

District Mission

We believe that all students can learn and can achieve regardless of their previous academic performance, family background, socio-economic status, race and/or gender. The mission of Bainbridge-Guilford Central Schools is to assure that all students acquire the knowledge and skills which enable young people to become productive members of society. It is our goal to educate all students to a higher level of academic performance and foster positive growth in social/emotional behaviors and attitudes.

Bainbridge-Guilford Central School Board of Education Meeting Agenda - REVISED September 21, 2023 District Conference Room – 6:00 PM

Note: It is anticipated that the Board will move to executive session at 6:00 PM and the open portion of the meeting will commence at approximately 6:30 PM. As of April 14, 2010, per Public Officers Law, videotaping, photographing, webcasting or any other recording or transmission of the open meeting may be performed in an orderly manner. Placement of equipment will be at the discretion of the Board President and/or Superintendent.

- I. Routine Matters President: Keith Harvey
- A. Pledge to the Flag
 - B. Establish the Order of the Agenda
 - C. Request adoption of the minutes from the September 7, 2023 Board of Education Meeting.
- II. Reports and Presentations
- A. Audit Report – Duane Shoen, Insero & Co.
 - B. Timothy Ryan - Superintendent of Schools
- III. Recognition of Visitors
- A. Name (*Speakers are asked to identify themselves*)
 - B. Comments (*Speakers are asked to keep comments to a 5-minute limit*)
- IV. Personnel
- A. Certified Personnel
 - Approval of the appointments of the Class and Extracurricular Advisors and applicable steps as presented (Attachment A).
 - B. Non-Certified Personnel
 - Approve the appointment of Jamie Price to the position of LPN – Long Term Substitute, retroactive to 9/12/23, temporary thru 12/20/23, at a rate of \$20/hour. Background check complete.
 - Approve the appointment of Savannah Hard to the position of Teacher’s Aide, effective 10/2/23, FT, at a rate of \$15.70/hr. Vice: Kali Conover. Background check complete.
 - Approval of Bernardina (Dina) Cordes to volunteer in Erin Degan’s classroom for the 2023-2024 school year retroactive to 9/18/23 until 9/27/23. Background check complete.
 - Approve the appointment of Christina Hubbard to the position of Bus Attendant (Sub), retroactive to 9/7/23. Background check complete.
 - Approval of the creation of an additional Bus Attendant PT position.
 - Approval of change in hours for James Walling from Bus Attendant PT to Bus Attendant FT effective 9-6-23.
 - Approval of the creation of an additional Bus Attendant FT position.
 - Approval of a \$5,000 stipend each for Linda Maynard, Stimulus Grant Manager and Janice Rideout, Stimulus Grant Finance Manager to complete the Federal Stimulus Desk Review process retroactive to 9/9/23 and continuing through 1/5/24. Appropriate stimulus grant will be amended to include the stipend amount.
 - Acceptance of the resignation of Jamie Price from the position of LPN – Long Term Substitute, effective 9/19/23.
 - Approval of the appointment of Jamie Price to the position of LPN Substitute, effective 9/20/23. Background check complete.
 - C. Sports Personnel
 - Approve the appointment of Megan Palmatier to the position of Scorekeeper/Timekeeper , retroactive to 9/12/23.

- D. After School Enrichment Personnel
- Approval for LTA's to be paid 1/1400th of the Step 1 salary while working in the capacity of a teacher under the supervision of appointed Certified Teachers in the After School Enrichment Program.
 - Approval of the appointment of Brandi Clark, LTA to work in the capacity of a Teacher in the After School Enrichment Program effective 9/25/23.
 - Approval of the appointment of Christine Oliver to the position of After School Enrichment Program substitute teacher, effective 9/21/23.
 - Approval of the appointment of Kimberly Morris-Schinn to the position of After School Enrichment Program substitute teacher, effective 9/21/23.
 - Approval of the creation of two (2) School Monitor positions for the After School Enrichment Program.
 - Approval of the change in appointment for Carrie Decker from School Monitor (Sub) to School Monitor effective Friday, 9/22/23.

V. Business Office

- A. Approval of 403(b) Adoption Agreement to permit ROTH contributions retroactive to September 1, 2023.
- B. Approval of the June 30, 2023 Audited Financial Statements of the district and Extraclassroom Activities as presented by Insero & Co. CPA's, LLP.

VI. New Business

- A. Request approval for the Superintendent to sign the MOA between the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District, Nicole Seymour, and the BGTA regarding accrued sick days.
- B. Request approval of the appointment of Collin Dicks at the 2023-2024 Board of Education Student Member.
- C. Request approval of the resolution authorizing commencement of the social media litigation as presented (Attachment B).
- D. Request adoption of the resolution approving the adjusted settlement offer for claims against JUUL Labs, Inc. (Attachment C).

VII. Old Business

VIII. Planning

Board Events

- September 28th & 29th – Governance and Finance Training – SUNY Oneonta *See Flyer*
- October 5th – Board of Education Meeting @ Guilford. Arrive at 5:30 pm for BoardDocs training.
- October 19th – Board of Education Meeting – Guilford @ 6:00 pm.

School Events

- September 28th – Guilford Open House 6:00p-7:00p
- October 4th – Jr.-Sr. High School Open House (6:30-7:30) and 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner (5:00-7:00)
- October 6th – Staff Development Day
- October 9th – NO SCHOOL – Columbus and Indigenous People Day

IX. Miscellaneous

X. Executive Session

(The Board may hold an executive session for a number of specific purposes including litigation, negotiations, specific personnel issues, criminal investigations, protection of student confidentiality, etc., with few exceptions. No official action may be taken on issues properly discussed in executive session without first returning to open session. Exceptions include matters pertaining to children with disabilities and charges against a tenured teacher pursuant to section 3020-a of Education Law.)

XI. Adjournment

2023-2024 Advisors

CLASS ADVISORS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ADVISOR</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>AMT</u>
7	Ann Messenger	3	2	\$576
8	Aaron Waymire	2	6	\$1338
9	Taylor Palmatier	3	1	\$503
10	Sarah Nezelek	2	2	\$965
11	Amy LaFever	1	6	\$2716
12	John Grigoli	1	6	\$2716

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

	<u>Cat</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>AMT</u>
AFTERPROM COORDINATOR Amy LaFever	3	6	\$872
Ag Club (FFA) Emily Anderson	1	6	\$2716
Ag In the Classroom Emily Anderson	n/a	n/a	\$2,000/year
BAND – Marching - Paul Jenkins	2	6	\$1338
Pep Band – Paul Jenkins			
Pep Band Assistant – Molly O’Hara	n/a	n/a	\$500/year
COLOR GUARD – Heather Pratt	2	3	\$1058
HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB – Matt Downey	1	5	\$2560
HONOR SOCIETY			
Jr. High School – Kier Palmer	3	6	\$872
Sr. High School – Vanessa Ziegler	2	4	\$1151
LIFE BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL V. Ziegler, A. Hosier, J. Northrup, S. Phillips	n/a	n/a	\$500/each
MUSIC SUPERVISOR – Matt Downey	1	6	\$2716
ODYSSEY OF THE MIND COORDINATOR Leslie Cuozzo	1	2	\$2092
SPANISH CLUB			
Kier Palmer	3	6	\$872/2
Heather Pratt	3	6	\$872/2
STUDENT COUNCIL			
Sr. High School – Emily Hall	1	3	\$2248
Jr. High School – Nicole Rowley	2	5	\$1244/2
Heather Pratt	2	5	\$1244/2
YEARBOOK –			
ELEMENTARY – Jennine Brewer	2	6	\$1338
HIGH SCHOOL – Tracy Kutz	1	6	\$2716
YES! LEADS – Joanne Moxley	1	6	\$2716

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

HONOR SOCIETY COMMITTEE - A. Hosier, V. Ziegler, J. Spinella, E. Degan and J. Northrup
 STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM - J. Wasiura, J. Moxley, S. Phillips, W. Zakrajsek, E. Hall, G. Winn

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LITIGATION AGAINST SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has issued an Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health which:

- “calls attention to the growing concerns about the effects of social media on youth mental health;”
- emphasized that “now is the time to act swiftly and decisively to protect children and adolescents from risk of harm;”
- “[t]he onus of mitigating the potential harms of social media should not be placed solely on the shoulders of parents and caregivers;” and
- “[t]echnology companies play a central role and have a fundamental responsibility in designing a safe online environment and in preventing, minimizing, and addressing the risks associated with social media.”

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has further concluded that:

- “Social media use by youth is nearly universal. Up to 95% of youth ages 13-17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use social media ‘almost constantly.’”
- “nearly 40% of children ages 8-12 use social media;”
- “in early adolescence ... brain development is especially susceptible to social pressures, peer opinions, and peer comparison;”
- “[s]ocial media may ... perpetuate body dissatisfaction, disordered eating behaviors, social comparison, and low self-esteem, especially among adolescent girls;”
- “[i]n a nationally representative survey of girls aged 11-15, one-third or more say they feel ‘addicted’ to a social media platform;”
- “[o]ver half of teenagers report that it would be hard to give up social media;” and
- [t]here is a consistent relationship between excessive social media use “depression among youth.”

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has specifically urged that it is “urgent that we take action.”

WHEREAS, it has been reported that students, “[m]ore than ever, were glued to [their cellphones] during class.”

WHEREAS, it has been reported that “a growing number of educators ... find themselves on the front lines of a fight to change how students use social media” and “there was been a push for more schools to ... develop programs to help educate students on the dangers of social media.”

WHEREAS, the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District (the “School District”) has and continues to experience significant problems with student use of social media, which use, among other things: (i) has created a substantial and ongoing interruption of and disturbance to its educational mission; (ii) has resulted in the diversion of substantial resources in an attempt to abate and prevent such use and its results harms; and (iii) poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of its students; and

WHEREAS, the School District is a leader in education excellence whose faculty and administrators care deeply about the education and well-being of its students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

That the Board of Education authorizes the law firm of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP and Ferrara Fiorenza PC to initiate litigation and file suit against any appropriate parties to seek compensation to the School District for damages suffered by the School District and its students as a result of the development, operation, and marketing of social media platforms, and to seek any other appropriate relief. The School District hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Schools or their designee to sign all appropriate documents and fee agreements on behalf of the School District.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023

Board of Education Representative(s)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF VAPING LITIGATION

WHEREAS, in recent years the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices increased dramatically among high school and middle school students, leading to significant risks of addiction and potentially life-threatening respiratory ailments; and

WHEREAS, students attending the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District (the “School District”) have not been immune to this phenomenon with the School District observing students using e-cigarettes and vaping devices in school and on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices by students has caused the School District to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases and stops; and

WHEREAS, the School District authorized the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC, to initiate litigation against Altria Group, Inc. and Philip Morris USA, Inc., Altria Client Services LLC, Altria Enterprises LLC, and Altria Group Distribution Company (collectively “Altria”) by board resolution relating to the production, marketing, sale, and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, a tentative settlement has been reached with Defendant Altria whereby in return for discontinuing the litigation, the School District would receive certain cash payment; and

WHEREAS, the amount that the School District receives will be no less than \$5,167 ; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) has determined it is necessary, advantageous, desirable, and in the public interest and the best interests of the School District that it settle this litigation against Altria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the School

District, as follows:

1. The Board authorizes the partial settlement of the vaping lawsuit against defendant Altria.
2. A Settlement with the substantive terms contained herein is hereby approved in substantially the form reviewed by the Board and together with such minor modifications as are deemed necessary by the School District's attorneys and administrators to protect the best interests of the School District.
3. The Board President, Superintendent and their designee(s) are hereby authorized to finalize, sign and enter into the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the School District and take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: _____

District Clerk