

GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
December 8, 2025
5:30 p.m. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
Final Agenda: www.gcsk12.org/boe/
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I. CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. **PUBLIC HEARING ON PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS**

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss whether or not the Gouverneur Central School District Board of Education should adopt a resolution providing for a partial property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers pursuant to Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law.

III. COMMENT PERIOD

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Presentations

1. **New York State Assessment Results**
2. **NCTM Math Conference** – Jillian McDougall and Jessica Cappellino
3. **Reading League Conference** – Paula Bates and Gwen O'Shea

B. Wildcat News

C. Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 9 – Middle School Holiday Concert, 6:30 PM, HS Auditorium
Friday-Saturday, December 12-13 – HS Drama Production: "The Play That Goes Wrong"
Tuesday, December 16 – High School Holiday Concert, 6:30 PM, HS Auditorium
Friday, December 19 – Half Day Staff Development (PM) – early dismissal for students
December 22 – January 2 – Winter Break – no school for students
Monday, January 12, Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 PM, HS Auditorium

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. Monthly Financial Reports for October and November, 2025
- B. 2026-2027 Budget Calendar

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

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 November 3, 2025
- B. Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 11/6/25 – 12/5/25
- C. CSE Business
- D. CPSE Business
- E. Treasurer's Reports for October 2025 and November 2025
- F. Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment

The resolution appointing Robert Rodriguez to serve as impartial hearing officer for NYSED Case No. 667243 was signed and made effective by Board President David Fenlong on November 5, 2025 and will be made part of this meeting's minutes by attachment.

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. Retirements

- a) Kelly Spencer Ayen, Elementary (Kindergarten) teacher, effective January 9, 2026.
- b) Robert J. Dunkelberg, Social Studies teacher, effective June 30, 2026.

B. Resignations

- a) Ashley Davis, 8-hr. Cleaner, effective at 6:00 p.m. on November 3, 2025.
- b) Krystle Cardinell, 6-hr. Food Service Helper, effective November 28, 2025.
- c) Kimberly A. Cummings, 2.75-hour Food Service Helper, effective January 9, 2026.

C. Appointments

1. Extra-Curricular - 2025-26 Winter Coaches

CHEERLEADING VOLUNTEER - WINTER	HAILEY COOK
WRESTLING - GIRLS	DYLAN J. MORRISON
WRESTLING VARSITY ASST/ JV	RANDY MORRISON
BASKETBALL GIRLS VOLUNTEER	CHLOE M. SMITH
BASKETBALL GIRLS VOLUNTEER	LANEY SMITH
WRESTLING ASSISTANT - VOLUNTEER (GIRLS)	SAMUEL E. SOCHIA
WRESTLING ASSISTANT - VOLUNTEER (GIRLS)	BENJAMIN HOFFMAN
WRESTLING ASSISTANT - VOLUNTEER	DILLON STOWELL

2. Instructional

Elementary (Kindergarten) Teacher: Maggie E. Murphy, in the Elementary PreK-6 tenure Area commencing on January 5, 2026, for a four-year probationary term in accordance with the Gouverneur Education Association Agreement.

3. Non-Instructional

- a) Cleaner: Shawn Byrne, anticipated to start December 9, 2025.
- b) Cleaner: Hana Smith, anticipated to start December 9, 2025.
- c) Cleaner: Michael Crawn, anticipated to start December 9, 2025.
- d) Cleaner: Morgan House, anticipated to start December 9, 2025.

4. Substitutes and Tutors

Julianne Koerick, instructional/support substitute.

5. School Psychologist Intern

Appoint Emma McDougall as a School Psychologist Intern (SUNY Plattsburgh) for the 2026-2027 school year. The host site supervisor will be Dale R. Munn Jr., who holds permanent certification in School Psychologist.

6. Other

Approve the leave of absence of Carrie Chartrand from her position as *Food Service Helper (6-hr)* and appoint her as a long-term substitute *Cook*, from 9/24/25 – 10/7/25.

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. Tentative - Adoption of Resolution for Partial Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers

B. Adoption of Resolution Approving Easement for Utility Purposes

C. 2025 Tax Collector's Report and Return of Unpaid Taxes to St. Lawrence & Jefferson Counties

That the Board of Education approve the 2025 Tax Collector's Report, dated December 2, 2025 showing a tax levy of \$7,208,765.00 for the 2025-2026 school year, with \$847,139.75 of the levy remaining unpaid, and approve the 2025 Return of Unpaid Taxes in the amounts of \$835,142.53 and \$11,997.22 plus any penalty for collection to St. Lawrence and Jefferson Counties.

D. Approval of Overnight Trip Requests – Varsity Wrestling

- a) **December 29-30.** *Windsor Holiday Tournament* at Windsor High School, Windsor, NY.
- b) **January 16-17.** *Bradshaw Invitational* at Canandaigua Academy, Canandaigua, NY.
- c) **January 18-19.** *Second Annual Windsor Lady Black Knights Invitational* at Windsor High School, Windsor, NY.
- d) **January 24-25.** *King and Queen Bison Invitational* at Shaker High School, Latham, NY.
- e) **January 30-31.** *Lady Legacy Tournament* in Homer, NY.

X. COMMENT PERIOD

XI. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the employment history of particular persons and pending litigation.

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT