

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School Board of Education

Regular Meeting

13 February 2023

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Members present at the start of the meeting were President, Jeremy Pain, Brenda Friedel, Christopher Ostrander, Sarah Green, Sean Barrows, and four guests.

Member Whitney Talbot arrived at 6:03 pm.

Vice-President Jed Barnes was absent.

Others present were Superintendent Annette Hammond, District Clerk Jarrin Hayen, and District Treasurer Dorothy Iannello.

Principal Heather Wilcox was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President Pain who welcomed the guests and led the Pledge of Allegiance. ORDER

The Superintendent and Principal provided the following Positive Highlights: POSITIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- “Twist of the Tongue”, Elementary play went very well.
- GMU’s Got Talent was February 10th.
- Basketball is winding down. Had two very nice senior nights.
- Our Music department is very strong and continues to challenge students. Students attended All-County.

Community member J. Butler, Clay Target coach, congratulated the District on accepting a new activity in 2018. At this time, there are only two public schools in Otsego County not participating. In 2018, there were 80 teams in New York state, and now there are 180 teams. GMU has gone to states in Cicero and the students really enjoy it. Trap shooting teaches students respect, responsibility, and team blending. Everyone competes equally. Thank you to the District for their continued support. PUBLIC COMMENT

-District Clerk, Jarrin Hayen reported the results of the Bus Vote held on 07 February 2023 as follows: REPORTS, Bus Vote Results

PROPOSITION 1

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:
RESOLVED, shall the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District, Otsego County, New York, be authorized to purchase two 66- passenger school buses and to expend

therefore a maximum estimated cost not to exceed three hundred twenty five thousand, two hundred dollars (\$325,200), including incidental expenses in connection therewith, and that \$325,200 Capital Reserve Fund monies shall be used to pay the cost thereof.

YES Votes 61

NO Votes 17

The **PROPOSITION** was approved.

PROPOSITION 2

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, shall the Board of Education of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated "Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Fund" in order to pay costs of the purchase of the school transportation vehicles and maintenance equipment, and, in order to accomplish the same, said Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such Reserve Fund not to exceed \$750,000, plus accrued interest and other investment earnings thereon, with a probable term of ten years and, to appropriate annually from available fund balance and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such Reserve Fund.

YES Votes 58

NO Votes 19

The **PROPOSITION** was approved.

District Treasurer Dorothy Iannello reviewed current numbers for the 2023-2024 budget with the board.

REPORTS, Budget Review

Architect Steve Theiser, IBI Group presented on the proposed Capital Project. Steve will present to the public at the next board meeting, March 15, 2023, at 6pm.

REPORTS, Capital Project Presentation

The board was informed of the following:

-Upcoming Board Dates: March 15, April 19 and April 24 @ 6pm

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

-Spring Sports-will have all of our own teams except Modified Baseball will merge with Unadilla Valley. Track & Field will be here as well with new coaches!

-St. Rose Pipeline to Leadership Certification-two teachers are taking class through a partnership with ONC BOCES and St. Rose. The board was in consent with GMU paying for the first course and then the teachers pay.

The board discussed the following:

BOARD DISCUSSION

-Board of Education Scholarship-The board was in consent with a chicken BBQ fundraiser on Thursday, March 16th from 2-6pm.

-School Resource Officer-State Troopers and Sheriff's currently stop by weekly. Part-time SRO is about \$30,000. One year covered by grant, then would need to find money in budget to keep. Need to find out more information from SRO company.

The board convened in executive session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss the personnel on a motion by Talbot, seconded by Barrows and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Talbot, seconded by Ostrander and passed unanimously.

Minutes from the 11 January 2023 regular meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Ostrander, seconded.

MINUTES

The proposed 13 February 2023 Regular Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted as amended on a motion by Barrows, seconded by Talbot. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

AGENDA

Board Member Barrows made the motion, seconded by Board Member Ostrander, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 13 February 2023 CSE/CPSE Consent Agenda. The meeting dates include January 13, 25, 26 & 27 and February 1 & 3, 2023. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

CSE/CPSE CONSENT
AGENDA

Board Member Green made the motion, seconded by Board Member Barrows, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 13 February 2023, Financial Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL CONSENT
AGENDA

Amend Financial Report

To approve the amended the financial report (Student Accounts) from December 2022.

Financial Reports

To accept the financial reports for January 2023.

Fuel Bids

To approve the following fuel bids for the 2023-2024 school year:

- #2 Fuel Oil – Buell Fuel – Fixed Price - \$2.9727/gallon
- Unleaded Gas – Buell Fuel – Market \$2.8196 (on

- 1/24/2023) plus Escalator Rate = \$.0786/gallon
- Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel – Buell Fuel - Fixed Price - \$3.1327/gallon
- Blended Fuel (30/70) – Buell Fuel - Fixed Price - \$3.7502/gallon
- Blended Fuel (10/90) – Buell Fuel - Fixed Price - \$3.3405/gallon
- Propane Bid – Buell Fuel - Fixed Price - \$2.0990/gallon
- Kerosene – Buell Fuel – Market \$4.8536 (on 1/24/2023) plus Escalator Rate of \$.1950/gallon

Close JP Morgan Chase Accounts

To approve closing JP Morgan Chase accounts (Capital Checking, General MMA, Debt Reserve, Capital Reserve, EBLAR Reserve, Liability Reserve, Retirement Reserve and Unemployment Reserve).

Establish Community Bank N.A. Corporate Authorization Resolution

To approve establishing a Capital Checking account with Community Bank N.A.

- 1) The Financial Institution is designated as a depository for the funds of the Corporation and to provide other financial accommodations indicated in this resolution.
- 2) This resolution shall continue to have effect until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been received and recorded by the Financial Institution. Any and all prior resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation and certified to the Financial Institution as governing the operation of this cooperation's account(s), are in full force and effect, until the Financial Institution receives and acknowledges an express written notice of its revocation, modification or replacement. Any revocation, modification or replacement of a resolution must be accompanied by documentation, satisfactory to the Financial Institute, establishing the authority for the changes.
- 3) The signature of an Agents on this resolution is conclusive evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the Corporation. Any Agents, so long as they act in a representative capacity as an Agent of the Corporation, is authorized to make any.
- 4) and all other contracts, agreements, stipulations, and orders which they may deem advisable for the effective exercise of the powers indicated on page one, from time to time with the Financial Institute,

subject to any restrictions on this resolution or otherwise agreed to in writing.

- 5) All transactions, if any, with respect to any deposits, withdrawals, rediscounts, and borrowings by or on behalf of the Corporation with the Financial Institution prior to the adoption of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed.
- 6) The Corporation agrees to the terms and conditions of any account agreement, properly opened by any Agent of the Corporation. The Corporation authorizes the Financial Institution, at any time, to charge the Corporation for all checks, drafts, or other orders, for the payment of money, that are drawn on the Financial Institution, so long as they contain the required number of signatures for this purpose.
- 7) The Corporation acknowledges and agrees that the Financial Institute may furnish at its discretion automated access devices to Agents of the Corporation to facilitate those powers authorized by this resolution or other resolutions in effect at the time of issuance. The term “automated access device” includes, but is not limited to, credit cards, automated teller machines (ATM), and debit cards.
- 8) The Corporation acknowledges and agrees that the Financial Institution may rely on alternative signature and verification codes issues to or obtained from the Agent named on this resolution. The term “alternative signature and verification codes” includes, but is not limited to, facsimile signatures on file with the Financial Institutes, personal identification numbers (PIN), and digital signature. If a facsimile signature specimen has been provided on this resolution (or that are filed separately by the Corporation with the Financial Institute from time to time) the Financial Institute is authorized to treat the facsimile signature as the signature of the Agent(s) regardless of by whom or by what means the facsimile signature may have been affixed so long as it resembles the facsimile signature specimen on file. The Corporation authorizes each Agent to have custody of the Corporation’s private key used to create a digital signature and to request issuance of a certificate listing the corresponding public key. The Financial Institution shall have no responsibility or liability for unauthorized use of alternative signature and verification codes unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Surplus

To approve the two brown tables in the board room (D131) as surplus.

Tax Correction

To approve and authorize the District Treasurer to make the necessary corrections and issue a refund for Tax Map Number #281.00-1-25.03 due to missing exemption and the wrong exemption amount applied:

2021: \$1,078.58

2022: \$629.96

2023: \$637.48

Total refund: \$2,346.02

Board Member Barrows made the motion, seconded by Board Member Ostrander, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 13 February 2023, Personnel Consent Agenda as amended. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL CONSENT
AGENDA

Spring Coaching Recommendations

To appoint the following coaches for the 2022-2023 spring sports season:

Girls' Varsity Softball– Shania Speenburgh

Girls' Varsity Softball Volunteer Assistant – Kaitlyn Woods

Girls' Varsity Softball Volunteer Assistant – Sandra Bonczkowski

Varsity Track & Field – Jeff Rhone

Varsity Track & Field Volunteer Assistant - Kristin Deffler

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

Substitute

To appoint the following substitutes, effective February 14, 2023:

Non-certified teacher: Justin Corna

PK-6 Aide: Autumn Demaris

PK-12 Aide: Devin Harris

Board Member Friedel made the motion, seconded by Board Member Talbot, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 13 February 202322 New Items Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

NEW ITEMS CONSENT
AGENDA

**Agreement between G-MU and Chenango County
Department of Health Pre-School Special Education
Program**

To approve the agreement between Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District and Chenango County Department of Health for Pre-School Special Education Service Providers for the 2022-2024 school years.

The board convened in executive session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss the personnel on a motion by Barrows, seconded by Ostrander and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 7:46 p.m. p.m. on a motion by Talbot, seconded by Ostrander and passed unanimously.

No topics raised from the floor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on a motion by Barrows, seconded by Friedel, and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT