

GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
October 19, 2026
5:30 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Final Agenda: www.gcsk12.org/boe/
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- I. CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. COMMENT PERIOD
- III. DISCUSSION
 - A. Presentation - School Board Appreciation Week
 - B. Wildcat News
 - C. Communications
 - D. Upcoming Events
 - October 30 – Televised Whiz Quiz match: Gouverneur vs. 1000 Islands; WPBS 7:30 PM; *or stream online at watch.wpbstv.org*
 - November 1 – Daylight Savings Time ends
 - November 3 – Election Day
 - November 4 – Regent Dinner with Regent Roger Catania, Northwest Tech, Ogdensburg
 - November 6 – Staff Development (full day) – no school for students
 - November 10 – Veterans Day Ceremony, Middle School
 - November 11 – Veterans Day holiday – no school; Veterans' Day Ceremony at Memorial Arch, 11:00 AM
 - November 13-14 – HS Drama Production, HS Auditorium
 - November 16 – Regular Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 PM, **MS Cafeteria**
 - November 20 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (GES) (Early dismissal for Elementary students)
 - November 23-24 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (GES and MS) (Early dismissal for Gouverneur Elementary and Middle School students)
 - November 20-21 – PTO Craft Fair, Gouverneur Elementary Cafeteria
 - November 20-21 – Middle School Musical, HS Auditorium
 - E. Student Board Representative – Laina Kurdziel
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - A. Financial Report for September, 2026
 - B. Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan
 - C. Approval of Student Activities Financial Report for Third Quarter, 2026
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.
- VI. 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 September 14, 2026
 - B. Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 9/12/26 – 10/16/26
 - C. CSE Business
 - D. CPSE Business
 - E. Treasurer's Report – September 2026
 - F. Change Orders
 - 1. Capital Improvements Project Phase 2 – HS Aux Gym Framing Changes (Number 1-07)
 - 2. Capital Improvements Project Phase 2 – Mezzanine Ceiling Modifications (Number 1-08)
 - 3. Capital Improvements Project Phase 2 – Signage (Number 1-09)
- VII. 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. Adoption of Memorandum of Agreement #10 between the Gouverneur Central School District and the Gouverneur Education Association
 Approve the MOA#10 to the contract between the District and GEA to amend Article 11.1, stating the LMC shall be comprised of an equal number of representatives of each party; in addition to the GEA President and the Superintendent, each party may have up to six, but not less than four, other members for representation.
- B. Positions
 Approve the recommendation to create one 5-hour Food Service Helper position (high school) under the Labor Class of the civil service, represented by the Gouverneur School Related Personnel Union, effective immediately.
- C. Resignations
- Jessica A. Sullivan, from her position as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, effective at the close of business on September 30, 2026.
 - Aiden Breckenridge, from his position as Individual Aide, effective at the close of business on September 30, 2026.
- D. Termination
 Approve to terminate the employment of employee ###, effective September 30, 2026, as discussed in a previous executive session.
- E. Appointments
- Non-Instructional
 - Appoint Niklas Tharaldsen as a Cleaner effective October 20, 2026.
 - Substitutes and Tutors
 - Instructional tutors for homebound students: Melissa Sweeney, Sarah Scott, Sabrina Jones.
 - Per diem substitutes in instructional and/or support positions: Haley Morrow, Jane Trowbridge
 - Extra Duty
 - Gouverneur Elementary Afterschool Tutoring - Instructors. Sarah Scott, Shelley Burnham, Katherine Gleason, Kara Mashaw, Kenneth Nicholas, Sabrina Jones, Terry Streeter, Tammy Labrake, Alissa McEathron.
 - Gouverneur Middle School Afterschool Tutoring - Instructors. Trenton Sullivan, Jennifer Earlywine, Connor Canell.
 - Extra-Curricular
 - 2026-27 Advisors.

SELECT STRINGS	PAUL BUELL
BUILDERS CLUB	CHRISTINE COGNETTI
FFA ASSISTANT	POLLY SERGEL
HS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD	SARAH WOOD
MS DRAMA CLUB ASSISTANT	CATHERINE YABLONSKI
 - 2026-27 Winter Coaches.

