

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools
1076 N. 37th Street * Galesburg, MI 49053 * 269-484-2000

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 19, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. – High School

Next Regular Board Meeting: February 16, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. – High School

Minutes

Superintendent: Douglas P. Newington
Board Members: Jerry VanderWeele, President; Curt Case, Vice-President; Chuck Whitman, Secretary; Jeff McCubbin, Treasurer; Bob Kinas, Trustee; Beth Wilson, Trustee; Michael Way, Trustee

Number of people present 12.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Call Meeting to Order. The meeting was called to order by Board President VanderWeele at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President VanderWeele.

C. Roll Call.

Members Present:

Jerry VanderWeele
Curt Case
Chuck Whitman
Bob Kinas
Beth Wilson
Jeff McCubbin
Michael Way

Administrators Present

Doug Newington, Superintendent
Todd Reynolds, 8-12 High School Principal
Chris Hurley, Primary School Principal
Martha Hymer, 4-7 Intermediate Principal
Brent Cole, Assistant High School Principal
Jeremy Mansfield, Assistant MS Principal

D. Agenda Approval. A motion was made by C. Whitman supported by B. Kinas to approve the amended agenda of the January 19, 2009 regular meeting of the G-A Board of Education.

Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion carried.

E. Secretary's Report. Recommend approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting December 15, 2008.

F. Accounts Payable Report. Recommend paying of the bills in the amount of \$1,008,751.83 for January 5, 2009.

G. Treasurer's Report. Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2008, showing a balance of \$403,161.27

H. Personnel. Recommend accepting the resignation of Kristi Olson, after school program director. Recommend hiring Jarod Musser to replace Kristi Olson as after school program director, Carolyn Meyers as Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Layne as (.50) 8th Grade Social Studies, Kim Mannel (Science) and Megan Januszka (Math) back to full time at the Middle School. Recommend the following Middle School coaches for the 2008-09 season; Megan Wortinger and Thane Harlow, 7th Grade Girl's Basketball; Jeff Merasco,

8th Grade Girl's Basketball; Josh Henschel and Travis Osteen, Wrestling. Recommend the following volunteer Middle School coaches for the 2008-09 season; Kayla Wortinger, 7th Grade Girl's Basketball; Deon Voss and Katie Born, 8th Grade Girl's Basketball and Mike Sweet; Wrestling. Recommend the following high school coaches for the Spring, 2009 season; Mark Stephenson, Varsity Baseball; Chip Paddock, JV Baseball; Ed Bowe, Varsity Softball; Jeff Merasco, JV Softball; Jeremy Mansfield, Girl's Track; Scott Taylor and John Groh, Boy's Track; Bob Adkins, Girl's Tennis. Recommend the following high school coaches for the Fall, 2009 season; Brian Dolph and Mike Whitehead, Varsity Football; Bob Adkins, Boy's Tennis; Jeremy Mansfield, Cross Country; Amanda Pafhaussen, Varsity Volleyball; and Monica Fryer, Freshmen Volleyball. Recommend the following volunteer coaches for the Spring, 2009 season; Brian Patterson, Varsity Baseball; Tony Smith, JV Baseball; Scott Dawson and Garth Stoltz, Girl's Softball. Recommend Don Doorlag as volunteer football coach for the Fall, 2009 season.

A motion was made by M. Way supported by J. McCubbin to approve Agenda item E. through H.

Roll Call Vote:

Members:

Whitman	yes
Way	yes
Case	yes
Wilson	yes
Kinas	yes
McCubbin	yes
VanderWeele	yes

Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion carried.

II. REPORTS

A. Community Input – agenda items only
None

B. Eaton – Early Childhood grant
Superintendent Newington reported that the early childhood program received a \$20,000.00 grant from the Eaton Corporation. He stated that Tatiana Curtiss has been working hard on this along with others from the program. He also stated that she will give a presentation at the next regular board meeting.

C. Superintendent Search progress report
Board President VanderWeele stated that he has spoken with Craig Misner of Michigan Leadership Institute regarding setting up future community input sessions.

D. Sharon Dodson – K/RESA – School Improvement
Sharon Dodson of Kalamazoo RESA gave a power point presentation on the school improvement plan process.

E. High School Discipline Report
Brent Cole gave an overview of student discipline and presented a comparison chart of student discipline totals over the last seven years.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION

A. Election Committee
Doug Newington explained that election agreement is up for renewal and will be reviewed and signed at the election committee meeting on January 22, 2009.

B. Energy Consortium

Doug Newington stated that he would like the district to commit to being a part of the energy consortium which would consist of K/RESA, Schoolcraft, Portage, and Climax-Scotts. The consortium would share an energy manager who would help districts with energy cost savings ideas.

IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

A. Expulsion

Moved to item VIII.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Community Input

Jean Thompson thanked the board for setting up the meeting with the community on January 5.

A. Board Input

Jeff McCubbin stated that there will be an induction ceremony during half-time of the January 30th basketball game for the first class of the Galesburg-Augusta Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. He also stated that the G-A Sport Boosters will be honoring these individuals at a luncheon held on January 31st in the high school cafeteria at 2:00 p.m. Bob Kinas thanked Jean Thompson for initiating the meeting on January 5. He also stated that a wide range of topics were covered at the meeting. Michael Way commended Tatiana Curtiss and the early childhood committee for their efforts on the early childhood grant. Michael Way also stated that the Community Relations Committee would be meeting on January 21st at 7:00 p.m.

B. Superintendent's Input

In recognition of School Board Appreciation Month, Doug Newington presented each board member with a certificate of appreciation honoring them for their dedication and hard work as school board members. Superintendent Newington also acknowledged the high school as being one of 54 high schools in the state of Michigan who received recognition as being one of the top performing high schools in the nation in the recent US News and World report article. He also stated that the district received a congratulatory letter from MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) and that an article was published in the Hometown Gazette.

VI. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by C. Case supported by B. Kinas to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:12 p.m. Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion carried.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Negotiations

B. Expulsion

VIII. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by C. Whitman supported by C. Case to adjourn closed session at 9:22 p.m. Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion carried.

VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

A motion was made by J. McCubbin supported by B. Wilson to approve the expulsion of Zack Harkness. Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by M. Way supported by B. Kinas to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:37 p.m. Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion carried.

January 19, 2009

School Board President

School Board Secretary

Recording Secretary