

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GALESBURG-AUGUSTA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS                      APRIL 20, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Curt Case at 7:00 p.m. in the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools, High School Media Center.

**Present:**        Mr. Curt Case, Mr. Michael Way, Mr. Chuck Whitman, Mr. Jeff McCubbin,  
                      Mr. Bob Kinas, Mrs. Beth Wilson and Mrs. Lynne Wells

**Also**

**Present:**        Mr. Doug Newington, Mrs. Martha Hymer and Mr. Chris Hurley

Number of people in audience 16.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

**Agenda Approval**

A motion was made by Mr. Way and supported by Mrs. Wilson to approve the April 20, 2009 regular meeting agenda.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**E. Secretary's Report**

Recommend approval of:

Minutes of the special meeting of March 16, 2009;

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 2009;

Minutes of the special meeting of April 13, 2009.

**F. Accounts Payable Report**

Recommend approval of Accounts Payable:

\$193,502.21 for March 26, 2009;

\$2,367,976.95 for March 31, 2009;

\$58,284.78 for April 7, 2009.

**G. Treasurer's Report**

Recommend approval of Treasurer's Report for March 31, 2009, showing a balance of \$76,491.54.

As an informational item, Superintendent Newington stated the 2007-2008 financial audit has been submitted and the District has received state aid funding without incurring any penalties.

**H. Personnel**

Recommend approval for the following middle school track coaches:

Girls Track: Megan Januszka  
Boys Track: Chris Hurley

Recommend approval for the following middle school volunteer track coach:

Hope Waite – parent

Recommend approval for the following junior varsity volleyball coach:

Greg Owen

**Routine Business Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Whitman supported by Mr. Kinas to approve agenda items E. through H.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**REPORTS**

**Community Input (Agenda Items) - None**

**Superintendent Candidate Interviews**

President Case gave an update on the progress of the superintendent search for Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools. The first round of candidate interviews will be open to the public and will follow a prescribed format. The interviews are scheduled for: Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 & 7:45 pm; Wednesday, April 22 at 4:30 & 8:00 pm; and Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 & 7:45 pm. All interviews will be held in the Galesburg-Augusta High School Media Center, 1076 North 37th Street, Galesburg, MI. The Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools Board of Education is pleased to announce the selection of six candidates for first round interviews in the search for a new Superintendent.

- Gary Barton – former Principal – Grand Rapids Public Schools
- Penelope Miller-Smith – Director of Student Services and Special Education – Mona Shores Public Schools
- Scot Henry – Assistant Superintendent – St. Johns Public Schools
- Scott Thomas – Business Manager – Cassopolis Public Schools
- Tim Vagts – Principal – Charlotte Public Schools
- Douglas Newington – Superintendent – Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools

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**Lindsey Owen**

Galesburg-Augusta National Honor Society high school student, Lindsey Owen addressed the Board of Education to announce a *Red Cross Blood Drive* scheduled for Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> in the high school.

**Sandy Titus – Voc Ed Department**

High school Vocational Education Chairperson Sandy Titus addressed the Board of Education to give an update on the Vocational Department via a *PowerPoint* presentation. Items of discussion included regular and EFE classes, graduation requirements, assessments, student achievement, library software and the Children's Internet Protection Act.

**Martha Hymer – Intermediate School**

Intermediate School Principal Martha Hymer addressed the Board of Education to give an update on the G-A Intermediate School via a *PowerPoint* presentation. Discussion items included fractions, school goals, social behavior, MEAP scores and extended day activities.

**Mike Kupiecki – Text Book Presentation**

Science Department Chairperson Mike Kupiecki addressed the Board of Education to display new textbooks being recommended for adoption that include Biology, Chemistry and Physics. New graduation requirements mandate that students must take physics and chemistry. These textbooks will be on display in the board conference room for trustee review.

**Community Relations Committee**

Board Community Relations Chairperson Michael Way gave an update on the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools, Community Relations Committee via a *PowerPoint* presentation. Topics included the format process, guiding theme, goals, uniformity of District's message, timeliness of District's message and expansion of the District's message.

**Business Items – Discussion - none**

**Business Items – Decision - none**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Public Participation**

Mr. Garry Henson addressed the Board of Education expressing his continued concerns regarding the retention pond located at the high school. He asked that the Board of Education review the engineering firm's recommendation and come to a conclusion on how to correct the water problem.

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**Board Comments**

Trustee Way read a statement on behalf of the Board of Education which emphasized that privatization is a non-issue for the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools and is in response to rumors in the community about the possibility of privatization of support services, such as janitorial work. The school district is the largest employer in the community and privatization would have a devastating effect on the community.

Trustee Kinas stated that the Board of Education has spent much time and energy in the selection of the six candidates for the first round of interviews in the Superintendent search.

Trustee McCubbin commended the high school drama club for their romantic comedy performance of *Barefoot in the Park*. He also gave a reminder of the G-A Spring Band Collage and 2009 G-A Foundation Scholarship Winners Banquet both scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2009.

**Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Newington extended his appreciation to staff and students for the recent excellent Galesburg-Augusta Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores. Mr. Newington also gave thanks to those who supported the G-A Football Team fundraiser on Saturday, April 18, 2009.

The Board of Education recessed to closed session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations at 8:45 pm.

There being no further business, the April regular meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

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Curt Case, President

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Chuck Whitman, Secretary

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Carolyn Meyers, Recording Secretary