WRESTLING – VARSITY BOYS	GEORGE J. BAER
BASKETBALL BOYS 8TH GRADE	JARRETT W. BULLOCK
WRESTLING – VARSITY GIRLS	ALAN COUNTRYMAN
INDOOR TRACK ASSISTANT	SHAWN P. CUMMINGS
BASKETBALL GIRLS VARSITY	SEAN T. DEVLIN
CHEERLEADING WINTER	ERICA DOWLING
BASKETBALL GIRLS VOLUNTEER	CHELSEI (GRIFFITH) PECK
WRESTLING – GIRLS VOLUNTEER ASST	BENJAMIN HOFFMAN
WRESTLING – JV/VARSITY ASST	RANDOLPH MORRISON
BASKETBALL GIRLS 7TH GRADE	KORRINE PATTERSON
BASKETBALL GIRLS VOLUNTEER	SARAH RIUTTA
BASKETBALL BOYS VARSITY	MICHAEL A. SHATTUCK
BASKETBALL GIRLS VOLUNTEER	CHLOE SMITH
BASKETBALL GIRLS VOLUNTEER	LANEY SMITH
BASKETBALL BOYS JV	TRENTON SULLIVAN
WRESTLING – VOLUNTEER ASST	DILLAN STOWELL
BASKETBALL GIRLS JV	RICK L. VROOMAN
INDOOR TRACK	KURTIS P. WELLS
WRESTLING – MODIFIED	COLTER WHITMORE
SWIM BOYS	BRETT M. WORDEN

5. Students

a) Marissa Kerr

F. Amendments to Organizational Meeting Business for 2026-2027

1. Civil Rights Compliance Designees

Appoint Nicole Donaldson to replace Jessica Sullivan as Civil Rights Compliance Designees for students and staff, effective October 1, 2026.

2. Dignity for All Students Act Coordinators

Appoint Dale Munn to replace Jessica Sullivan as Lead Coordinator – District, effective October 1, 2026.

3. Title IX Coordinator(s)

Appoint Nicole Donaldson to replace Jessica Sullivan to serve as Title IX Coordinator: 315-287-1900, donaldson.nicole@gcsk12.org, effective October 1, 2026.

4. School District Foster Care Co-Liaison.

Appoint Kayley Learn Denner as a School District Foster Care Co-Liaison, in accordance with Board Policy 7133, Education of Students in Foster Care, for the 2026-27 school year.

VIII. 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. Acceptance of Gift from KPH Healthcare Services, Inc.

Accept the non-monetary donation of 102 Axe body spray/body wash sets from KPH Healthcare Services, Inc. with thanks and appreciation.

B. Appointment of Department Chairpersons/Grade Level Leaders

Gouverneur Elementary School

Pre-K: **Stephanie LaShomb**

Kindergarten: **Sarah Pawananon**

Grade 1: **Teresa Kiechle**

Grade 2: **Marcie Tyler**

Grade 3: **Carrie Hartle**

Grade 4: **Kayla Side**

Special Education: **Kyle Baker**

Reading Intervention: **Gwen O'Shea**

Special Areas: **Leah Card**

Gouverneur Middle School

English Language Arts: **Stacey Devlin**

Mathematics: **Jennifer Anson**

Science: **Saddie Whitaker**

Social Studies: **Brandon Griffin**

Special Education: **Melissa Sweeney**

Reading Intervention: **Pam Stevens**

Gouverneur High School

English Language Arts: **Meaghan Matthews**

Mathematics: **Megan Sovie**

Science: **Sarah Wood**

Social Studies: **Donna Briscoe**

Special Education: **Kristen**

Wallace/Heather Parker – Co-Chairs

Gouverneur Central School District

Art: **Amber Ormasen**

Foreign Language: **Emily Bason**

Guidance (HS): **Marcy Tyler**

Math Intervention: **Jessica Cappellino**

Music: **Richard Patton**

C. Approval of Overnight Trip Requests – Varsity Wrestling

- a) **December 28-29.** *Windsor Holiday Tournament* at Windsor High School, Windsor, NY. The team will depart on December 27, 2026, and return on December 29, 2026. The cost to the district is \$350 (registration fees) plus transportation.
- b) **January 16.** *Schenectady Invitational* at Schenectady High School, Schenectady, NY. The team will depart on January 15, 2027, and return on January 16, 2027. The cost to the district is \$350 (registration fees) plus transportation.
- c) **January 23.** *King Bison Invitational* at Shaker High School, Latham, NY. The team will depart on January 22, 2027, and return on January 23, 2027. The cost to the district is \$375 (registration fees) plus transportation.

IX. COMMENT PERIOD

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

X. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the employment history of particular persons; including the annual informal evaluation of Superintendent Kelly and tenure recommendations.

XI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT