

OFFICIAL MINUTES
GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
& BUDGET WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014- 5:30 P.M. – MEDIA CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Amber Christensen, President presiding.

Roll Call was taken by District Clerk:

Members Present: Amber Christensen, President; Steve Presutti, Vice-President; Fred Grusendorf, Dean McKnight, Josh Shannon, Tim Hand, Patrick Johnson
District Personnel Present: Brian Schmitt, Superintendent; Brian Edmister, Principal; Brian LeBaron, Principal; Lynn Manning, District Treasurer; Penny Miller, District Clerk
Staff Members: Alva Robbins, Aprille Truax, Rita George, Carol McCarville, Lyn VanTassel, Tracy George, Kelly Kent
Guests: Rob Ford, 5 Participation in Govt. students, Sherry Cobin

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presentations to the Board:

- Dr. Schmitt to recognized and thanked the following persons for assisting in a student medical emergency: Brian Edmister, Aprille Truax, Rita George, Tracy George and Rob Ford
- Alva Robbins presented the trip request for Music students to Ohio on May 30, 31 to Cedar Point, OH

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the Board of Education minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated February 10, 2014 as submitted.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Business Office/District Treasurer's Report was given by Mrs. Manning on budget work session and capital reserve fund.

ACCEPT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REPORT: Motion made by Steve Presutti, seconded by Patrick Johnson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the Extra-Curricular Activity Account Report dated 1/31/14 as submitted.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORTS: Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Steve Presutti - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the following Treasurer's Reports as submitted: Payroll Account 1/1/14-1/31/14, Agency Account 1/1/14-1/31/14.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT WARRANT REPORTS: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Patrick Johnson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the following Accounts Payable Warrant Reports dated 2/28/14 as submitted: Federal Fund #7, School Lunch Fund #7, Capital Fund (HRNV) #9, General Fund #10.
VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION: Motion made by Steve Presutti, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Genesee Valley Central School District, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law there is hereby established a capital reserve fund for the Genesee Valley Central School District, New York, which shall be designated as the "Transportation Reserve Fund" of said School District.

Section 2. Such Transportation Reserve Fund is hereby established for financing, in whole or in part, the following objects or purposes of said School District:

The purchase of school buses, vehicles, and equipment; provided that such capital costs are an object of purpose that would be eligible for financing under the Local Finance Law, and costs incidental thereto.

Section 3. The ultimate amount of such Fund shall be six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) plus earnings thereon.

Section 4. The probable term of such Fund shall be twenty (20) years, after which time no further funds may be transferred to such Fund, unless previously extended by the voters, but such Fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted.

Section 5. The source from which the funds for such Fund will be obtained is as follows: (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (iii) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all to the extent permitted by law.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect upon the approval thereof by a majority of the qualified voters of said School District voting on a proposition therefor submitted at the annual or a special district meeting of said School District, the details of which shall be specified by a further resolution of this Board of Education. Upon such approval, no further action of this Board of Education will be required to perfect the establishment of such Reserve Fund.

Section 7. The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election:

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

PROPOSITION #1

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Genesee Valley Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Transportation Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law (to be known as the "Transportation Reserve Fund"), with the purpose of such fund being to finance the purchase of school buses, vehicles and equipment that would be eligible for financing under the Local Finance Law, and costs incidental thereto, the ultimate amount of such fund to be six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00), plus earnings thereon, the probable term of such fund to be twenty (20) years, but such fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted, and the sources from which the funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (iii) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Steve Presutti, seconded by Patrick Johnson- BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the consent agenda items as follows:

1. Declare textbooks as excess items as per submitted list.
2. Appoint the following vote inspectors for the May 21, 2014 vote to be held at one vote site in the GVCS pool vestibule for both Angelica and Belmont voters. Inspectors work from approximately 11:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., rate of pay shall be \$9.00 per hour. Janet Harrington and Marilyn Warner of Angelica, Karen Morgan and Pat Schmelzer of Belmont and Alternates: Barb Zlomek of Belmont and Norine Ryan of Angelica.
3. Adopt the 2014-2015 school year calendar as presented.
4. Approve the Textbook Adoption Proposal as submitted: Spanish Expressate 1A, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 50 student textbooks, 2 teacher textbooks, Grade 6, Total Cost - \$4,809.51.
5. Approve the following volunteers for the 2013-14 school year: John Zlomek under the supervision of Eric Weinman (Varsity Baseball); Pamela Duttweiler under the supervision of Rollie Duttweiler (Track & Field)
6. Approve the Belmont Free Library request for the amount of money annually appropriated from taxes for the town library, be increased from \$31,700 to \$32,500 annually and authorize a proposition to that effect for the May 20, 2014 vote.
7. Approve the Angelica Free Library request for the amount of money annually appropriated from taxes for the town library, be increased from \$29,250 to \$29,730 annually and authorize a proposition to that effect for the May 20, 2014 vote.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE BOCES UNIT COST METHODOLOGY: Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Patrick Johnson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Dean McKnight - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following resolution for the immediate Elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment:

Whereas, The NYS Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was implemented in 2010 as a one-time reduction in education aid to help NYS balance its budget and the GEA has continued in every budget since then;

Whereas, The GEA since its inception has reduced state aid to the Genesee Valley Central School by \$3,009,050;

Whereas, This reduction in aid has resulted in a cost shift to the local property taxpayers in the Genesee Valley Central School; and

Whereas, This cost shift has resulted in unsustainable measures to balance the Genesee Valley Central Schools budget, including the reduction and elimination of school programs, personnel, and services, and the reduction of school district fund reserves;

Whereas, Efforts by the Genesee Valley Central Schools to sustain programs and services and contain budget are simultaneously constrained by Property Tax Levy Cap Legislation, unfunded and underfunded mandates, and increases in pension, health care costs; and mandated implementation of Common Core Learning Standards and teacher/principal performance reviews; and

Whereas, Adequate State funding is constitutionally mandated and essential to meet all mandates and obligations and to maintain the quality of education in the Genesee Valley Central Schools; and

Whereas, New York State, through its Gap Elimination Adjustment, has systematically reduced K-12 funding since 2010-11; and

Whereas, New York State touts recent aid increases as generous support to schools, although overall, school districts are receiving less in State Aid than 2008-09; and

Whereas, Some school districts even have had State Aid DECREASES;

RESOLVED, that the Genesee Valley Central Schools Board of Education calls upon the New York State Legislature to immediately exempt State Aid for education from the calculation of the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT FIRE SAFETY REPORT: Motion made by Fred Grusendorf, seconded by Dean McKnight - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the Public School Fire Safety Report dated March 2014 as submitted.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE STANDARD WORKDAY: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Steve Presutti - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School, Location Code 70218, hereby establishes the following standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body:

Cleaner – 8 hours/day, Custodian - 8 hours/day, Typist - 7.5 hours/day, Account Clerk Typist - 7.5 hours/day, Maintenance Mechanic - 8 hours/day, Bus Driver/Mechanic - 8 hours/day, Transportation Supervisor/Head Mechanic - 8 hours/day, Senior Maintenance Mechanic - 8 hours/day, Bus Driver - 6 hours/day, Cafeteria - 6.75 hours/day, Monitor - 6.75 hours/day, Cashier - 6.75 hours/day, Nurse - 6.75 hours/day, Teacher Aide - 6.75 hours/day, Cook/Manager - 7 hours/day

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

GRANT TENURE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Steve Presutti, seconded by Patrick Johnson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School grants tenure to **Kelly Kent** in the Foreign Language tenure area effective August 31, 2014. Mrs. Kent is professionally certified in the Spanish certification area.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

GRANT TENURE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Josh Shannon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School grants tenure to **Nichole Wesche** in the Elementary Education tenure area effective November 18, 2014. Mrs. Wesche is initially certified in the Elementary Grades 1-6 certification area.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

GRANT TENURE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Patrick Johnson, seconded by Steve Presutti - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School grants tenure to **Lauren Sanford** in the Business Education tenure area effective June 30, 2014. Ms. Sanford is initially certified in the Business and Distributive Education certification area.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPROVE SUBSTITUTES: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School approves the following substitutes:

- Genevieve Smith of Belmont as substitute in the areas of teacher aide, clerical and nurse, fingerprint clearance.
- Timothy Fleming of Angelica as substitute bus driver, pending receipt of 19A requirements.
- Dawn Giddings of Wellsville as certified substitute teacher in all areas, pending fingerprint clearance.
- Charity Cline of Belmont as non-certified substitute teacher in all areas and teacher aide, pending fingerprint clearance.
- Debra Nichols of Belmont as substitute in the areas of teacher aide, clerical, custodial and food service (fingerprint clearance received)
- Jackie Bainbridge of Almond, NY as substitute in the areas of teacher aide, cafeteria and clerical, pending fingerprint clearance.
- Christine Morehouse of Andover as substitute bus driver.
- Keirsten Hoffman of Belmont as substitute in the areas of teacher aide, custodial and food service, pending fingerprint clearance.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT INTERIM TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Steve Presutti, seconded by Josh Shannon - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints **David Fleming** as Interim Transportation Supervisor for the period of March 3 – June 30, 2014 and training time. The rate of pay shall be \$22.00 per hour.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT GOLF COACH: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Steve Presutti, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints **Paul Abdo** as Golf Coach for the 2013-14 school year, pay as per GVEA contract.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT TEACHER AIDE: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent - Motion made by Patrick Johnson, seconded by Steve Presutti - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints **Heather Hoyer** as Teacher Aide effective March 18, 2014. There is a ten-month probationary period beginning March 18, 2014 and concluding January 17, 2015. The rate of pay shall be in accordance with the CSEA contract.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

TERMINATE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Patrick Johnson- BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School terminates the probationary appointment of **Ashley Egresi** effective March 17, 2014 and the services of Ashley Egresi are hereby discontinued effective March 17, 2014.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE ENGLISH TEACHER: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Steve Presutti, seconded by Fred Grusendorf - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School appoints **Katrina Cavagna** as long-term substitute English teacher effective March 17 – June 26, 2014. Salary shall be 1/200th of Step I with no benefits. This is a non-probationary position.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Josh Shannon, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation, due to retirement, of **Bertha George** as Teacher Aide effective June 30, 2014.

VOTE: Yes 6, No 0, Abs. 1 (F. Grusendorf) Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: Acting on the recommendation of the Superintendent – Motion made by Steve Presutti, seconded by Patrick Johnson - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School accepts the resignation, due to retirement, of **Lynn Manning** as District Treasurer/Business Manager effective June 30, 2014.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION:

- Upcoming Board Meetings:
 - April 7, 2014 - 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board of Education meeting (Adopt 2014-15 budget).
 - BOCES Annual dinner & meeting is Wednesday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m. (dinner) and 7:00 p.m. (meeting). **Reservations are due to Penny Miller by March 21.**
 - Special Board meeting to approve BOCES Budget & Board members is Tuesday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m.

- Informational / Discussion:
 - Informational – Student Enrollment declined from 640 on 9/1/13 to 588 as of 2/26/14.
 - Discussion - 2014-15 School Calendar of Events, approximate cost \$4,000, paper copies printed by BOCES for community residents. After discussion, the Board agreed to publish the annual school calendar for 2014-15 school year.
 - Discussion – Replacement for Lynn Manning – Brian Schmitt noted he anticipates having a transition plan so the successor will have training time prior to the start date of July 1. The position will require NYS Certification in School Business Administrator.

BUDGET WORK SESSION: The budget work session began at 6:10 p.m. with Brian Schmitt and Lynn Manning presenting the 2014-15 school year draft budget proposal. A Power Point presentation was given and handouts were distributed. There was a detailed discussion following Mrs. Manning's explanation of bus debt, building debt, special education costs, 3-part budget and state aid revenue. The Board will receive budget updates as they become available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Patrick Johnson, seconded by Steve Presutti – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School suspends the regular order of business at 6:56 p.m. to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel discussion.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

RESUME REGULAR BUSINESS: Motion made by Tim Hand, seconded by Josh Shannon – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School resumes the regular order of business at 7:32 p.m.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Steve Presutti, seconded by Tim Hand - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Genesee Valley Central School adjourns the regular meeting at 7:33p.m.

VOTE: Yes 7, No 0, Abs. 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Penny L. Miller
District Clerk