

**GOVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**June 15, 2026**  
**5:30 PM - HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
**Final Agenda: [www.gcsk12.org/boe/](http://www.gcsk12.org/boe/)**  
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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- II. **PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS REVISIONS TO THE DISTRICT SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN**

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss proposed updates and revisions to the District-Wide School Safety Plan, as enumerated in Education Law and Commissioner’s Regulations. The plan is designed to prevent or minimize the effects of serious violent incidents and emergencies and to facilitate the coordination of schools and the School District with local and county resources in the event of such incidents or emergencies.

The draft of the 2026-2027 district-wide school safety plan can be found on the Board Meeting webpage: <https://www.gcsk12.org/boe/>

- III. COMMENT PERIOD

- IV. DISCUSSION

- A. Communications

- B. Wildcat News

- C. Upcoming Events

- June 16 – *Last day of classes at SWT and HS*
    - June 16 – SWT Student Recognition ceremony, 9:00 AM, Hermon-DeKalb CSD
    - June 16 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Ceremony, 6:30 PM, HS Auditorium
    - June 17-25 – HS Regents Exams
    - June 19 – Juneteenth holiday – no school
    - June 26 – Graduation, 7:00 PM, Grandstand (weather permitting)
    - July 13 – BOE Organizational Meeting, 5:30 p.m., HS Auditorium

- D. Student Board Representative – Ashlyn Besaw

- V. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. Monthly Financial Report – May 2026

- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. 2026-2027 District Code of Conduct

*Updates have been incorporated into the posted document on the Board Meeting webpage: <https://www.gcsk12.org/boe/>. These include an addition for all essential partners for “Professionalism in appearance and all interactions;” a revision to the section for “Use of Internet-Enabled Devices During the School Day;” and minor changes to reflect updates to the “Acceptable Use – Student” policy references.*

- B. Approval of 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Dates

The regular meeting place will be the High School Auditorium unless otherwise noted, and the hour of 5:30 PM, local time, is designated as time of meetings:

July 13 – Organizational	February 22
August 17	March 8 ( <i>Middle School</i> )
September 14	March 22 ( <i>Elem School</i> )
October 19	April 5
November 16 ( <i>Middle School</i> )	April 26
December 14 ( <i>Elem School</i> )	May 10 – Annual Budget Hearing
January 11	May 18 – BOE Election and Budget Vote
February 1	June 7

- C. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policies
  - 1620 **Annual Organizational Meeting**
  - 7370 **Acceptable Use Policy (Student)**
  - 7540 **Student Directory Information**
- D. Deletion of Policies
  - 3111 **School District Standards and Guidelines for Web Page Publishing**
  - 5322 **Use of the District Cell Phone**
  - 7570 **Notification of Release of Sex Offenders**

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2026
- B. Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 6/04/26 – 6/25/26
- C. CSE Business
- D. CPSE Business
- E. Treasurer's Report – May 2026

VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL:**

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

- A. Managerial/Confidential Adjustments  
Approve the 2026-2027 Managerial/Confidential Employees' salaries to reflect a 4% (four percent) increase over 2025-2026.
- B. Resignations
  - a. Janeen Streeter, Music (Orchestra) Teacher, effective June 26, 2026.
  - b. Julie Neiss, English Language Arts Teacher, effective June 29, 2026.
- C. Appointments
  - 1. Summer
    - a. High School Regional Summer School Principal. Appoint Nicole Donaldson as the 2026 High School Regional Summer School Principal.
    - b. Elementary Summer School. Appoint Jamie Mitchell and Lindsey Pierce as Aides.
    - c. Middle School Summer School. Appoint Taija Douglas as a 1:1 Aide
  - 2. Instructional  
School Counselor. Appoint Arika Bateman, holding NYS permanent certification in School Counselor, to the position of School Guidance Counselor in the *School Counselor* tenure area, for a three-year\* probationary period commencing on August 31, 2026. Ms. Bateman's start date will be July 1, 2026 and will include compensation for up to 20 (twenty) days for summer guidance support at her hourly rate, as well as anticipated professional development. \*Ms. Bateman has been previously granted tenure in another district.
  - 3. Substitutes and Tutors
    - a. Appoint Erica Hughes as a Tutor for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of all requirements.
    - b. Appoint Alissa Jenne as a substitute for the Buildings & Grounds department for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year and starting July 1 for the 2026-27 school year.
  - 4. Extra-Curricular – 2026-27 Advisors:

FFA - Summer	KYLIE A. TORRES	CLASS B	Step 4
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- D. Students  
Buildings & Grounds. Re-appointment the following students for the 2026-27 school year, effective July 1, 2026: Peyton Jacques, Karlee Ashley, Arianna Wood, Madison Harper, Isabella Simmons, Matty Isereau, James Minkler, Niklas Tharaldsen.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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

A. Authorization to Donate Braille Materials to the St. Lawrence-Lewis B.O.C.E.S.

B. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring David Fenlong for Distinguished Service

WHEREAS, David Fenlong has faithfully served the students, staff, families, and community of the Gouverneur Central School District as a member of the Board of Education for twelve years, including eight years as President of the Board; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Mr. Fenlong has exemplified the qualities of teamwork, commitment, and leadership, consistently placing the needs of students and the district at the forefront of every decision; and

WHEREAS, his unwavering dedication is evidenced by his attendance at 244 of 251 Board of Education meetings during his twelve years of service, in addition to the countless hours devoted to committee work, district events, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fenlong has served as a valued member of numerous district committees, including the Labor Management Committee throughout his twelve years of service, the Shared Decision Making Committee, the Policy Committee, the District Schedule Committee, the Technology Committee, the Safety Plan Committee for six consecutive years, and the Capital Project Committee, contributing thoughtful insight, sound judgment, and collaborative leadership to advance the district's mission; and

WHEREAS, he has been a visible and enthusiastic supporter of students, regularly attending concerts, musicals, athletic competitions, academic events, and other activities that celebrate student achievement and showcase the talents of our school community; and

WHEREAS, his encouraging and heartfelt remarks to faculty and staff at the opening of each school year have become a cherished tradition, setting a positive tone and reinforcing the Board of Education's support for those who serve our students each day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fenlong has worked tirelessly to fulfill the district's mission of "delivering the promise of a brighter future for our students and our community," leaving a lasting impact on the Gouverneur Central School District through his steady leadership, integrity, and service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District hereby expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation to David Fenlong for his twelve years of exemplary service and leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes Mr. Fenlong's extraordinary commitment to public education, celebrates the many contributions he has made to the district, and extends its sincere best wishes to him and his family in all future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Board of Education and that a copy be presented to David Fenlong as a lasting expression of the district's appreciation for his dedicated service.

X. COMMENT PERIOD

XI. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the employment history of particular persons.

*No further business is expected to take place in open session.*

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT