

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

AUGUST 17, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District was called to order by President Lisa McGregor, at 5:30 P.M., in the Middle School Cafeteria, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Present: Todd E. Bates, Logan Buckmaster, Brooke Bush, Dr. William Cartwright, Tina French, Lisa McGregor, Nickolas Ormasen, Laurie M. Roberts, Laura Spicer.

Trustees Absent: None.

Also Present: Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools; Dale R. Munn Jr., Business Manager; Jessica Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent; Cory Wood, Executive Director of Operations and Personnel; Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk.

II. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS REVISIONS TO THE DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

President McGregor turned it over to Superintendent Kelly for an explanation of the proposed revision to prohibit the use of e-bikes and other motor-driven vehicles on school grounds. Mrs. Kelly stated, "New York State recently passed a revision to Article 34-d Section 1282 relating to operating electric scooters. The law states among other things, 'No person less than sixteen years of age shall operate or ride as a passenger upon an electric scooter, and no person sixteen years of age or older shall allow any person less than sixteen years of age to operate or ride as a passenger upon such scooter.' Prior to this law being enacted, the district struggled to manage the number of motorized vehicles being driven to school and on school grounds. This law will prevent all students under sixteen from operating or riding on motorized vehicles, but it does not address students who are older than sixteen or adults operating these vehicles on school grounds. This presents a significant safety issue for our students, our staff, and our community. Therefore, in collaboration with legal counsel and the local police department, we are making the recommendation to add language banning these vehicles from school grounds unless they are necessary for an individual requiring access to and operation of such vehicle or device for purposes of accommodating their disability. If approved, the following language will be added to the Code of Conduct in two separate locations: under 'Prohibited Student Conduct' on page 15 and 'Public Conduct on School Property' on page 36: *Operating a motorized vehicle or other motorized device on school property in an unsafe or unauthorized manner. The following motorized vehicles/devices are prohibited on school property, both for recreational use and for general transportation purposes, and regardless of the operator's age: e-bikes or e-scooters, dirt bikes, motorbikes, snowmobiles, ATVs, construction or agricultural equipment or vehicles, and any other motorized vehicle not legally permitted to be driven on public roads. Automobiles and other motorized vehicles not prohibited by this Code or District policy may only be driven on school property when specifically permitted. Nothing in this Code shall be construed to prohibit use of a motorized vehicle or other device for an individual requiring access to and operation of such vehicle or device for purposes of accommodating their disability.*

Superintendent Kelly responded to questions during the comment period. She affirmed that it would also apply during the summer and other non-school days, and signage would be put up. She agreed to have a conversation with the Ag Board regarding the Fairground property. With no further questions, President McGregor closed the public hearing.

The public hearing concluded at 5:34 p.m.

III. STATEMENT FROM SUPERINTENDENT – JACQUELYN L. KELLY

Good evening, members of the board, staff, families, and community members. Tonight, I want to address two important topics that have generated significant discussion. As a school district, we have a responsibility to make decisions that are educationally sound, financially responsible, and operationally sustainable for the long term. Sharing information about those decisions is an essential piece of that process.

\$57 million district-wide capital project update:

The project was approved by voters in December 2023. It had zero tax impact on our residents due to extensive district planning, state funding, grant funding, and existing district capital reserve funds. While a high-visibility project like a newly built stadium naturally draws public attention, the total expenditure of approximately \$57 million was never solely an athletics project. The capital project included improvements across all buildings in the district and addressed decades of critical infrastructure needs.

- Stadium improvements: Approximately \$12.36 million (21.5%) of the total capital project cost was spent on the multi-purpose stadium.
- Elementary school: About \$3.33 million (5.80%) was invested at Gouverneur Elementary School, which included paving, bringing facilities to ADA compliance and other safety improvements.
- Middle school: Approximately \$971,000 (1.69%) was invested at the middle school, including safety-related door improvements and playground work.
- High school: Approximately \$29.9 million (52.12%) of the project addressed a wide range of needs, including a geothermal heating and cooling system, offices, new band and chorus spaces, home economics, the auditorium, the pool, the auxiliary gym, the wrestling room, doors and windows, repointing, clocks and alarms, electrical power supply, plumbing, lighting, and a generator.
- Bus garage: The project also invested approximately \$3.76 million (6.55%) in our bus garage, including a fuel station, bus wash, and other improvements.
- Pole barn: Another \$683,000 (1.19%) was invested in the pole barn, including the removal of the old storage structure. This is a needed location to store district equipment for our buildings and grounds department, especially during the harsh winter months.
- Other project expenses: Approximately \$6.38 million (11.11%) went toward necessary project-related expenses, including architects, project management, legal services, testing, and other incidentals necessary to complete a project of this size.

Over 78.5% of this budget, which equates to more than \$45 million, was dedicated to non-athletic investments in safety, accessibility, instructional space, and essential operations that could not be absorbed by our regular annual operating budget. While investing in athletics is valuable for a well-rounded student experience, this project has a much broader scope than that. It was an investment in our entire district, our facilities and our students' future.

Context regarding the orchestra program transition:

Just as capital projects require long-term planning, staffing decisions require us to evaluate program sustainability, enrollment trends, and student participation. Following the resignation of our strings teacher in June, the administration conducted an evaluation of the orchestra program. I acknowledge that the decision to continue a phase-out of the program brings feelings of disappointment and frustration to students, families and staff who love string music. I do not take those feelings, or this decision, lightly. I want to be clear: this was not a decision driven solely by money, nor was it made hastily. For well over a decade, our district has faced a persistent regional shortage in securing and retaining certified strings teachers. We have seen 6 different orchestra teachers since around 2012, which has created tremendous instability. At the same time, we have seen a steady decline in student enrollment—falling from 61 high school strings students 10 years ago, down to 42 six years ago, to 25 remaining students today. During that same period, student interest has shifted toward our growing middle school band program, STEM offerings, and e-sports. We chose a gradual phase-out rather than an immediate elimination out of respect and commitment to our current string musicians:

- For the 2026-27 school year, our 25 string students will be integrated into the high school symphonic band. They will continue playing their string instruments, receive small-group instruction and continue their musical growth through high school.
- We are actively seeking a qualified advisor to lead a select strings ensemble for students seeking additional extracurricular opportunities. If we can secure a club advisor, this would give current string students an opportunity to continue learning string instruments.

Because some of these evaluations involved confidential personnel discussions, we were unable to share every detail publicly in real-time. However, our goal remains clear: to build a sustainable, high-quality music program that serves the greatest number of students despite ongoing regional staffing hurdles. Leadership requires taking on difficult challenges and making decisions that are not always popular. We may not all agree on every path forward, but disagreement does not mean a lack of care. Whether we are modernizing our facilities or adapting our academic and extracurricular programming, every decision we make is to continue delivering the promise of a brighter future for our students and our community. Thank you to our community for your continued passion, engagement, and commitment to our school district.

IV. COMMENT PERIOD

Comments were received only on the Orchestra Program:

Parent Nicole Smith delivered a "Petition for Saving GCS Orchestra" with over 500 penned and electronic signatures from both inside and outside of the District. She urged the Board to consider keeping the current program for five additional years to see if interest can be rebuilt. She reasoned that the decline in participants was affected by COVID when there were no live performances and a difficult teacher recruiting environment, and that is not what is going on today. She maintained that orchestra is as important to musicians as sports is to athletes, adding that band can be too loud and overwhelming for some students.

Gouverneur student Serenity Smith said, "It would be a horrible shame to take it away. I have met many people, team built, persevered, and learned to keep trying... Not just sound, passion and creativity, music is part of your identity, and music like an orchestra should never be taken away from students."

St. James parent Karley Wake said her 8-year-old has been playing the violin for two years and also plays soccer and pointed out that he will have music his whole life but won't play sports forever. Gouverneur is currently one of 3 schools with an orchestra program; it can draw new families to our district and keep them here. She introduced her son, who played *The Swallow Tail* on his violin, to a round of applause.

Indian River Strings teachers Lia Call and Chloe Higgins, as well as Indian River resident Tricia Pierce, also spoke in support of keeping the Gouverneur Orchestra program for five more years.

President Lisa McGregor thanked everyone for spending the time to share their thoughts and information.

V. DISCUSSION

A. Communications1. Athletic Placement Process (APP)

Superintendent Kelly reported that effective July 29, 2026, the New York State Education Department made several revisions to the APP. First, the Tanner Sexual Maturity Rating has been eliminated. NYSED determined that it was not an appropriate indicator of injury risk. The only medical clearance requirement is proof of an annual health examination that authorizes athletic participation. Second, the criteria used to determine student readiness have been updated; students must now demonstrate appropriate personal and social responsibility, sport specific skill development, knowledge of the game, and physical fitness. NYSED's revisions converted some existing procedures into formal regulations, including informed parental consent, a formal invitation from the Athletic Director, and ensuring that every student is evaluated using the same selection criteria. Mr. McEathron has been working to update the district's APP procedures, forms, and related documents to ensure compliance with these new regulations. Our priority remains providing student athletes with opportunities to compete at the level that best matches their abilities while maintaining fairness, consistency, and student health and safety.

2. NYSSBA Convention, October 22-24, 2026: Buffalo

President McGregor reminded everyone to let the Clerk know if they planned to attend.

B. Upcoming Events

Many back-to-school events are scheduled, with staff returning August 31 and students on September 2.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Monthly Financial Report – July 2026

(See Sheet #1, Board Minutes File Folder)

Business Manager Dale Munn's July report highlighted the \$5 million grant we received from NYSEDA for our geothermal project. They recently visited the district to review our progress and described the project as ideal for that grant; it can be used as a model for other districts. Mr. Munn also reported that the solar consortium revenues increased due to the increased costs of electricity; as part of the consortium with other north country municipalities, we receive a percentage of that in the form of discounted rates. Regarding Expenditures, our bond anticipation note sold at 4%, which is consistent with what we were getting for a return on investment with NYCLASS. The project expenses at the high school are running approximately 1-2% under budget, which may provide opportunities to add back some small items that were removed from earlier drafts. The current unassigned Fund Balance projected for fiscal year-end 2027 is approximately 9%.

B. Grant

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Spicer, and seconded by Trustee Roberts, that the Board of Education accept the NYSEDA P-12 Clean Green Schools Initiative grant in the amount of \$5,030,000 to be used as a partial funding source for Capital Project 511101060007016240572 at the Gouverneur High School.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. NYSEDA P-12 CLEAN GREEN SCHOOLS INITIATIVE GRANT, ACCEPTED.

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VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Adoption of School Safety Plan 2026-27

(See Sheet #2, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Bates, and seconded by Trustee Spicer, that the Board of Education approve the School Safety Plan 2026-27, to be submitted to SED and distributed to specified agencies, as presented.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. 2026-2027 SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN, ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

B. Adoption of Revised 2026-27 Code of Conduct

(See Sheet #3, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Bates, and seconded by Vice-President French, that the Board of Education approve the revised 2026-27 Code of Conduct, as presented.

DISCUSSION: Responding to Trustee Roberts, Superintendent Kelly confirmed that the only revision is the addition of the language to prohibit the use of e-bikes and other motor-driven vehicles on school grounds.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. 2026-2027 REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT, ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

President Lisa McGregor asked if any member on the Board wished to have any item on the Consent Agenda removed for special consideration and discussion. No member asked for any item to be removed.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Dr. Cartwright, and seconded by Trustee Spicer, that the Board of Education approve the following items, A-F, as a Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of July 13, 2026, as presented.

B. Claims Auditor's Reports

(See Sheet #4, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 7/1/26 – 8/14/26, as presented.

C. CSE Business

(See Sheet #5, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the services, including additions, modifications and deletions, for the following classified CSE students, as reflected in the attached CSE Meeting Minutes report: 5102739

D. CPSE Business

(See Sheet #6, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the services, including additions, modifications and deletions, for the following classified CPSE students, as reflected in the attached CPSE Meeting Minutes report: 5105383, 5105364

E. Treasurer's Report – July 2026

(See Sheet #7, Board Minutes File Folder)

Accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2026, as presented.

F. Change Orders

(See Sheet #8, Board Minutes File Folder)

1. Approve the Change Order for Contract: Capital Improvements Project Phase 1 – MS Athletic Facility: Building B Lockers (Number 1-01), as presented.
2. Approve the Change Order for Contract: Capital Improvements Project Phase 2 – General Construction: Steel Lintels at Pool Area (Number 1-03), as presented.
3. Approve the Change Order for Contract: Capital Improvements Project Phase 2 – General Construction: Nurse C107 Flooring Removals (Number 1-04), as presented.
4. Approve the Change Order for Contract: Capital Improvements Project Phase 2 – General Construction: Area E Restrooms ACM Window Sealant Removal (Number 1-05), as presented.
5. Approve the Change Order for Contract: Capital Improvements Project Phase 2 – General Construction: Remove Aux Gym Plaster Ceiling (Number 1-06), as presented.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

Vote on Consent Agenda:

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

President Lisa McGregor 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 for any item to be removed.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda – Personnel:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Laura Spicer, and seconded by Trustee Todd Bates, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel items, A-D, as a Consent Agenda:

A. Amendment to School Resource Officer (SRO) Contracts

(See Sheets #9, #10, and #11, Board Minutes File Folder)

- a) Approve the Amendment to the contract between the District and Robert Klimowicz (SRO) to provide a salary increase, as presented.
- b) Approve the Amendment to the contract between the District and Michael Tyler (SRO) to provide a salary increase, as presented.
- c) Approve the Amendment to the contract between the District and Edward Jenack (SRO) to provide a salary increase, as presented.

B. Retirements

- a) Accept the request for resignation for retirement purposes from Kimberly A. Richards, from her position as Director of Special Education, effective February 15, 2027, with appreciation and regret.

C. Resignations

- a) Adjust the resignation date from Milaglos Murray from August 20, 2026, to be effective at the close of business on August 10, 2026.
- b) Accept the request for resignation from Grace Dumas, from her position as School Psychologist, effective at the close of business on July 22, 2026.

D. Appointments1. Summer

- a) Regents Proctoring/Scoring. Appoint the following personnel for Regents Proctoring/Scoring (August 18-20, 2026), at the established rate of \$27.50/hour: Jennifer Anson, Shawn Cummings, Lisa Dunkelberg, Bobbie Holmes, Matt Miller, Evan Shampine, Julia Streeter.

2. Instructional

- a) Teaching Assistant - Counseling. Appoint Elyssa Bice, holding NYS Initial certification in Teaching Assistant, to the position of Teaching Assistant – Counseling in the Teaching Assistant tenure Area, effective August 18, 2026, for professional development purposes. Ms. Bice will have a four-year probationary period commencing on August 31, 2026, and anticipated to end on August 30, 2030, at an annual salary set at Step 1, Teaching Assistant, in accordance with the Gouverneur Education Association Agreement current salary schedule for 2026-2027. This appointment is contingent upon her successful completion of the probationary term.
- b) Title I .30 FTE Teacher – St. James: Continue Judith Tomford's non-probationary position of .30 FTE* Teacher for the 2026-27 school year and annually until appointment ends by board resolution, at an annual stepped salary in accordance with the Gouverneur Education Association Agreement, paid through Title I funds. Ms. Tomford holds Permanent certification in Nursery, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6. Ms. Tomford is assigned to St. James. *The actual FTE will be based on final Title I allocations and is subject to change annually.
- c) Instructional Support Services (ISS) (Part-time). Approve the appointment of Terri L. Whitaker to the non-probationary position of Instructional Math Coach, which constitutes an Instructional Support Services ("ISS") position within the meaning of Part 30 of the Regents Rules, effective September 2, 2026, for up to 40 days during the 2026-2027 school year, compensated at \$200 per diem. Mrs. Whitaker possesses permanent certification in Mathematics 7-12.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

D. Appointments (Cont.)3. Non-Instructional

- a) Individual Aides. Appoint the following Individual Aides, in the noncompetitive class of the civil service, under the terms and conditions of the GSRPU contract, effective August 31, 2026, at a salary of Individual Aide 7.5, Level 1:
- 1) Kaitlyn Redmond
 - 2) Amber Barr
 - 3) Jessica Rose
 - 4) Alecia Hoffman
- b) Cleaner. Appoint Alisa Jenne as a Cleaner in the labor class of the civil service, under the terms and conditions of the GSRPU contract, effective August 31, 2026, at a salary of Cleaner, Level 1.

