

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

May 7, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of Gouverneur Central School District was called to order by Vice-President David Fenlong, at 6:42 P.M., EDT in the High School Auditorium.

Trustees Present: James Delity, Lisa Dunkelberg, David Fenlong, Karen Geer, Lisa McGregor, Nickolas Ormasen, Roland Roderick.

Trustees Absent: Dr. William Cartwright, Ed Siebels.

Also Present: Lauren French, Superintendent of Schools; Donna Runner, Assistant Superintendent; Carol LaSala, Business Manager; Steven Coffin, Middle School Principal; Victoria Day, Elementary Principal; Charity Zawatski, Elementary Principal; Robyn Knowlton, CSE/CPSE Chairperson; Harold Simmons, Director of Facilities; Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk.

News Media: Jessyca Cardinell, Gouverneur Tribune Press.

II. COMMENT PERIOD

GTA Co-President Pam Mahay requested clarification on final changes to the school calendar. Superintendent Lauren F. French informed those present that it will be corrected during New Business portion of the meeting.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Presentations

1. Elementary Presentation

Elementary principal Charity Zawatski introduced kindergarten teacher, Mrs. LaShomb, and her student, Lucien Randall, who led Mrs. Day and board members David Fenlong, Lisa Dunkelberg, Lisa McGregor, and Nickolas Ormasen in a segment on mindfulness and brief meditation. This was followed by representatives from Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Schermerhorn's fourth grade class presenting a persuasive speech on the benefits of having a class pet, specifically a Goldendoodle dog.

2. NYSSBA Award.

Superintendent Lauren F. French presented Board Member Karen Geer with a certificate from the New York State School Boards Association for achieving 75 points for workshops and training sessions done on our behalf.

B. Administrative Updates

1. Principals

The elementary principals reported on the gift from Massey Furniture Barn of \$2500 for Bucks for Books, and provided an update on ELA and writing programs. The Middle School staff visited the new Middle School on staff day April 20, and Mr. Coffin said the teachers are excited to move over there.

2. Facilities

Mr. Simmons informed board members that the following day was the final meeting for the Middle School construction, with very few items left. The high school plans are now on paper, and the grounds are finally able to be worked on. Superintendent Lauren F. French stated that we are working on scheduling June's final board meeting at the new Middle School so board members could see it.

C. Communications

None.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

None.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-President David Fenlong 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 that any items be removed.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Lauren French, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee McGregor, seconded by Trustee Geer, that the Board of Education take the following action:

A. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2018, as presented.

B. Claims Auditors Reports

(See Sheet #1, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 04/07/18 - 04/25/18, as presented.

C. CSE Business

(See Sheet #2, Board Minutes File Folder)

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

CSE Student ID#:

5102193	5102194	5100907	0011213	5100095	5103547	5100704
5103342	5100805	5100806	5101651	5100301	0011195	5102763
0011204	5101045	5103480	5102769	5100316	5103080	

D. CPSE Business

(Combined with Sheet #2, Board Minutes File Folder)

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

CPSE Student ID#:

5103549

E. Regular Staffing Actions1. CSE Staffing Actions

Creation of 1:1 Supplementary School Personnel position for Student #5100704, effective May 1, 2018.

2. Substitute Appointments

Approve the appointment of the following substitutes for the 2017-18 school year, effective immediately: Allison Carpenter, Jessica Simmons, pending completion of all training and fingerprints.

Vote on Consent Agenda Items:

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Code of Conduct

Upon presentation and recommendation of Lauren F. French, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Dunkelberg, and seconded by Trustee McGregor, that the Board of Education set Monday, 6/4/18 at 6:30 p.m. for a Public Hearing to discuss the annual updates and revisions, if any, to the District's Code of Conduct.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CODE OF CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE 6/4/18 AT 6:30 PM.

B. Baseball Merger 2017-2018

(See Sheet #3, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Lauren F. French, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Roland Roderick, and seconded by Trustee Karen Geer, that the Board of Education approve a merger with Hermon-DeKalb Central School District to allow their students to participate on our varsity baseball team for the 2017-2018 spring sports season, per the terms of the Section 10 Athletics Combined Teams Application, as presented.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. BASEBALL MERGER WITH HERMON-DEKALB CSD, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

C. Acceptance of Gift

Upon presentation and recommendation of Lauren F. French, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Lisa McGregor, and seconded by Trustee Roland Roderick, that the Board of Education accept the donation in the amount of \$831.13 from *Friends of the Gouverneur Marching Band* for the purpose of the purchase of a bass carrier.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. GIFT FROM FRIENDS OF THE GOUVERNEUR MARCHING BAND, ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

D. Revision to 2017-18 School Calendar

Upon presentation and recommendation of Lauren F. French, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Lisa Dunkelberg, and seconded by Trustee Roland Roderick, that the Board of Education approve the following revision to the 2017-18 school calendar: June 21, 2018: All staff and students will report. June 22, 2018: No school for students. All staff with graduation and grading responsibilities will report.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CALENDAR REVISION, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

E. Authorization to Declare as Surplus and Dispose of Equipment

(See Sheet #4, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Lauren F. French, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Lisa McGregor, and seconded by Trustee Roland Roderick, that the Board of Education authorize the Business Manager to dispose of equipment which is obsolete and no longer useful (list attached).

DISCUSSION: Vice-President David Fenlong commented that it is mostly computer equipment currently in storage.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. BUSINESS MANAGER AUTHORIZED TO DISPOSE OF EQUIPMENT.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Retirements

Upon presentation and recommendation of Lauren F. French, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Lisa Dunkelberg, and seconded by Trustee Lisa McGregor, that the Board of Education accept the request for resignation for retirement purposes from Lori A. McAdam-Jenness, Managerial/Confidential Secretary, effective July 30, 2018, with appreciation.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Lisa Dunkelberg commented that Mrs. Jenness has worked for the district for 35 years with a number of assistant superintendents, and asked that she be thanked on behalf of the Board.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES OF LORI A. MCADAM-JENNESS, EFFECTIVE 7/30/18, ACCEPTED.

B. Resignations

Upon presentation and recommendation of Lauren F. French, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Lisa Dunkelberg, and seconded by Trustee Roland Roderick, that the Board of Education accept the request for resignation from Regina M. Sourwine from her position as Secondary Science Teacher, effective April 30, 2018.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. RESIGNATION OF REGINA M. SOURWINE, EFFECTIVE 4/30/18, ACCEPTED.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

C. Appointments1. Non-Instructional

Individual Aide - Recall. Upon presentation and recommendation of Lauren F. French, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Lisa McGregor, and seconded by Trustee James Delity, that the Board of Education recall and appoint Tecia M. Tarkowski to the position of 1.0 FTE Individual Aide, effective May 1, 2018 at an annual salary in accordance with the Gouverneur School Related Personnel Union Agreement, at Level 1 Teacher Aide, from the 2017-2018 salary schedule.

DISCUSSION: Superintendent Lauren F. French explained the recall process that was implemented in the last GSRPU contract, based on individual aides' seniority.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. INDIVIDUAL AIDE TECIA M. TARKOWSKI RECALLED, EFFECTIVE 5/1/18.

2. Instructional

(See Sheet #5, Board Minutes File Folder)

Summer Extended School Year Programs. Upon presentation and recommendation of Lauren F. French, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Lisa Dunkelberg, and seconded by Trustee Karen Geer, that the Board of Education appoint the personnel for the 2018 Summer Special Education Preschool Program and the 2018 Summer School Age Related Services, from July 2, 2018 through August 22, 2018 (Monday – Thursday), as presented. The salary is based in accordance with their adjusted FTE from the most current salary schedule of their collective bargaining units, and subject to pending contract settlements, if applicable.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. SUMMER EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM APPOINTMENTS, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

3. Extra-Curricular

Spring Coaches. Upon presentation and recommendation of Lauren F. French, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Lisa Dunkelberg, and seconded by Trustee Roland Roderick, to approve the following Coaching Appointments for the 2017-18 spring season:

Frank Bush Volunteer Softball Uncompensated

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. 2017-18 SPRING COACHING APPOINTMENT(S), APPROVED.

X. COMMENT PERIOD

Calendar revision. In response for clarification from GTA co-president Pam Mahay, Superintendent Lauren F. French explained that the 2017-18 school calendar has 16 instructional days in June, that includes Regents Ratings Day on June 22. The 186-day calendar includes June 22; with the extra snow day used in April for the ice storm that brought the total number of snow days used to 5; that leaves one day remaining and that day will be given back to students on June 22. However there will still be staff that must report that day, such as guidance counselors and people with graduation duties. Staff with no obligations will not need to report.

Baseball merger. Resident Bill Hay asked who is responsible to pay for the Hermon-DeKalb students. Superintendent Lauren F. French explained the cost of a merger is born by the district requesting it, with Business Manager Carol LaSala adding that in many cases it falls on the parents. There is no cost to the host district. LF -

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, motion made by Trustee Lisa McGregor, and seconded by Trustee Roland Roderick, to adjourn at 7:25 PM.

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 PM, EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk

David Fenlong, Vice-President