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Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School Board of Education

Regular Meeting

17 March 2021

Cafeteria/Zoom

Members present at the start of the meeting were President, Jeremy Pain, Vice-President, Larry Smith, Members, Sean Barrows, Hillary Giuda-Philpott and Brian Underwood.

Member Jed Barnes arrived via Zoom at 6:33 pm.

Member Cole Covington was absent.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Pain, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. ORDER

The board convened in executive session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or exchange of securities on a motion by Giuda-Philpott, seconded by Barrows and passed unanimously. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 6:50 p.m. on a motion by Barnes, seconded by Giuda-Philpott and passed unanimously.

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

- GMU received two shout-outs at two different CFES conferences to share our best practices of our mentoring program
- Virtual talent show had about 12-15 student participants
- Shout out to our custodians in the talent show
- K-6 students returned to the building four days a week and the transition went very well.
- Trying to bring excitement in the building for students and faculty/staff. Decorate the halls when bringing back students.
- Brainstorming ways to bring back more students due to County Health Departments/NYS lightening up on COVID restrictions. Investigating bus and building capacity to start bringing back MS/HS students.
- Short basketball season took place with zero COVID cases.
- Kudos to the GMU YouTube channel for broadcasting the basketball games.
- Thank you to Dean Russin, PR for keeping up with

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newsletters and social media to keep out families and community in the loop.

-Cares Act money was approved and will be used to pay off the IPA used to purchase 255 student laptops.

The board received information on the following:

-Board of Education Scholarship Fundraiser
-Pandemic Plan, which will have a Public Hearing on April 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving any comments with respect to the Plan for GMU as an addendum to the District Wide Safety Plan for 2020-2021.

NFO FOR MEMBERS

DCMO BOCES Director of Facilities, Randy Pryor and Assistant Superintendent David Hamilton reviewed the current BOCES Administrative budget with the board.

REPORTS, DCMO
Administrative Budget

GMU Maintenance Supervisor Alan Digsby reported on the purchase of a new mower to replace an eleven year old one, approximately \$47,250.

REPORTS, Mower
Purchase

Superintendent Annette Hammond and District Treasurer Dorothy Iannello reviewed current numbers for the 2021-2022 budget with the board.

REPORTS, Budget Review

The Board Discussed the following:

-Second Reading: Gender Neutral Bathroom Policy (BP 5610)
-Superintendent's Evaluation options for next year

No topics were raised from the floor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Minutes from the 17 February 2021 regular meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Barrows, seconded by Barnes. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

MINUTES

The proposed 17 March 2021 Regular Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted as amended on a motion by Giuda-Philpott, seconded by Barrows. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

AGENDA

Board Member Giuda-Philpott made the motion, seconded by Board Member Barnes, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 17 March 2021 CSE/CPSE Consent Agenda. The meeting dates include 19, 24 & 26 February 2021 & 3 March 2021. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

CSE/CPSE CONSENT
AGENDA

Board Member Barnes made the motion, seconded by Board Member Underwood, RESOLVED: Upon the

FINANCIAL CONSENT
AGENDA

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recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 17 March 2021, Financial Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

To accept the financial reports for February 2021.

Fuel Bids

To approve the following fuel bids for the 2021-2022 school year:

- #2 Fuel Oil – Mirabito – Fixed Price - \$1.9351/gallon
- Unleaded Gas – Mirabito – Market plus Escalator Rate = \$.195
- Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel – Buell Fuels - Fixed Price - \$2.045/gallon
- Blended Fuel (30/70) – Buell Fuels - Fixed Price - \$2.1202/gallon
- Blended Fuel (50/50) – Buell Fuels - Fixed Price - \$2.1704/gallon
- Propane Bid – Ferrell - Fixed Price - \$1.233/gallon
- Kerosene – Buell Fuels – Fixed Price - \$2.445/gallon

Donation

To accept the donation from the Gilbertsville First Presbyterian for \$150.00

Board Member Barrows made the motion, seconded by Board Member Giuda-Philpott, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 17 March 2021, Personnel Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL CONSENT
AGENDA

Election Officials

Section 1. The following residents of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District, qualified to vote in the school elections, are appointed to conduct the election of the Annual District Meeting/Vote to be held on 18 May 2021.

Chief Election Inspector: Donald Clapp

Election Inspector: Marion Barnes

Section 2. Compensation of appointed election officials is set at \$100.00 per day. The hours assigned include one-half hour orientation, which will be considered time worked, as will additional time spent counting votes after the polls close.

Section 3. The District Clerk is authorized to fill any

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vacancies in these positions which may occur prior to the date of the vote.

Section 4. Duties of each position are as prescribed by Education Law and the District Clerk.

Section 5. The District Clerk is directed to inform each election officials of their appointment, and to provide each election official with a copy of the appropriate list of duties and necessary instruction in their duties.

Section 6. All Election Inspectors and/or Assistant Clerks are asked to remain/return to count ballots after the polls close.

Coaching Resignation

To accept the resignation of Tim Diters as the Girls' Varsity Soccer coach for the 2020-2021 sports season, effective March 1, 2021.

Coaching Recommendations

To appoint the following coach for the 2020-2021 sports season:

Girls' Varsity Soccer – Shania Speenburgh

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

Board Member Barnes made the motion, seconded by Board Member Barrows, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 17 March 2021 New Items Consent Agenda as amended. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

NEW ITEMS CONSENT
AGENDA

Agreement between Morris Central School and Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School

To approve the 119-o agreement between Morris Central School and Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School for a shared Occupational Therapist.

Annual Meeting Advertisement

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

GILBERTSVILLE-MOUNT UPTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing for the inhabitants of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District, qualified to vote at school

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meetings in said district, will be held at the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:30PM, for the transaction of such business as is authorized by Education Law.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Annual Meeting/Election to vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures, or any propositions involving the expenditure of money, or authorizing a levy of taxes, or any proposition duly presented in accordance with election law, as well as the election of members of the Board of Education, shall be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 8:00 PM.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident of the District at the District Office during the fourteen days immediately preceding the vote, except Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of members of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk at the District Office between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, not later than April 19, 2021. The following vacancies are to be filled:

A three year term ending June 30, 2024 presently held by Hillary Giuda-Philpott.

A three year term ending June 30, 2024 presently held by Sean Barrows.

A three year term ending June 30, 2024 presently held by Cole Covington.

Candidates do not run for a specific seat but rather all vacant seats are "at large", meaning that each nominee is eligible for every vacancy, rather than only for a specific seat."

Each petition must be addressed to the District Clerk, be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District, and shall state the name and physical residence (911 address) of the candidate and physical residence (911 address) of the signer.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that any proposition that is required to be included for a vote shall be submitted in writing by means of a petition signed by at least 25

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qualified voters, stating the 911 address of each signer, which petition shall be filed with the Board of Education no later than 30 days before the date of the election set forth in this notice, unless a greater number of days is required by statute. Any petition shall be rejected by the Board of Education if the purpose of the proposition is not within the powers of the voters, or where the expenditure of money is required for the proposition and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that all persons offering to vote will be asked to provide proof of residency. Such proof should include a photo identification card and an additional document giving a physical address if it is not on the photo identification card. A driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card or combination of these with a photo and physical address will be accepted. Persons who do not provide a proof of residency will be asked to sign a Declaration of Eligibility before voting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that an Application for Absentee Ballot may be obtained at the District Office at the school, 693 State Highway 51, Gilbertsville, New York 13776-1104. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote set in this notice if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee voter, or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the absentee voter.

Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the district office by 5:00 PM on the day of the election.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, until the date of the election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of qualifications as a voter of any person, whose name appears on such list, stating the reason for the challenge. Such list shall be posted in a conspicuous place during the election, and any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voter's ballot of a person on such list, by making this challenge and the reason for such challenge known to the inspectors of election before the close of the polls.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may

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apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (607) 783-2207, ext. 140 or jhayen@gmucsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 23, 2021. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail.

Approved by the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District Board of Education 17 March 2021.

By: Jarrin Hayen

District Clerk

Adopt Board Policy

To adopt the Board Policy listed on behalf of the Superintendent and Hogan, Sarzynski, Lynch, DeWind & Gregory, LLP

Section 5000: Non-Instructional/Business Operations

5610-Gender Neutral Bathrooms

Sports Merger

To approve the following sports merger for the 2020-2021 school year:

Varsity Boys' Soccer-GMU & Unadilla Valley.

Sports Merger

To approve the following sports merger for the 2020-2021 school year:

Varsity Boys' and Girls' Cross Country-GMU & Unadilla Valley.

No topics raised from the floor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. on a motion by Barnes, seconded by Giuda-Philpott, and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT