

**Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools**  
1076 N. 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Galesburg, MI 49053 \* 269-484-2000

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
June 21, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center

**MINUTES**

**Superintendent:** Tim Vagts  
**Board Trustees:** Curt Case, President; Bob Kinas, Vice-President;  
Beth Wilson, Secretary; Lynne Wells, Treasurer;  
Sandra Noteboom-Wood, Trustee; LaRae Richardson, Trustee;  
Karen Rutherford, Trustee

Number of people in audience 7.

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Case at 7:01 p.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**C. Roll Call.**

**Members Present:**

Curt Case  
Bob Kinas  
Beth Wilson  
Lynne Wells  
Sandra Noteboom-Wood  
Karen Rutherford  
LaRae Richardson

**Administrators Present:**

Tim Vagts, Superintendent  
Greg Vlietstra, Business Manager  
Chris Hurley, Primary School Principal  
Martha Hymer, Intermediate School Principal

**D. Agenda Approval.** A motion was made by B. Wilson and supported by L. Richardson to approve the June 21, 2010, GACS Board of Education regular meeting agenda.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

**E. Secretary's Report.** Recommend approval of:  
Minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2010, and minutes from the special meeting of May 24, 2010.

**F. Accounts Payable Report.** Recommend approval of accounts payable in the amount of:  
\$32,056.23 for May 19, 2010; \$132,554.43 for June 1, 2010; \$623,056.48 for June 8, 2010;  
\$102,579.17 for June 11, 2010 **Grand Total: \$890,246.31.**

**G. Treasurer's Report.** Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2010, showing a balance of \$1,047,044.41.

**H. Personnel.**

Recommend hiring Mark Stephenson as boy's varsity basketball coach and Kerri Knapp for JV volleyball coach.

Recommend accepting the retirement resignations of Sandra Titus, Marcia Williamson, Pamela Adams, Katherine Smith, Linda McCall, Karen Schaper, Scott Fisher, Roy Boomershine, Janice Edgerton, Margaret Dodge, Michael Kupiecki, Phylis Reed, Linda Barkalow, Lewis Bush, Louis Drobny and Mary Hilbrecht.

A motion was made by L. Richardson and supported by B. Wilson to approve agenda items E through H. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Richardson	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes
Rutherford	yes
Wells	yes
Kinas	yes
Wilson	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 7      NAYS: 0** Motion Carried.

**II. REPORTS**

**A. Community Input – Agenda Items Only**  
None

**B. Thank-you from Pretty Lake - Martha Hymer**  
Martha Hymer shared a thank-you note from the director of Pretty Lake Camp. Books from the Intermediate Library were donated to their camp library.

**C. Intervention Report - Meggin Verduzco**  
Meggin Verduzco gave a brief overview of the pyramid of interventions in place to support children K-12.

**D. Energy Management Update - Tim Vagts**  
Tim Vagts reviewed the energy management summary. The district has saved a total of \$101,252.49 from July, 2009 through May, 2010.

**III. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION**

**A. 105 and 105C Status**

A discussion took place regarding Section 105 and 105C status.

**B. At-Risk Paraprofessionals**

A discussion took place regarding the reduction of three Title I paraprofessional positions due to the closing of the Intermediate school and adding three at-risk paraprofessional positions at the Middle School.

**IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION**

**A. Technology Bids.**

A motion was made by B. Wilson supported by L. Richardson to approve the bids for technology hardware of approximately \$130,000.00. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Wells	yes
Richardson	yes
Rutherford	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes
Wilson	yes
Kinas	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 7 NAYS: 0** Motion Carried.

**B. Food Service Bids.**

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood supported by B. Kinas to approve the food service bids from Prairie Farms for milk and Nickles Bakery for bread items for the 2010-2011 school year. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Rutherford	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes
Richardson	yes
Wilson	yes
Wells	yes
Kinas	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 7 NAYS: 0** Motion Carried.

**C. Voluntary Severance Plan.**

A motion was made by B. Kinas supported by S. Noteboom-Wood to approve the Voluntary Severance Plan. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Richardson	yes
Wilson	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes
Rutherford	yes
Wells	yes
Kinas	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 7 NAYS: 0**

**D. Reduction of Title I Paraprofessionals.**

A motion was made by B. Wilson supported by K. Rutherford to approve the reduction of three (3) Title I Paraprofessional positions at the Intermediate building due to closing of the school. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Wilson	yes
Kinas	yes
Rutherford	yes
Wells	yes
Noteboom-Wood	no
Richardson	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 6 NAYS: 1 Motion Carried.**

**E. At-Risk Paraprofessionals.**

A motion was made by B. Kinas supported by L. Richardson to approve adding three (3) At-Risk Paraprofessional positions at the Middle School. Roll Call Vote.

Richardson	yes
Wilson	yes
Noteboom-Wood	no
Rutherford	yes
Kinas	yes
Wells	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 6 NAYS: 1 Motion Carried.**

**F. MHSAA Membership Resolution for 2010-2011.**

A motion was made by L. Richardson supported by B. Kinas to approve the Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership Resolution for 2010-2011. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Noteboom-Wood	yes
Richardson	yes
Wells	yes
Rutherford	yes
Wilson	yes
Kinas	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 7    NAYS: 0** Motion Carried.

**G.    Resolution to Maintain Dedicated State School Funding for the Purpose of K-12 Education.**

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood supported by B. Wilson to approve the resolution to maintain state school funding for the purpose of K-12 education. Roll Call Vote.

**Members**

Wilson	yes
Rutherford	yes
Kinas	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes
Richardson	yes
Wells	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 7    NAYS: 0** Motion Carried.

**H.    MMBA – State Aid Note.**

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by K. Rutherford to approve the 2010-2011 State Aid Note Resolution. Roll Call Vote.

Richardson	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes
Wilson	yes
Kinas	yes
Wells	yes
Rutherford	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 7    NAYS: 0** Motion Carried.

**I. Athletic Fund.**

A motion was made by B. Wilson and supported by L. Richardson to approve the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Athletic Fund Budgets. Roll Call Vote.

	2009/10	2010/11
Wells	yes	yes
Rutherford	yes	yes
Kinas	yes	yes
Richardson	yes	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes	yes
Wilson	yes	yes
Case	yes	yes

**AYES: 7      NAYS: 0** Motion Carried.

**J. Food Service Fund.**

A motion was made by B. Kinas and supported by K. Rutherford to approve the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Food Service Fund Budgets. Roll Call Vote.

<u>Members:</u>	2009/2010	2010/11
Noteboom-Wood	yes	yes
Richardson	yes	yes
Wilson	yes	yes
Rutherford	yes	yes
Kinas	yes	yes
Wells	yes	yes
Case	yes	yes

**AYES: 7      NAYS: 0** Motion Carried.

**K. Debt Fund.**

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by B. Wilson to approve the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Debt Fund Budgets. Roll Call Vote.

<u>Members:</u>	2009/10	2010/11
Wilson	yes	yes
Richardson	yes	yes
Kinas	yes	yes
Wells	yes	yes
Rutherford	yes	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes	yes
Case	yes	yes

**AYES: 7      NAYS: 0** Motion Carried

**L. General Fund.**

A motion was made by L. Richardson and supported by B. Wilson to approve the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 General Fund Budgets. Roll Call Vote.

<u>Members:</u>	2009/10	2010/11
Rutherford	yes	yes
Wells	yes	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes	yes
Kinas	yes	yes
Richardson	yes	yes
Wilson	yes	yes
Case	yes	yes

**AYES: 7      NAYS: 0** Motion Carried.

**M. Operating and Debt Fund Millage.**

A motion was made by K. Rutherford and supported by B. Kinas to approve the 2010-2011 Operating and Debt Fund Millage Resolution. Roll Call Vote.

<u>Members:</u>	
Kinas	yes
Wilson	yes
Wells	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes
Richardson	yes
Rutherford	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 7      NAYS: 0** Motion Carried.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Public Participation**

Ardis Cook announced that there will be a blood drive on July 17, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:14 p.m. at Curves in Galesburg. Leah Hammond wanted to know what teachers have retired and where the district is at in the bumping process. Eric Curtiss stated that the Primary, Intermediate and Middle School received A's on the state report card. He also stated that the High School ACT scores went up one full point. Mr. Curtiss the Board if they would reinvest money back into the classroom if the district were to receive additional funding from the state. Mr. Curtiss informed the Board that some of the retiring teachers have asked for exit interviews with the Board and wondered if this has been done in the past.

**B. Board Comments**

All board members expressed their gratitude and thanks to the retiring teachers and support staff and to Greg Vlietstra, Martha Hymer and LaRae Richardson for their hard work and dedication. Bob Kinas thanked Carolyn Meyers for her work for the district and also congratulated Todd

Reynolds and the High School staff for their work on the High School commencement ceremonies stating that it was very well done. Lynne Wells thanked everyone for their support all year. LaRae Richardson stated that she was very proud to have served as a Board member during the past year.

**C. Superintendent's Update**

Mr. Vagts discussed a possible date for a Board retreat in July. It was decided that the Board retreat would be held on July 26, 2010, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Vagts also discussed the next Board meeting date. It was decided that the organizational meeting and regular board meeting would be held on July 19, 2010. The organizational meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting will follow.

**VI. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board will recess to closed session following the regular meeting for the purpose of negotiations.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The June 21, 2010 regular meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

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Curt Case, Board President

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Beth Wilson, Board Secretary

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Brenda Sutherland, Recording Secretary