

GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education
JULY 13, 2026
5:30 p.m. MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
Final Agenda: www.gcsk12.org/boe/

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting will be called to order by Tatia Z. Kennedy, Clerk of the District.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BUSINESS

A. Administration of Oath (New Board Members)

The District Clerk shall administer and countersign the oath of office to newly-elected Board member Logan Buckmaster. The oath shall conform to Article XIII-1 of the New York State Constitution, and Section 10 of the Public Officers Law. No new Board member shall be permitted to vote until he/she has taken the oath of office.

B. Election of Board Officers for 2026-2027

1. President of the Board
2. Vice-President of the Board
3. Administration of Oath to Board Officers

The School Board President will take charge of the remainder of the meeting.

C. Appointment of District Officers for 2026-2027

1. District Clerk – Tatia Z. Kennedy
2. Acting District Clerk – Jacquelyn L. Kelly
3. District Treasurer – Kimberly A. Shampine
4. Deputy Treasurer – Michelle A. LaVigne
5. School Tax Collector – Marion Bowhall, Town of Gouverneur
6. Internal Claims Auditor – Tammy Law
7. Administration of Oath to Officers

The District Clerk shall administer the oath of office to those not in attendance within 30 days.

D. Other Appointments – Consent Agenda

1. School Attorney - Case & Leader
2. Legal Counsel - Ferrara Fiorenza PC
3. Michelle Hassett, Central Treasurer and Amy Barr, Assistant Central Treasurer for Extraclassroom Activity Fund
4. Faculty Auditor for Extraclassroom Activity Funds - Kimberly A. Shampine
5. Independent Auditor - Crowley & Halloran CPAs, P.C.
6. District Attendance Officer - Michelle LaVigne
7. Records Access Officer - Dale Munn, Jr.
8. Records Management Officer - Dale Munn, Jr.
9. Data Protection Officer - Jacquelyn L. Kelly
10. Residential Designee - Cory Wood
11. Asbestos Designee - Cory Wood
12. School Pesticide Representative - Cory Wood
13. Chief Emergency Officer - Jacquelyn L. Kelly
14. District Chief Safety Officer - Robert Klimowicz
15. Student and Staff Substance Use Designee - Beverly Martin
16. Chemical Hygiene Officer - Lisa Dunkelberg
17. Purchasing Agent – Dale Munn Jr.; and in the case of his absence, Jacquelyn L. Kelly
18. Insurance Broker - MacFadden-Dier Agency, Inc.
19. School District McKinney-Vento Liaison - Monica Scott
20. School District Foster Care Liaison - Monica Scott

21. Civil Rights Compliance Designees - Cory Wood and Jessica Sullivan
22. *Dignity for All Students Act* Coordinators
Jessica Sullivan be appointed as Lead Coordinator – District; and the following staff be appointed as building coordinators: HS - Principal, Guidance Counselors; MS – Principal, Guidance Counselors; Elementary – Principals, Guidance Counselors
23. Title IX Coordinators – Cory Wood and Jessica Sullivan
24. Impartial Hearing Officers for Committee on Special Education
The school district will use the district specific list of Impartial Hearing Officers as maintained by the IHRS (Impartial Hearing Reporting System), for the Committee on Special Education.
25. Committee on Special Education Members
The following be appointed as members of the Committee on Special Education:
Chairperson: Kimberly Richards, Director of Special Education
Alternate Chairperson(s): Shea-Marie Mussaw, Grace Dumas, Dale Munn
Secretary: Katherine Brozzo, Donna Wood
School Physician: Donald Schuessler, M.D.
School Psychologist(s): Shea-Marie Mussaw, Grace Dumas, Dale Munn
Teacher of the Disabled Child: As defined by Federal Regulations
Regular Education Teacher: As defined by Federal Regulations
Parent of Child
Parent Representative: Adrienne Cox
26. Surrogate Parent for Committee on Special Education - Adrienne Cox
27. Committee on Preschool Special Education Members
The following be appointed as members of the Committee on Preschool Special Education:
Chairperson: Kimberly Richards, Director of Special Education
Alternate Chairperson(s): Shea-Marie Mussaw, Grace Dumas
Parent of Child
Parent Representative: Adrienne Cox
Evaluator: A professional who participated in the Evaluation of the child for whom services are being sought
Agency Representative: A designated representative from county service agency and/or agency serving child from 0-2 years of age
The Child's Teacher* (if he/she has one; if not, an appropriately certified teacher (**For initial CPSE evaluation meetings a Special Education teacher and a Regular Education teacher*)).
28. Sub Committees of the Committee on Special Education
The Board of Education appoint the following sub committees of the CSE, for Gouverneur Elementary, Gouverneur Middle, and Gouverneur High Schools:
Not less than one special education teacher of the student, or, if appropriate, not less than one special education provider of the student, AND the Chairperson of the CSE or the building principal or a school psychologist, AND related services personnel as appropriate, AND a general education teacher, whenever the student is, or may be, participating in the regular education environment, AND the student's parent or person in parental relation, AND the student, if appropriate.
29. Representative and Alternate Representative to St. Lawrence Counties School District Employees Medical Plan
WHEREAS, the Gouverneur Central School District is a Participant in the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School District Employees Medical Plan; and
WHEREAS, Section IV of the Municipal Cooperative Agreement directs this School District to select the Superintendent or a designee to serve on the Plan's Board of Directors, be it
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates Dale Munn, Jr. to serve as the School District's representative on the Plan's Board of Directors for 2026-2027; and
RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board of Education hereby designates Jacquelyn L. Kelly to serve as an alternate district representative on the Plans' Board of Directors for 2026-2027 should the district's representative not be able to attend a Board of Directors' Meeting.
30. Representative and Alternate Representative to St. Lawrence Counties School District Employees Workers' Compensation Plan
WHEREAS, the Gouverneur Central School District is a Participant in the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School District Employees Workers' Compensation Plan; and
WHEREAS, Section IV of the Municipal Cooperative Agreement directs this School District to select the Superintendent or a designee to serve on the Plan's Board of Directors, be it
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31. Agricultural Advisory Board

The following members of the Agricultural Advisory Board will act as the liaisons between the AAB and the District: Mr. Donald Peck, Mr. Allyn Tubbs.

32. Audit Committee - All Trustees of the Board of Education

E. Designations for 2026-2027 – Consent Agenda

1. Designation of Official Depositories: Community Bank, N.A.; and New York Cooperative Liquid Asset Securities System (NY CLASS).
2. Official Newspapers: Gouverneur Tribune Press and Watertown Daily Times
3. Mileage Reimbursement Rate: Current IRS mileage rate
4. IEE Reimbursement Cap
The reasonable cost for independent educational evaluations at public expense shall be capped at \$3,000.00 in accordance with Policy 7680.

F. Authorizations for 2026-2027 – Consent Agenda

1. Payroll Certification Officer - Jacquelyn L. Kelly
2. Designation to approve conference/convention/workshop attendance - The Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent
3. Distribution of Petty Cash

High School	\$ 100
Business Office	\$ 100
Gouverneur Elementary School	\$ 100
School Lunch	\$ 300
Tax Collector	\$ 200
4. Designation of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to Sign Checks
5. Designation of Chief School Officer to approve Budget Transfers
6. Designation of Superintendent of Schools to Apply for Grants in Aid
7. Authorization to Participate in Cooperative Purchasing Programs
The Gouverneur Central School District Board of Education agrees to participate in the St. Lawrence/Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Programs in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the "Cooperative Purchasing Agreement", for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.
8. Authorization to Appoint Impartial Hearing Officer
WHEREAS, Part 200 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education was amended to require that, upon receipt of a request for an impartial hearing involving a student with or a student suspected of having a disability, a board of education "immediately" appoint an impartial hearing officer pursuant to the procedure set forth in said regulations; and
WHEREAS, said regulations also authorize a board of education to designate one or more of its members to appoint the impartial hearing officer. The President and Vice President of the Board of Education are hereby authorized to appoint the impartial hearing officer to preside over special education hearings held pursuant to 8 NYCRR §200.5.
9. Indemnification and Legal Defense Resolution
Approve the Indemnification and Legal Defense Resolution pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 18, as presented.
10. Authorization to Employ Temporary Personnel
Authorize the Superintendent to appoint Temporary, Part-time, Per-Diem or Substitute Personnel and to temporarily fill vacant positions pending consideration and appointment by the Board Of Education at the next Board of Education meeting.
11. Authorization for Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, the Executive Director of Operations and Personnel, the School Business Manager, as Acting Superintendent

G. Other Items

1. Re-adoption of all Policies, and Code of Ethics in effect during Previous Year
2. Appointment of NYSSBA Advocacy Liaison

This will conclude the reorganizational business. The regular board meeting agenda continues on the next page.

III. COMMENT PERIOD

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Wildcat News

B. Upcoming Events

August 17 – Regular Board of Education meeting, HS Auditorium

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2026-2027 District School Safety Plan

A public hearing was held on June 15, 2026. No changes have been suggested to the posted draft. Comments are still welcome. It is expected that the Plan will be adopted at the next meeting on August 17, 2026.

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 June 15, 2026 regular meeting

B. Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 6/15/26 – 6/30/26

C. CSE Business

D. Treasurer's Report – June 2026

E. Student Activities Report – Second Quarter 2026

F. Change Orders

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. Resignations

a) Meagan Dupuis-Fregoe, Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2026.

b) Milaglos Murray, Special Education Teacher, effective August 20, 2026.

B. Appointments

1. Summer

a) High School Regional Summer School. Appoint Kathy Stamper as a Teaching Assistant (online Health), at the established rate.

b) Elementary Summer School.

Rescind the appointment of Lindsey Pierce as an Aide, and appoint Lindsey Pierce and Stephanie LaShomb as Teachers, at the established rate.

Appoint Shelley Burnham as a Substitute, at the established rate.

2. Extra-Curricular - 2026-2027 Coaches - Fall

Approve the following coaching recommendations, pending completion of any outstanding certification requirements, and compensated in accordance with the 2026-27 Coaching Salary Schedule of the GEA contract:

FOOTBALL - VARSITY ASSISTANT	GEORGE J. BAER
SOCCER GIRLS VOLUNTEER	MICHELLE M. BENDA
FOOTBALL JV	STEVEN M. BESAW
SOCCER BOYS MODIFIED	JARRETT W. BULLOCK
FOOTBALL JV ASSISTANT	ALAN COUNTRYMAN
CROSS COUNTRY	SHAWN P. CUMMINGS
FOOTBALL ASSISTANT - VOLUNTEER	DAVID M. DAILEY
FOOTBALL - VARSITY	SEAN T. DEVLIN
CHEERLEADING FALL	ERICA DOWLING
VOLLEYBALL MODIFIED	GRACE DUMAS
SOCCER GIRLS JV	CHELSEI (PECK) GRIFFITH
FOOTBALL ASSISTANT - VOLUNTEER	CODY HARTLE

SOCCER VARSITY BOYS	LUCAS A. HAYDEN
VOLLEYBALL JV	LEESA M. ISEREAU
FOOTBALL MODIFIED	TIMOTHY W. KNOWLTON
FOOTBALL ASSISTANT - VOLUNTEER	MICHAEL A. SHATTUCK
SOCCER VARSITY GIRLS	SHAWN J. TYPHAIR
FOOTBALL - MODIFIED ASSISTANT	RICK L. VROOMAN
VOLLEYBALL VARSITY	JOSEPH F. WAHL JR
CROSS COUNTRY ASSISTANT	KURTIS P. WELLS
SWIM GIRLS	BRETT M. WORDEN

3. Instructional

Special Education. Appoint Amy Davis, pending NYS certification in Students With Disabilities (All Grades), to the position of Special Education teacher in the *General Special Education* tenure area, for a three-year* probationary period tentatively commencing on August 31, 2026. *Ms. Davis has been previously granted tenure in *Elementary PreK-6*.

4. Substitutes and Tutors for 2026-27

Forrest Fuller, Buildings & Grounds department.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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

A. Merger Requests

- a) Approve a merger with the Harrisville CSD to allow their students to participate on the Gouverneur Boys' and Girls' Spring Track teams (all levels) during the 2026-27 school year, per the terms of the Section 10 Athletics Combined Teams Application.
- b) Approve a merger with the Clifton-Fine CSD to allow their students to participate on the Gouverneur Boys' and Girls' Spring Track teams (all levels) during the 2026-27 school year, per the terms of the Section 10 Athletics Combined Teams Application.

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