Student Workers

Approve the appointment of returning student worker Caleb Premo for the 2025-26 school year.

**Vote on Consent Agenda – Personnel Items**

YEAS: All Trustees Present    NAYS: None.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Overnight Trip Request - FFA

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 request from the FFA to attend the following overnight trips:

- FFA State Convention - May 13-16 in Buffalo, New York, for approximately 9 students and Advisor.
- FFA Summer Camp – July 26-August 1, Camp Oswegatchie, for approximately 3 students and Advisor.

YEAS: All Trustees Present    NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. FFA OVERNIGHT TRIPS, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

B. Overnight Trip Request – Drone Soccer

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee French, and seconded by Vice-President Bates, that the Board of Education approve the request for our Drone Soccer team (approximately 5 students and chaperone Mrs. Donaldson) to attend and participate in the US Drone Soccer National Championship in Daytona Beach, Florida, May 17-19, 2026.

YEAS: All Trustees Present    NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. DRONE SOCCER OVERNIGHT TRIP, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

C. 2025-2026 Calendar Update

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Bates, seconded by Trustee McGregor, that the Board of Education approve the update to the 2025-26 school calendar to add early dismissal on the following dates: June 22, June 23, June 24, June 25, June 26. Students in grades 5-8 will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.; and students in grades UPK-4 will dismiss at 12:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION: In response to Trustee Roberts, Superintendent Kelly confirmed the early dismissal is for students only, not staff, for the grades as listed.

YEAS: All Trustees Present    NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. 2025-2026 CALENDAR UPDATE, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

D. Approval of RIC ONE Risk Operations Center Intermunicipal Collaborative

WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the "ROC");

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC and its attorneys to negotiate Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, "Ed Law 2d") related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion made by Trustee Tina French, and seconded by Trustee Lisa McGregor, that the Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District authorizes the use of DPAs negotiated by the RIC ROC and its attorneys, consistent with its needs and the needs of its students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Gouverneur CSD Board of Education reserves to itself the right to make determinations regarding the use of such DPAs and the software and/or technology resources to which they relate and to consult with its own legal counsel to review any specific issues or concerns before executing any DPA.

**DISCUSSION:** Superintendent Kelly synopsisized that when Ed Law 2d was put into effect, we were required in-house to get privacy agreements with every organization before we used their program. Last year, this ROC collaborative took that over to get all the data agreements and we can participate through a COSER, freeing up our staff time to work with students.

YEAS: All Trustees Present    NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. RIC ONE RISK OPERATIONS CENTER INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATIVE, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

E. School Safety Plan Public Hearing

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Laura Spicer, and seconded by Trustee Laurie Roberts, that the Board of Education set June 15, 2026 for a Public Hearing to discuss the annual updates and revisions, if any, to the District's School Safety Plan. The Public Hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by the regular board meeting. The Safety Plan is posted on the District Website <https://www.gcsk12.org/documents/>. Anyone who would like to add comments or suggestions can email the Superintendent (kelly.jackie@gcsk12.org) or the District Clerk (kennedy.tatia@gcsk12.org).

YEAS: All Trustees Present    NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR 6/15/2025.**

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

F. Resolution to Approve the Temporary Suspension of Portions of Policy 7316

WHEREAS, New York State Education Law Section 2803 prohibits student use of personal internet-connected devices during the school day, and requires school districts to adopt a Policy implementing the law's requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Policy 7316, which aligns with Education Law Section 2803; and  
 WHEREAS, Policy 7316 requires students to store personal internet-enabled devices in designated on-site storage areas in the school building, which may include lockers or other locations such as an assigned cubby; and

WHEREAS, the Jr-Sr High School is currently and will continue to be under construction during the 2026-2027 school year, and construction will make it difficult to impossible for students to always access all lockers and designated internet-enabled device on-site storage areas at certain points during the school year; and

WHEREAS, in light of the construction project, and the impact of same on students' abilities to store internet-enabled devices in lockers or District-designated on-site storage areas as has been customary for the remainder of the 2025 - 2026 school year and during the upcoming 2026-2027 school year, the Board wishes to temporarily suspend that portion of the Policy and authorize the administration to implement alternative measures for implementation of Education Law Section 2803 for the remainder of the 2025 - 2026 school year and during the 2026-2027 school year.

THEREFORE, it is resolved, upon motion made by Vice-President Todd Bates, and seconded by Trustee Lisa McGregor, that those portions of Policy 7316 requiring student storage of personal internet-enabled devices in lockers or on-site storage areas in the school building are temporarily suspended for the remainder of the 2025 - 2026 school year and for the 2026-2027 school year only. The Superintendent and the administration shall make alternate arrangements for implementation of Education Law Section 2803's requirements for the remainder of the 2025 - 2026 school year and the 2026-2027 school year.

**DISCUSSION:** Superintendent Kelly confirmed the ban is still bell to bell, and the only change is the storage of devices due to fewer available lockers in parts of the buildings.

YEAS: All Trustees Present    NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PORTIONS OF POLICY 7316, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

IX. COMMENT PERIOD - None.

## X. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Vice-President Todd Bates, and seconded by Trustee Tina French, that the Board of Education move into executive session to discuss the employment history of particular persons.

YEAS: All Trustees Present    NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:20 PM.**

## RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion made by Vice-President Todd Bates, and seconded by Trustee Lisa McGregor, to return to open session.

YEAS: All Trustees Present    NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. OPEN SESSION RESUMED AT 7:20 PM.**

## XI. PERSONNEL

A. Appointment of Hearing Officer

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools intends to prefer disciplinary charges against an employee as discussed in executive session; and

WHEREAS, it appears that disciplinary action against said employee may be warranted, and

WHEREAS, such employee has the right to a hearing and other rights under Section 75 of the Civil Service Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion made by Trustee Lisa McGregor, and seconded by Trustee Tina French, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Board hereby appoints Andrew LaLonde as the hearing officer to expeditiously conduct the hearing and to prepare findings of fact and recommendations as to penalty, and to report such findings and recommendations to the Board at the conclusion of the hearing, in accordance with Section 75 of the Civil Service Law.
2. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the School District's general counsel to make all other necessary arrangements for a hearing on the charges that were discussed in Executive Session by this Board, to be conducted in accordance with Section 75 of the Civil Service Law.
3. It is hereby directed that this hearing should move forward as expeditiously as possible.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

YEAS: All Trustees Present    NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER ANDREW LALONDE, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, motion made by Trustee Tina French, and seconded by Trustee Lisa McGregor, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM.

YEAS: All Trustees Present.    NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:23 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file  
Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk

Signature on file  
David Fenlong, President