

GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
December 8, 2025
5:30 p.m. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
Tentative Agenda

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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. **NCTM Math Conference** – Jillian McDougall and Jessica Cappellino
 - 2. **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

- D. Student Board Representative – Ashlyn Besaw

- 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 – 12/15/25

- 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
- B. Resignations
- C. Appointments
 - 1. Extra-Curricular - 2025-26 Winter Coaches
 - 2. Instructional
 - 3. Non-Instructional
 - 4. Substitutes and Tutors
 - 5. School Psychologist Intern
 - 6. Other

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. Approval of 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, respectively, as presented.

- D. Authorization to Declare as Surplus and Dispose of Items

Whereas, the School District owns certain items which are obsolete, no longer useful or necessary for school district purposes and of no value to the School District; therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby declares the following item(s) to be surplus and authorizes the Business Administrator to donate said items to St. James School: *Grade 2 Core Language Arts Curriculum*.

- E. Approval of Overnight Trip Requests – Varsity Wrestling

- a) **December 29-30.** *Windsor Holiday Tournament* at Windsor High School, Windsor, NY. The team will depart on December 28, 2025, and return on December 30, 2025. The cost to the district is \$350 (registration fees) plus transportation.
- b) **January 16-17.** *Bradshaw Invitational* at Canandaigua Academy, Canandaigua, NY. The team will depart on January 16, 2026, and return on January 17, 2026. The cost to the district is \$550 (registration fees) plus transportation.
- c) **January 18-19.** *Second Annual Windsor Lady Black Knights Invitational* at Windsor High School, Windsor, NY. The team will depart on January 18, 2026, and return on January 19, 2026. The cost to the district is \$300 (registration fees) plus transportation.
- d) **January 24-25.** *King and Queen Bison Invitational* at Shaker High School, Latham, NY. The boys depart on January 23, 2026; the girls depart on January 24, 2025; both teams return on January 25, 2026. The cost to the district is \$700 (registration fees – includes combined boys' and girls') plus transportation.
- e) **January 30-31.** *Lady Legacy Tournament* in Homer, NY. The team will depart on January 30, 2026, and return on January 31, 2026. The cost to the district is \$600 or \$60/wrestler (registration fees) plus transportation.

X. COMMENT PERIOD

XI. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT