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## Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School Board of Education

Regular Meeting

15 December 2021

Cafeteria

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

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 5:30 P.M. by President Pain, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.      ORDER

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

-We are making it through, trying to make activities happen with modifications (basketball with limited guests, concert with staggered start).

-Kudos to Mrs. Wilcox, Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Ingham for working very hard to help DOH with contact tracing with 4 positive cases today.

-Message sent home today saying to keep kids home if they are sick; we don't want them quarantined for the holidays.

-We only do employee testing at the school and will test a student if a parent requests.

District Clerk Jarrin Hayen informed the board that 63 community members signed up for the Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon pick-up on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> between 12:30-1:15pm.

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Superintendent Annette Hammond informed the board that the school supplies that GMU is giving to students are through donations, not tax payer dollars. Recently the Sidney Elks worked with Walmart to get us a lot of supplies.

Message sent home today saying to keep kids home if they are sick; we don't want them quarantined for the holidays.

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We are still in need of a Custodian and Bus Mechanic.

Matthews bus will send a mechanic a couple times a week until we hire someone. We are reposting both positions in

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the Evening Sun/Penny Saver.

Otsego County Department of Health is covering the costs of COVID testing through the ELC Grant.

We received new guidance today from the Governor; no more masks breaks. We will try to get kids outside as much as possible for breaks.

The board discussed the following:

-Updated Policy Review: Fixed Assets (BP 5250 Revised)

-Second Reading: Pest Management (BP 5630)

-First Reading: Student Dress Code (BP 7312): Upon the recommendation from the school attorney, last updated in 1993.

BOARD DISCUSSION

MINUTES

Minutes from the 15 November 2021 regular meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Barrows, seconded by Talbot. For the motion seven, opposed none. Motion carried.

AGENDA

The proposed 15 December 2021 Regular Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted as amended on a motion by Talbot, seconded by Barnes. For the motion seven, opposed none. Motion carried.

CSE/CPSE CONSENT  
AGENDA

Board Member Barrows made the motion, seconded by Board Member Talbot, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 15 December 2021 CSE/CPSE Consent Agenda. The meeting dates include 10, 12 November & 7 December 2021. For the motion seven, opposed none. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL CONSENT  
AGENDA

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

### **Financial Reports**

To accept the financial reports for November 2021.

### **Donation**

To accept the \$400.00 donation from Mark and Lynne Talbot for the GMU Backpack Program.

### **Donation**

To accept the donation of school supplies from the Sidney Elks.

### **Surplus**

PERSONNEL CONSENT

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To approve the red tables (approximately 20) and chairs (approximately 150) purchased in 1994 as surplus to be disposed of accordingly.

AGENDA

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

### **Amend Leave of Absence**

To amend Tyler Lindsley's leave of absence approved on September 15, 2021 from September 21, 2021 through November 30, 2021 to September 21, 2021 through January 1, 2022.

### **Coaching Recommendations**

To appoint the following coach for the 2021-2022 winter sports season, effective November 22, 2021:  
Indoor Track – Tara Finch

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

### **Mentor**

To appoint Lisa Ruland as mentor to Tiffany LaVancha for the 2021-2022 school year.

### **Resignation**

To accept the resignation of Jeffrey Utter, Bus Driver/Mechanic, effective end of day, Tuesday, December 21, 2021.

### **Bus Driver**

To appoint David Haynes as a Bus Driver, effective December 16, 2021. All benefits are per the current CSEA contract.

### **Substitute Driver (van/car)**

To appoint David Green as substitute van/car driver, effective January 5, 2022.

### **Substitute**

To appoint Harvey Sandig as a **non-certified** substitute, effective December 16, 2021.

### **Drama Club Advisor**

NEW ITEMS CONSENT  
AGENDA

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To appoint Winnie Sortman as the Drama Production Director for the 2021-2022 school year.

Board Member Talbot made the motion, seconded by Board Member Barrows, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 15 December 2021 New Items Consent Agenda as amended. For the motion seven, opposed none. Motion carried.

**Adopt Revised Board Policy**

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

**Section 5000-Non-Instructional/Business Operations**  
5250-Fixed Assets

**Adopt Board Policy**

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

**Section 500-Non-Instructional/Business Operations**  
5630-Pest Management

**Sports Merger**

To approve the following sports merger for the 2021-2022 school year:  
Modified Boys' Basketball-GMU & Unadilla Valley.

**Sports Merger**

To approve the following sports merger for the 2021-2022 school year:  
Varsity & Modified Indoor Track-GMU & Unadilla Valley

**Agreement between Otsego County Department of Health and Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School**

To approve the agreement between Otsego County Department of Health and Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School, effective July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

No topics raised from the floor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 P.M. on a motion by Barrows, seconded by Barnes, and passed unanimously.