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Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School Board of Education

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting

16 August 2023

Board Room D131

Members present at the start of the meeting were President Jeremy Pain, Christopher Ostrander, Sarah Green, Whitney Talbot and three guests.

Vice-President Jed Barnes arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Member Brenda Friedel and Sean Barrows were 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 6:00 P.M. by President Pain.

ORDER

The Principal and Superintendent provided the following Positive Highlights:

POSITIVE  
HIGHLIGHTS

-Summer Journey is complete. Mr. Walsh did a great job planning. The numbers were higher than they have been and have had positive community feedback.

-Bus got a flat tired coming back from a Summer Journey field trip with 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Another GMU bus met and picked up students to bring home.

-Certificate from Pugh Combatives for excellence in safety, by investing in the highest-level of protection for their school community, even if it means going against the norm. They are presenting step II (1-hour) at opening day for staff for those who participated in part I.

-Mrs. Hammond was in Oneonta all day on 8/16, meeting with representatives from BOCES and SUNY Oneonta representatives talking about success and working together.

-Students had a weeklong Pre-K and K Bridging program (about 50 students).

-CFES School of Distinction

No topics raised from the floor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING: District-Wide Safety Plan

REPORTS, District-  
Wide Safety Plan  
PUBLIC HEARING

-Changes to the plan include employee's names for specific positions in the district. The plan continues to include the Pandemic Plan and the Remote Instruction Plan that is new this year. No public comments were received.

Meagan French from BetterLesson reported to the board on the 2023 school year overview.

REPORTS, 2023  
School Year Overview

Superintendent Annette Hammond and District Clerk Jarrin Hayen

INFORMATION FOR

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informed the board of the following:

-Chenango County School Boards Association: Fall training September 19 & 20 for new members and a refresher. October 17 & 18 fall training covering more complex matters of board services.

Important Dates:

-Open House: Tuesday, September 5 @ 5-7pm

-First Day for Students: Thursday, September 7

-UPK-Posted for a teacher due to NYS kicking back grant needing a certified teacher. No interest from OLAS or newspaper postings.

Decisions to move forward will be made next week.

MEMBERS

The Board discussed the following:

- District Goals, Mission, Vision & Core Values Statement-small changes the goals. Includes strategies to help accomplish goals. The board was in consent with revising.

BOARD  
DISCUSSION

Minutes from the 05 July 2023 reorganizational and regular meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Barnes, seconded by Ostrander. For the motion five, opposed none. Motion carried.

MINUTES

The proposed 16 August 2023 Regular Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted as amended on a motion by Talbot, seconded by Green. For the motion five, opposed none. Motion carried.

AGENDA

Board Member Talbot made the motion, seconded by Board Member Ostrander, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 16 August 2023, Financial Consent Agenda as amended. For the motion five, opposed none. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL  
CONSENT AGENDA

### **Financial Reports**

To approve the financial reports from June 2023.

### **Financial Reports**

To accept the financial reports for July 2023.

### **Tax Warrant**

To approve the proposed tax warrant for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **Substitute Bus Monitor Rate**

To approve the rate for substitute bus monitor for the 2023-2024 school year as \$14.56.

### **Fuel Card Enrollment Agreement**

To approve the agreement for the WEX Bank - State of New York Fuel Card Program for back-up fuel purchases.

Board Member Barnes made the motion, seconded by Board Member Talbot, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 16 August 2023, Personnel Consent Agenda as amended. For the motion five, opposed none. Motion

PERSONNEL  
CONSENT AGENDA

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carried.

### **JUUL Agreement**

RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Agreement dated July 10, 2023, to extend the probationary period of Heather Wilcox, serving in the administrative area of Principal, is hereby approved, and the principal's probationary period is hereby extended to and including September 1, 2024, (unless extended in accordance with the law); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the probationary period expiration date is tentative and conditional only. In order to be granted tenure Mrs. Wilcox must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective to the extent required by the applicable provisions of the Education Law, the Rules of the Board of Regents and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, and if Mrs. Wilcox receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period Mrs. Wilcox shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

### **Substitute Bus Driver**

To appoint Bruce Giuda as a substitute Bus Driver for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **Bus Monitor/Aide**

To appoint Amy Costello as a bus monitor/aide, effective September 1, 2023.

### **Cafeteria Substitutes**

To appoint the following cafeteria substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year:

Kathryn Hawkins and Donnie Clapp

### **Aide**

To appoint Devon Harris as an Aide, effective September 1, 2023.

### **Aide**

To appoint Kaitlyn Fuller as an Aide, effective September 1, 2023.

### **Aide**

To appoint Mackenzie Cherry as an Aide, effective September 1, 2023.

### **Substitute**

To appoint Chelsea Nober as a PK-12 **non-certified** substitute and substitute aide, effective September 1, 2023.

### **Technology Helper**

To appoint Bryan Voorhees as a helper in the Technology department for the 2023-2024 school year, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at a pay rate of minimum wage.

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**Summer Enrichment Staff**

To appoint Jamie Fuller as Summer Enrichment Staff at the rate of \$27.91/hr., effective July 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023.

**Pre-K & Kindergarten Bridging Staff**

To appoint Devin Harris g to the Pre-K & Kindergarten Bridging Staff at the rate of \$27.91/hour for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Summer Transportation**

To appoint the following individuals as Summer Bus Drivers, effective July 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023, at their 2023-2024 contractual pay rate: Carol Seha, David Haynes and Bruce Guida.

NEW ITEMS  
CONSENT AGENDA

To appoint the following individuals as Summer Bus Monitors, effective July 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023, at their 2023-2024 contractual pay rate: Vicky Kemmerer

**Resignation**

To accept the resignation of Terry Hoke, Bus Driver, effective June 27, 2023.

Board Member Talbor made the motion, seconded by Board Member Ostrander, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 16 August 2023 New Items Consent Agenda as amended. For the motion five, opposed none. Motion carried.

**Amend Athletic Trainer Agreement**

To approve the amended agreement to extend the existing agreement for another school year between Bassett Medical Center and the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School for Athletic Trainer services commencing 21 August 2023 and ending 28 June 2024. The district will be billed on an annual basis, at a rate of \$450 per year.

**Professional Learning Plan 2023-2024**

To approve Professional Learning Plan for 2023-2024 school year.

**Agreement between Unadilla Valley Central School and Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School**

To approve the 119-o agreement between Unadilla Valley Central School and Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School for a shared Health Teacher.

**District-Wide Safety Plan**

To approve the 2023-2024 District-Wide Safety Plan.

**District Goals**

To approve the 2023-2024 District Goals.

**Sports Merger**

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To approve the following sports merger for the 2023-2024 school year:

Varsity Golf-GMU & Unadilla Valley.

**Transportation Request**

To approve the following transportation requests to Otego Christian Academy for the 2023-2024 school year: Henry Underwood and Baily Lanphere

No topics raised from the floor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. on a motion by Talbot, seconded by Barnes, and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT