

**Board of Education
Watkins Glen, New York
June 22, 2026**

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Watkins Glen Central School District was called to order at 5:30 pm by President, Keith Caslin.

1.1
Opening
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Board members present were Keith Caslin, Chad Hendrickson, Barbara Schimizzi, Joe Stansfield and Tracey VanSkiver.

Absent Board members were Theresa Butler and Astra Titus.

Student Board members present were Zade Gomez Fitzsimmons and Isaac Hendrickson.

In attendance at the Board meeting were Jared Federman, School Business Administrator and Kristine Somerville, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment.

Also in attendance was Superintendent Kai D’Alleva.

At the start of the meeting, several students were recognized for both their achievements in the arts and athletics, as well as board members and retirees.

Motion by Mrs. Schimizzi to approve the following consensus items:

- Approve substitute list addition
- Accept CSE/CPSE recommendations dated 3/11/26, 3/26/26, 5/21/26, 5/28/26, 6/2/26, 6/3/26, 6/8/26, 6/9/26, 6/10/26 and 6/15/26, as presented. The Board of Education has no objection to the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, and they approve the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs.
- Approve fundraiser request

Seconded by Mr. Hendrickson. Carried unanimously.

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Consensus
Items
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Motion by Mr. Hendrickson to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective negotiations. Seconded by Mrs. VanSkiver. Carried unanimously.

Executive session started at 6:33 p.m.
Executive session ended at 6:54 p.m.
Regular session resumed at 6:55 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Hendrickson to return to regular session. Seconded by Mrs. VanSkiver. Carried unanimously.

2.0
Executive
Session
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Motion by Mrs. Schimizzi to approve the adoption of the new Artificial Intelligence policy. Seconded by Mr. Hendrickson. Carried unanimously.

3.1
AI Policy
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Motion by Mrs. VanSkiver to approve the creation of a Chess Club. Seconded by Mr. Stansfield. Carried unanimously.

3.2
Chess Club
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Motion by Mrs. Schimizzi to approve the following instructional personnel report.

Resignations:

A. Name: Jessica Purpura
Position: Teacher - Elementary
Effective: June 30, 2026

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B. Name: Helen O’Connell
Position: Teacher - Elementary
Effective: June 25, 2026

Leave of Absence:

- C. Name: Courtney Stansfield
Position: Teacher - Elementary
Effective: September 2, 2026 - October 28, 2026

ESY Appointments, 7/6 - 8/14:

- D. Name: April Simmons
Position: Teacher

- E. Name: Ben Bingham
Position: PT

- F. Name: Melissa Burns
Position: Speech

- G. Name: Stephanie Brentnall
Position: OT

- H. Name: Wendy Hatch
Position: LPN (Fridays only)
Seconded by Mr. Hendrickson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. VanSkiver to approve the following non-instructional personnel report:

ESY Appointments, 7/6 – 8/14:

- A. Name: Betty Vickio
Position: Teacher Aide

- B. Name: Pam Marsh
Position: Teacher Aide

- C. Name: Nikole Dillenbeck
Position: Teacher Aide

Seconded by Mr. Hendrickson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hendrickson to summer swim staff for 2026, pending fingerprint clearances and certifications being met by June 29, 2026. Seconded by Mrs. VanSkiver. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. VanSkiver to approve stipend and coordinator appointments for the 2025-2026 school year. Seconded by Mr. Hendrickson. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hendrickson to approve unpaid leave days. Seconded by Mrs. VanSkiver. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Schimizzi to approve Memorandum of Agreement for Substitute Administrator. Seconded by Mr. Stansfield. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hendrickson to approve GST Area Schools Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Plan Municipal Cooperation Agreement for the period of July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031. Seconded by Mr. Stansfield. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Schimizzi to approve the following resolution to increase reserves.

- the transfer of up to \$200,000 from the unassigned unappropriated fund balance to the Employee Retirement System (ERS) Reserve established pursuant to New York General Municipal Law Section 6-r. Such transfer shall be completed as soon as possible.
- the transfer of up to \$200,000 from the unassigned unappropriated fund balance to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Reserve established pursuant to New York General Municipal Law Section 6-r(2). Such transfer shall be completed as soon as possible.

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Summer Swim
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4.3
Stipend/Coord.
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4.4
Unpaid Leave
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5.1
MOA Sub
Admin
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5.2
Workers Comp
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Increase
Reserves
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- the transfer of up to \$200,000 from the unassigned unappropriated fund balance to the Employee Benefits and Accrued Liabilities Reserve established pursuant to New York General Municipal Law Section 6-p. Such transfer shall be completed as soon as possible.

Seconded by Mr. Stansfield. Carried unanimously.

Agenda item 4.4 related to an MOA with CSEA for LED Lighting was tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 5:30 pm in room 786. This will be the annual reorganizational meeting.

Motion by Mr. Hendrickson to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. VanSkiver. Carried unanimously.

The meeting ended at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Angle
District Clerk

The following items were included in the Board of Education Meeting file for June 22, 2026:

1. Agenda for the 6/22/26 meeting
2. Substitute list addition
3. CSE/CPSE recommendations
4. Fundraiser request
5. Instructional personnel report
6. Non-Instructional personnel report
7. Summer swim staff
8. Revised stipend/coordinator spreadsheet
9. Unpaid leave days
10. MOA for Substitute Administrator
11. Workers' Compensation Agreement
12. Resolution to increase reserves
13. MOA with CSEA related to LED Lighting

5.4
CSEA MOA
LED Lighting
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Next Meeting
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Adjourn
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