Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School Board of Education

Regular Meeting

11 February 2026

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Members present at the start of the meeting were President, Jed Barnes, Vice President Sean Barrows, Brenda Friedel, Christopher Ostrander, Whitney Talbot and Amanda Larsen .

Lori Peck was absent.

Others present were Superintendent Heather Wilcox, District Clerk Donna Dean, District Treasurer Amy Marron, Principal Randy Smith, and four guests.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by President Barnes who welcomed the guests and led the Pledge of Allegiance.	ORDER
Amy Marron, District Treasurer, conducted a budget workshop with the board.	BUDGET WORKSHOP
The Superintendent and Principal provided the following Positive Highlights: -Last Friday several students competed in Skills USA with two taking first place and four qualifying for Nationals. -All-County was hosted by GMU – 12 students participated. We had assistance with traffic control from our maintenance dept. and fire dept. -Based on the recommendation we are offering attendance incentives plus individuals for perfect attendance.	POSITIVE HIGHLIGHTS
No topics raised from the floor.	PUBLIC COMMENT
Student Board Member Lillian Perrine provided the following information: - Superintendent's List - Advanced courses – individual bases - Bring back career fair	RAIDER REPORT
Senior Class Trip Proposal - Senior Class Reps.- board unanimously approved the overnight trip to NYC and Point Pleasant, NJ.	REPORTS
District Clerk, Donna Dean reported the proposition was approved for the Bus Vote held on 03 February 2026 with YES Votes 34 NO Votes 12 -Budget Workshop, March 11th 5-6pm (before regular	INFORMATION FOR BOARD MEMBERS

meeting)

The board discussed the following:
-Legislative Breakfast
-Parent Discussion joint with UV on sports

BOARD DISCUSSION

Minutes from the 14 January 2026 regular meeting and were unanimously approved on a motion by Larsen, seconded by Ostrander. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

MINUTES

The proposed 11 February 2026 Regular Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion by Barrows, seconded by Talbot. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

AGENDA

Board Member Friedel made the motion, seconded by Board Member Ostrander, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 11 February 2026 CSE/CPSE Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

CSE/CPSE CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Barrows made the motion, seconded by Board Member Friedel, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 11 February 2026, Financial Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Reports
To accept the financial reports for January 2026.

Bus Surplus
To approve Vehicles 69 as surplus to be disposed of accordingly.

Board Member Talbot made the motion, seconded by Board Member Ostrander, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 11 February 2026, Personnel Consent Agenda as amended. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Substitute
To appoint Julia Renwick as a non-certified teacher substitute and aide substitute for the 2025-2026 school year, effective January 17, 2026.

Resignation
To accept the resignation of Thomas McDonough as a

social studies teacher, effective January 23, 2025.

Retirement
To accept the retirement of Larisa Waghorn as a Special Education teacher, effective end of day June 30, 2026, with regret and gratitude for her years of service.

Bus Monitor/Aide
To appoint Maria Barnes as a bus monitor/aide, effective January 20, 2026.

Social Studies Teacher
To appoint Joshua Martin as a full-time Social Studies teacher effective 23 February 2026 (pending final certification results), beginning at Step 2 of the current GMUTA contract. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:
Name of appointee: Joshua Martin
Tenure area: Social Studies Teacher
Date of commencement of probationary service: 23 February 2026
Expiration date of appointment: 30 June 2030
Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12, Initial

Spring Coaching Recommendations (encl P6)
To appoint the following Coaches for the 2025-2026 Spring sports season, effective March 9, 2026:

Jeffrey Rhone – Varsity Track & Field
Kristen Deffler – Girl's Modified Track & Field
Jacob Pfeiffer – Boy's Modified Track & Field

All coaches are pending the following requirements: first aid certification, CPR/AED certification, concussion certification, DASA certification, and fingerprint clearance.

Board Member Barrows made the motion, seconded by Board Member Larsen, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 11 February 2026 New Items Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

NEW ITEMS CONSENT AGENDA

Agreement between Morris Central School District and Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District
To approve the agreement between Morris Central School District and Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District for two GMU students to attend its special education placement for the 2025-2026 school year.

Sports Merger
To approve the following sports merger for the 2025-2026 school year:

Varsity & Modified Softball – GMU and Unadilla Valley.
Varsity & Modified Baseball – GMU and Unadilla Valley.
Varsity Boys' Volleyball – GMU and Unadilla Valley.

No topics raised from the floor. PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. on a motion by Barrows, seconded by Talbot, and passed unanimously. ADJOURNMENT

Donna Dean, District Clerk