

**GORHAM-MIDDLESEX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

December 14, 2020
6:30pm HS Library

Board Members Present: Sheila Brown, Jeff Allen, Phyllis Frantel and Keri Link
Board Members Present by Zoom: Sue Campbell, Cindy Hall, Cory Clark, Chad Hunt and John Foust

Administrators Present: Dr. Christopher Brown, Zoe Kolczynski and Sharene Benedict

Administrators and Public could watch the meeting on school YouTube channel

Sheila Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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No comments.

Motion by Phyllis Frantel, seconded by Keri Link to approve the following resolution.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Yes 9 No 0 MC

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES
Minutes of the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting were accepted as submitted.

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT
Treasurer reports were accepted as submitted.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Dr. Christopher Brown wished the Board Happy Holidays. He has been communicating with staff and community on COVID updates within our District. Dr. Brown just watched a webinar about the yellow, red and orange zones. Schools will remain open. We have about 20 people available that received training to administer the COVID test. Dr. Brown sent out another communication to High School/Middle School parents we need the permission to test form turned in.

National Honor Society is having their ceremony tonight in the new auditorium.

Dan Blankenberg and Paul Lahue are working together to have open gyms for all sports and keeping the athlete's safety to the forefront. High contact sports are suspended until further notice.

Dr. Brown is hearing at Superintendent meetings some communities want the schools to close. We are fortunate that our parents, students and staff want the school open. We have started no staff gatherings in the buildings. Staff meetings are being held virtually. We will have full staff by Thursday. We are doing the best we can.

Motion by Jeff Allen, seconded by Keri Link to approve the following resolutions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

In an effort to expedite the business of the Board of Education, but in no way meant to diminish the importance of each item, a Consent Agenda has been developed.

The personnel appointments are pending clearance of NYS fingerprinting requirements.

Substitute Teachers: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Sydney Davis, Elena Muscato and Lydia Wizeman** as Substitute Teacher for the 2020-21 school year.

Substitute Teaching Assistant: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Sydney Davis, Elena Muscato and Lydia Wizeman** as Substitute Teaching Assistant for the 2020-21 school year.

Substitute Teacher Aide: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Sydney Davis, Jossie Decker, Cassandra Hall, Angela McMillen, and Elena Muscato** as Substitute Teacher Aides for the 2020-21 school year.

Substitute Bus Driver: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Alexandrea Johnson** as Substitute Bus Driver for the 2020-21 school year.

Substitute Bus Monitor: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Emmanouella Chappell** as Substitute Bus Monitor for the 2020-21 school year.

Resignation-Debra Wood: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve resignation for the purpose of retirement, of **Debra Wood**, Bus Driver, effective January 19, 2021.

Appoint Teacher Aide-Julie Dunn: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Julie Dunn** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract, effective November 16, 2020 with a probationary period from November 16, 2020 through November 16, 2021.

Appoint Aide-Paige Weigert: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Paige Weigert** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as a Teacher Aide, at an hourly rate per contract , effective November 16, 2020 with a probationary period from November 16, 2020 through November 16, 2021.

Appoint Groundskeeper-Justin Gardiner: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint **Justin Gardiner** a full time probationary Civil Service appointment as Groundskeeper, at an hourly rate per contract, effective November 23, 2020 with a probationary period from November 23, 2020 through November 23, 2021.

Resignation-Justin Gardiner: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the resignation of **Justin Gardiner** a full time Groundskeeper effective November 30, 2020.

Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence Request-Jamie Fritz: Be it resolved that upon the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the unpaid leave request from Jamie Fritz, Teacher Aide from February 23, 2021 through May 7, 2021.

Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence Request-Karen Horton: Be it resolved that upon the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the unpaid

leave request from Karen Horton, Teacher Aide from December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Acknowledge Medical Leave of Absence Request-Deanna Bagley: Be it resolved that upon the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby acknowledge the medical leave of absence from Deanna Bagley, Teacher from November 23, 2020 through January 4, 2021.

Amend REACH Appointments: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby make the following appointments for the 2020-21:

Position	Name
McKinney Vento Tutor	Lisa Wizeman
Substitute McKinney Vento Tutor	Lisa Carey
Substitute McKinney Vento Tutor	Amanda Cooney
Substitute McKinney Vento Tutor	John Mirras

Amend Mentors: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby appoint the following mentors for the 2020-21 school year:

Mentor	New Teacher	Year
Amy Zimmerman	Kaysie Burnett	2

Volunteers: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the submitted list of volunteers for the 2020-21 school year.

Amend Long Term Substitute Secondary Spanish Teacher-Carol Auble: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District does hereby appoint, **Carol Auble** as long term substitute secondary Spanish Teacher from approximately September 25, 2020 to April 5, 2021 at step 8 of the current teacher contract.

Long Term Substitute Elementary Teacher: Pamela Mason: Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District, pursuant to section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint **Pamela Mason**, as a 1.0FTE long term substitute elementary teacher from approximately November 16, 2020 through approximately February 9, 2021, at Step 5, of the current teacher contract.

Long Term Substitute Spanish Teacher-Sydney Davis: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District does hereby appoint, **Sydney Davis** as long term substitute secondary Spanish Teacher from approximately December 15, 2020 to January 26, 2021 at step 1 of the current teacher contract.

Appoint Healthy Rewards Ambassador-Wendy Kierst: Be it resolved that upon the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve **Wendy Kierst**, as Healthy Rewards Ambassador.

Amend Tax Collector’s Report: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby accept the submitted Amended Tax Collector’s Report.

Due Process Agreement: WHEREAS, the District is a party to a due process proceeding; and WHEREAS, the Board desires to avoid the continued time and expense of litigating the due process proceeding;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that;

The terms of the Settlement Agreement to settle the above-referenced due process matter are hereby approved; and

The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the District.

Approve CSE & CPSE Recommendations: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Gorham-Middlesex Central School District does hereby approve the CPSE/CSE recommendations as submitted and filed in the minute file.

Yes 9 No 0 MC

Public Access to the Board

No comments.

Board Member Items:

1. Audit Committee 12/22 5pm possibly zoom
2. Four County:
 - 11/16 General Membership Meeting
 - 11/30 Board of Directors Meeting-*MW is very involved with Four County School Board Assoc. This Association is a viable resource for school districts.*
 - On Dec. 15, Four County School Boards Assoc. is offering professional development about staff/student/parent mental health during these COVID times.*

Break 6:51pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Chad Hunt, seconded by John Foust at 6:54pm for the Board to enter in executive session to discuss the employment history of particular persons.

Motion by Cindy Hall, seconded by Phyllis Frantel to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharene Benedict
District Clerk