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Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School Board of Education

Regular Meeting

15 November 2021

Cafeteria

Members present at the start of the meeting were President, Jeremy Pain, Vice-President Larry Smith, Sean Barrows, Sarah Green and Christopher Ostrander.

Member Jed Barnes arrived at 5:08 p.m.

Member Whitney Talbot was absent.

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

Superintendent Annette Hammond was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by President Pain.

ORDER

The board acknowledged a thank you card from Lori, Gary and Emma Peck for their commitment to GMU and the Board of Education.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Principal provided the following Positive Highlights:
- Mrs. Wilcox will be doing an interview with WCDO radio on Thursday for our CFES award for mentoring.

POSITIVE HIGHLIGHTS

District Clerk Jarrin Hayen provided the following Positive Highlight:
-Utica National Safety awarded GMU with the School Safety Excellence award for our continued efforts to provide a safe, healthy, and focused culture for learning in 2021.

No topics raised from the floor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The board discussed the following:

BOARD DISCUSSION

-Second Reading: Family Engagement Policy (BP7660 Revised)
-Second Reading: Instruction Materials in Alternative Format (BP 8310)
-First Reading: Pest Management (BP 5630)
-Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon will be pick-up only on Friday, December 17 from 12:30-1:15pm. Deadline to order is Friday, December 10th.
-Therapy Dogs through System of Care will come to GMU a couple days per week. The board was in consent.

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Minutes from the 13 October 2021 regular meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Smith, seconded by Barrows. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Minutes from the 20 October 2021 special meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Smith, seconded by Barrows. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

Minutes from the 05 November 2021 special meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Smith, seconded by Barrows. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

The proposed 15 November 2021 Regular Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted as amended on a motion by Barrows, seconded by Ostrander. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

AGENDA

Board Member Barrows made the motion, seconded by Board Member Green, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 15 November 2021 CSE/CPSE Consent Agenda. The meeting dates include November 2, 3, & 9, 2021. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

CSE/CPSE CONSENT
AGENDA

Board Member Smith made the motion, seconded by Board Member Barrows, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 15 November 2021, Financial Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL CONSENT
AGENDA

Financial Reports

To accept the financial reports for October 2021.

Budget Calendar

To approve the budget calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

Donation

To accept the donation of \$250.00 from Mirabito Energy Product to cover a portion of the printing costs of program for the Musical.

Tax Corrections

To approve and authorize the District Treasurer to make the necessary revision/corrections to the school tax bills below:
Change in assessment from \$139,500 to \$14,200 to Tax Map Number #303.00-1-46.01.

Change in assessment from \$6,700 to \$121,800 to Tax Map Number #303.00-1-46.04.

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Change in assessment from \$122,000 to \$39,500 to Tax Map Number 295.00-1-33.05

This action in the Town of Butternuts, reduces the school levy by \$1,191.19.

School Tax Collection

To accept the unpaid school tax collection report in the amount of \$259,115.94 to be forwarded to the Otsego and Chenango County Treasurer's Office for the 2021-2022 school year

Board Member Barrows made the motion, seconded by Board Member Green, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 15 November 2021, Personnel Consent Agenda as amended. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL CONSENT
AGENDA

Rescind Advisor

To rescind the appointment of Clara Tanner as the Class of 2026 Advisor and DASA Coordinator, effective November 20, 2021, due to resignation.

Drama Club Advisor Resignation

To accept the resignation of Jennifer McDowall as the Drama Club advisor, effective October 27, 2021.

Yearbook Advisor Resignation

To accept the resignation of Jennifer McDowall as the Yearbook advisor, effective October 27, 2021.

Rescind Mentor

To rescind the appointment of Jennifer McDowall as mentor for Rebecca Wagner for the 2021-2022 school year, effective October 15, 2021.

Rescind Homeless Liaison

To rescind the appointment of Annette D. Hammond as the Homeless Liaison for the 2021-2022 school year.

Annual Positions/Advisors (encl P3)

PAID ANNUAL POSITIONS

POSITION	NAME
Yearbook	Lynne Talbot
Theater Club Advisor	Jackie Turnbull
Homeless Liaison	Kristy Carey
Women for a Change	Jackie Turnbull & Samantha Carrabba

Winter Coaching Recommendations

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To appoint the following coaches for the 2021-2022 winter sports season:

Boys' Varsity Basketball- Greg Bonczkowski

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

Mentor

To appoint Jennifer McDowall as mentor to Denise DeVost for the 2021-2022 school year.

Amend Pay Rates

To amend the following pay rates approved at the Re-Organizational meeting on July 7, 2021:

Tutoring Stipend	\$26.31/hour
Substitute Secretary, Long-Term (Over 10 days) Wage	Minimum
Substitute Cleaner Rate Wage	Minimum
Summer Instructional Pay	\$26.31/hour

Rescind Advisor

To rescind the appointment of Ashley Hughes as the Gay/Straight Alliance Advisor.

Annual Positions/Advisors

PAID ANNUAL POSITIONS

POSITION	NAME
GSA Co-advisors	Lisa Ruland & Ashley Hughes

Aide

To appoint Patricia Dunham as an Aide, effective November 16, 2021. All benefits are per the CSEA contract.

School Counselor

To appoint Tiffany LaVancha as a full-time school counselor effective 22 November 2021, beginning at a Step 2 of the current GMUTA contract. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:

Name of appointee: Tiffany LaVancha

Tenure area: School Counselor

Date of commencement of probationary service: 22 November 2021

Expiration date of appointment: 22 November 2025

Certification Status: School Counselor, Provisional

Board Member Barrows made the motion, seconded by Board NEW ITEMS CONSENT

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Member Ostrander, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 15 November 2021 New Items Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

AGENDA

Adopt Revised Board Policy

To approve the amended board policy listed on behalf of the Superintendent and Hogan, Sarzynski, Lynch, DeWind & Gregory, LLP

Section 7000-Students

7660-Family Engagement

Adopt Board Policy

To approve the board policy listed on behalf of the Superintendent and Hogan, Sarzynski, Lynch, DeWind & Gregory, LLP

Section 8000-Instructional

8310-Instructional Materials in Alternative Format

Bus Purchase and Establishment of Capital Reserve Fund

Section 1. A Special School District Meeting in and for the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District, Otsego County, New York, shall be held on February 1, 2022, at the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School in said School District, at 12:00 o'clock noon and the polls shall be kept open for voting between the hours of 12:00 o'clock noon and 8:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, on said date. The proposition hereinafter set forth in the Notice of said Meeting is described in Exhibit A attached hereto and hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Voting at said Meeting shall be conducted by the use of paper ballots.

Section 3. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to cause a Notice of said Meeting in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be published in the official newspapers having a general circulation in said School District, such publications to be made so that such notice shall appear in said newspapers each four times within the seven weeks next preceding such district meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five days (but, preferably, not more than forty-nine days) before said meeting, and to give such other notice as may be deemed desirable.

Section 4. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend the Notice of said Special School District Meeting from time to time as, in her discretion; such amendment may be required or desirable.

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Section 5. To the extent required by law, the Board of Education shall appoint election personnel to conduct said Special School District Meeting pursuant to a separate resolution of this Board of Education.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District
Otsego County, New York

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special School District Meeting of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District, Otsego County, New York, will be held on February 1, 2022 (the "Election Date") at 12:00 o'clock noon, at Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School, in said School District, at which the polls will be kept open between the hours of 12:00 o'clock noon and 8:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by paper ballots upon the following proposition:

BUS PURCHASE-PROPOSITION NO. 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 two hundred sixty six thousand, two hundred dollars (\$266,200), including incidental expenses in connection therewith, and that \$266,200 Capital Reserve Fund monies shall be used to pay the cost thereof.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND-
PROPOSITION NO. 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 \$500,000, 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.

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the office of the School District Clerk. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such Special District Meeting, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee voter's ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the School District Clerk not less than five days prior to the date of the Special District Meeting (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) during regular office hours until the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting. In addition, such list shall also be posted conspicuously at the place of voting during the hours of such Special District Meeting. Absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 P.M. on date of election in the office of the School District Clerk.

Dated: Gilbertsville, New York,
November 15, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF THE
GILBERTSVILLE-MOUNT
UPTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT, OTSEGO COUNTY,
NEW YORK.

Jarrin Hayen
School District Clerk

Transportation Requests

To approve the following transportation requests to Otsego Christian Academy for the 2021-2022 school year:
Ethan Bertrand, Elenor Hanehan, Margaret Hanehan, Thomas Hanehan. Andrew Taylor, Natalie Gross, Sullivan DiGiorgi, Jack DiGiorgi, Annabelle DiGiorgi, Joshua Whitehill and Naomi Whitehill.

Transportation Request

To approve the transportation request to Valley Heights Christian Academy for Kylee O'Connell for the 2021-2022 school year.

Fire Inspection

To approve the fire inspection effective 01 December 2021 through 01 December 2022.

MOU between Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District and Opportunities for Otsego, Inc., Head Start

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To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District and Opportunities for Otsego, Inc. Head Start for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school year.

Collaboration Agreement for Services to Children with Disabilities between Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District and Opportunities for Otsego, Inc., Head Start

To approve the Collaboration Agreement Services to Children with Disabilities between Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District and Opportunities for Otsego, Inc., Head Start for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school year.

No topics raised from the floor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m. on a motion by Barrows, seconded by Green, and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT