Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School Board of Education

Special Meeting

24 September 2025

Board Room

Members present at the start of the meeting were President, Jed Barnes, Vice-President, Sean Barrows, Brenda Friedel, Lori Peck, Christopher Ostrander, Amanda Larsen, and Student Member Lillian Perrine.

Board Member Whitney Talbot and Principal Jeff Sabol were absent

Others present were Superintendent Heather Wilcox, District Clerk Donna Dean, and four guests.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President Barnes.	ORDER
The board convened in executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and invite Superintendent present on a motion by Peck, seconded by Barrows and passed unanimously. The board reconvened in open session at 6:05 p.m. on a motion by Barrows, seconded by Peck and passed unanimously.	EXECUTIVE SESSION
The board of education held a discussion on athletics.	BOARD DISCUSSION
Buddy French addressed the board. Bob Behnke addressed the board. Greg Bonczkowski addressed the board.	PUBLIC COMMENT
The proposed 24 September 2025 Special Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion by Larsen, seconded by Ostrander. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.	AGENDA
Board Member Friedel made the motion, seconded by Board Member Ostrander, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 24 September 2025, Personnel Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.	PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

Substitutes
To appoint Lori Dawson as a substitute for non-certified teacher, aide, bus monitor, custodial, and food service for the 2025-2026 school year,

To appoint Erin Hazen as a non-certified teacher substitute, aide substitute, and bus monitor for the 2025-2026 school year, effective September 22, 2025.

To appoint Kayla Egan as a substitute nurse for the 2025-2026 school

year.

Advisors
To appoint advisors for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Class of 2028	Connor Ogborn
Class of 2029	Danielle & Jeff Rhone

Mechanic/Bus Driver
To appoint Dustin Wilber as a mechanic/bus driver, effective September 25, 2025.

NEW ITEMS
CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Peck made the motion, seconded by Board Member Friedel, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 24 September 2025, New Items Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

Transportation Contract
To approve the Georgetown-South Otselic CSD school year transportation contract effective September 27, 2025 - June 26, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board convened in executive session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss personnel matters with the Superintendent present on a motion by Barrows, seconded by Peck and passed unanimously.

The board reconvened in open session at 7:42 p.m. on a motion by Peck, seconded by Ostrander and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. on a motion by Barrows, seconded by Larsen, and passed unanimously.

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Donna Dean, District Clerk

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To: Board of Education
From: Jeffrey Sabol
Date: 9/18/25
Re: Substitute teachers

I am recommending the following applicants for substitute effective 9/22/25 pending fingerprint clearance.

Lori Dawson Pre-k-12 teacher/aide substitute, Bus Monitor, Custodial, Food service.

Erin Hazen- Pre-k-12 teacher/aide substitute, Bus Monitor

Jeffrey P. Sabol

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District

Jeffrey Sabol, Principal

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To: Heather Wilcox, Superintendent
Cc: Board of Education
From: Jeffrey Sabol, Principal
Date: September 19, 2025
Subject: Kayla Egan

I would like to recommend Kayla Egan for appointment as a substitute nurse at GMU. Kayla holds an associates in nursing and is certified.

Jeffrey R Sabol

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To: Board of Education
From: Jeffrey Sabol
Date: 9/18/25
Re: Advisor Recommendations

I am recommending the following candidates for appointment as class and/or club advisors for the 2025-2026

Danielle and Jeff Rhone Co. advisors for 9th grade,
Connor Ogborn for 10th grade class advisor

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Harold Ives, Transportation Supervisor

TO: Mrs. Wilcox

FROM Harold Ives

SUBJECT Bus Mechanic Appointment

DATE` September 19, 2025

I am recommending Dustin Wilber for the position of mechanic/ bus driver. He has over 22 years' experience as a mechanic and his experience ranges from a car dealership to Fleet mechanic and fleet maintenance supervisor. He is certified and qualified to do all required maintenance and preparation for DOT Inspections on school buses and is a NYS DMV motor vehicle inspector. Dustin graduated with an Associates Degree in Auto/Diesel Mechanics from Wyo Tech.

He will be replacing our current mechanic, Matt Wheeler who has accepted a position with Franklin as their bus mechanic. I feel he would be an asset to the GMU Transportation Department and look forward to working with him.

If you should have any questions, you can reach me at Ext. 115.