4. Substitutes and Tutors

- a) Approve the appointment of returning substitutes (*certified; **GCS retiree) for the 2026-27 school year at the established rate; all requirements are complete:

Katelynn Ayen	Madison Ayen	Reigan Ayen
Maureen Baer	Evelyn Barton**	Destiny Blair
Ashton Bowman	Tori Brunet	Kathleen Buell**
Paul Buell*	Whitney Bush	Connor Canell
Hannah Clement	Antoinette Cogan**	Hailey Cook
Alan Countryman	Annie DeGroat-Laisdell	Baylee Deleon Perez
Robert Dunkelberg**	Rachel Durham	Selena Figueroa
Forrest Fuller	Drew Gates	Andrea Gray
Betty Hall**	Sarita Hall	Veronika Holmberg-Kocakova
Kelly Houle	Gina Johnson	Rachel Laso
Patrick Looby	Anita Mantia	Donna Massey
Janet McIntosh	Jaymie McIntyre	Donna Parks
Gabrielle Platt	Raelyn Prashaw	Mackenzie Reynolds
Jenika Richards	Sarah Riutta	Sullivan Rumble
Maureen Schesser	Nikolaus Schiszler	Johnessa Simmons
Anita Sleeman*	Chloe Smith	Jennifer Stiles
Marlene Thomson	Joseph Wahl**	Terri Whitaker**
Patricia Williams**	Jennie Young	Natalie Young

- b) Approve the appointment of returning tutors (*certified) for the 2026-27 school year; all requirements are complete:

Jessica Miller	Kara Mashaw	Desiree Simmons
Cherie Zira	Ken Nicholas	Lisa Carbone
Lindsey Daniels*	Jill Davis*	Olivia Dearbeck*
Jackie Koch*	Stephanie LaShomb*	Kim Reed*
Beth Siebels*	Pam Stevens*	Terri Whitaker*

5. Leave / Leave Replacements

- a) Appoint Paul Buell, who holds Permanent Music certification, to the non-probationary position of long-term certified substitute for Employee Olivia Dearbeck, for the approximate period of September 21 – until the employee returns from leave, at the established rate.
- b) Appoint Kathy Buell, who holds Permanent N-6 certification, to the non-probationary position of long-term certified substitute for Employee Laney Smith, for the approximate period of August 31, 2026 – until the employee returns from leave, plus two additional days prior to August 31 for planning, at the established rate.
- c) Appoint Connor Canell as a long-term substitute for Employee Ashley Shattuck, for the approximate period of August 31, 2026 – November 20, 2026, at the established rate.
- d) Appoint Gina Johnson as a long-term substitute for Employee Danielle Valenzuela, for the approximate period of August 31, 2026 – November 20, 2026, at the established rate.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

D. Appointments (Cont.)6. Extra-Curricular

- a) 2026-27 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, as presented:

VOLLEYBALL MODIFIED	JESSICA MILLER	CLASS 4	Step 4
SOCCER GIRLS VOLUNTEER	CHLOE SMITH	N/A	Uncompensated
FOOTBALL ASSISTANT – VOLUNTEER	MARK TYLER	N/A	Uncompensated
SOCCER GIRLS MODIFIED	ANTHONY WOOD	CLASS 4	Step 3

Vote on Consent Agenda – Personnel:

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resignation of Science Teacher to Accept the Appointment of CSE/CPSE Chairperson

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President French, and seconded by Trustee Roberts, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Lisa M. Dunkelberg from her position as Science teacher (high school) and appoint Lisa M. Dunkelberg, who holds NYS Professional certification in School District Leader, to the position of CSE/CPSE Chairperson (11-month), in the School District Leader Tenure Area, effective August 31, 2026 under the terms and conditions of the Gouverneur Administrators' Association (GAA) contract. Mrs. Dunkelberg will have a four-year probationary period commencing on August 31, 2026, and anticipated to end of August 30, 2030, at an annual salary as established by the Board of Education for 2026-2027.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESIGNATION OF LISA M. DUNKELBERG AS SCIENCE TEACHER AND APPOINTMENT OF LISA M. DUNKELBERG AS CSE/CPSE CHAIRPERSON, APPROVED.

B. Resignation of Special Education Teacher to Accept the Appointment of Assistant Principal

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Bates, and seconded by Trustee Spicer, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Brittany L. Buckmaster from her position as Special Education teacher (middle school) and appoint Brittany L. Buckmaster, who holds NYS internship certification in School Building Leader, to the position of Assistant Principal (11-month), in the Administrative Assistant Principal Tenure Area, effective August 31, 2026 under the terms and conditions of the Gouverneur Administrators' Association (GAA) contract. Mrs. Buckmaster will have a four-year probationary period commencing on August 31, 2026, and anticipated to end on August 30, 2030, at an annual salary as established by the Board of Education for 2026-2027.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

ABSTENTION: Buckmaster

MOTION CARRIED. RESIGNATION OF BRITTANY L. BUCKMASTER AS SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AND APPOINTMENT OF BRITTANY L. BUCKMASTER AS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, APPROVED.

C. Tax Warrant for 2026-2027

(See Sheet #12, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Bates, and seconded by Trustee Spicer, that the Board of Education approve the tax warrant for 2026-2027 in the amount of \$7,425,990 (\$7,352,940 School + \$73,050 Library), as presented.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. TAX WARRANT FOR 2026-2027, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

X. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

D. BOE Committees – discussion

Board members participate in the following committees: GEA, GAA, GSRPU, Capital Project, Safety Plan, Transportation, Technology, and Policy. President McGregor asked board members to let her know if they wish to change their current committee membership.

E. NYSSBA Area 6 Director Election

The position of Area 6 Director on the New York State School Board Association's Board of Directors is vacant. Two candidates are on the ballot, Tori Thurston and Gary Lambert. Motion made by Trustee Bates, and seconded by Vice-President French, that the Board of Education cast a ballot for Tori Thurston for the position of Area 6 Director on the NYSSBA Board of Directors. The two-year term will run from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028.

DISCUSSION: The clerk will electronically cast the ballot for Tori Thurston as Area 6 Director on the NYSSBA Board of Directors.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. BALLOT CAST FOR TORI THURSTON AS NYSSBA AREA 6 DIRECTOR.

F. Voting Delegate for the NYSSBA Virtual Annual Business Meeting

Motion made by Trustee Bates, and seconded by Vice-President French, that the Board of Education appoint Trustee Nickolas Ormasen as the voting delegate for the New York State School Boards Association's Annual Business Meeting to be held virtually on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 4 PM.

DISCUSSION: The clerk will electronically submit the delegate information to NYSSBA .

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. TRUSTEE NICKOLAS ORMASEN APPOINTED AS THE DISTRICT'S VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE NYSSBA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ON OCTOBER 15, 2026.

G. Intermunicipal Agreement for Dual Enrollment Courses

(See Sheet #13, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Spicer, and seconded by Trustee Roberts, that the Board of Education approve the Intermunicipal Agreement to send Gouverneur CSD students to Madrid-Waddington CSD to take dual enrollment courses through SUNY Canton's Dual Enrollment Program for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES WITH MADRID-WADDINGTON CSD, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

XI. COMMENT PERIOD – *None*.

XII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Vice-President French, and seconded by Trustee Bates, to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment history of particular persons.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:31 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open session resumed at 8:03 PM.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, motion made by Vice-President French, and seconded by Trustee Bates, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk

Signature on file

Lisa McGregor, President