

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools
1076 N. 37th Street, Galesburg, MI 49053 * 269-484-2000
Regular Board of Education Meeting
October 19, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting – Meeting ID: 341 600 4497

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AGENDA

Superintendent: Wendy Maynard-Somers
Board Trustees: Jeff McCubbin, Diana Walker, Stephanie Knoblock, Archie Silkworth, Carolyn Martin, Kim Hubbard, Ben Overgaard

This is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. ROLL CALL**
Members Present: Jeff McCubbin, Diana Walker, Stephanie Knoblock, Carolyn Martin, Kim Hubbard, Ben Overgaard. Archie Silkworth arrived at 6:35 p.m.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion by K. Hubbard and supported by B. Overgaard to approve the agenda as presented.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
- V. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2020 and October 5, 2020.
 - B. Approval of Accounts Payable
Accounts Payable in the amount of \$426,628.88 for the month of September, 2020.
 - C. Approval of Treasurer's Report
Treasurer's report dated September 30, 2020 with a balance of \$3,308,612.14.
 - D. Approval of New Hires/Resignations/Retirements
New hires: Sidney Waring, Contracted Speech Pathologist, Caroline Anderson, High School English Teacher (one-year position). Resignations: Brenda Robbins, Primary School Cook, Paul Sanford, High School English Teacher (one-year position).
Motion by D Walker and supported by S. Knoblock to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Martin-yes, Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Silkworth-yes, Overgaard-yes, Walker-yes, McCubbin-yes.
Motion Carried: 7-0.

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VI. REPORTS

A. Celebration

- STEAM Update – Jamie Korinek

Jamie Korinek gave the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEAM) update. Highlights of the update include Eaton Cummins Partnership and grant awarded to the district in the amount of \$29,470, Junior Achievement(virtual version) for 2nd and 4th grade, Character Education Mentorship, and Amazon Future Engineers Grant in the amount of \$15,000 to be used toward computer science course and AP computers at the high school.

- SEL Update – Brian Dolph/Jamie Korinek

Brian Dolph, High School Dean of Students, gave the Social Emotional Learning update to the Board.

B. Above and Beyond Award

Jillian Turner, Learning Center Director, was honored with the Above and Beyond Award for the month of October.

C. Yeo and Yeo Audit Report

Carol Patridge of Yeo and Yeo gave the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

D. Bond Update

Superintendent Somers stated that a meeting will be scheduled soon with the athletic directors to reconnect where they left off last spring after the Bond vote was postponed due to the pandemic. The committee will discuss a timeline for a new Bond project vote.

VII. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Budget Discussion

Phillip Heasley, Business Manager, reviewed the budget documents included in the Board packet. A Business and Finance Committee will take place on Wednesday, October 21st. More information on the budget will be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 2nd.

B. Board Resolution – ULP Authorization

Lisa Swem, attorney with Thrun Law Firm, was present to review the Board resolution and explain that she is working with the district on an Unfair Labor Practice that has come up from the district's participation with the Kalamazoo Virtual Instruction Consortium (KVIC). The GAEA has challenged that participation.

C. Reconfirmation of Extended Continuity of Learning Plan

Superintendent Maynard-Somers explained that a reconfirmation of the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan needs to be approved at a monthly school board meeting where the Board receives input from parents and guardians.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Participation

Marci Barber, Topics: Reopening Plan, Mood Meter Program, KVIC numbers. Penny Suum, Topic: Students with IEP's. Terri Jordan, Topic: Data for Covid-19 cases in Kalamazoo County. Krista Simmons, Topics: Mood Meter Program, Face to Face Learning, Covid-19 Data. Kevin Nigg, Topic: Face to Face Board Meetings, Eric Curtiss, Topics: Projected student enrollment for 2020, Unfair Labor Practice, KVIC cost to district, Early Middle College cost to district and how many students have graduated after their fifth year.

IX. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

A. Approval of High School Graduation Credit Change

Motion by S. Knoblock and supported by C. Martin to approve the high school graduation credit requirements as proposed. Roll Call Vote: Silkworth-yes, Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Martin-yes, Overgaard-yes, Walker-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

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B. Approval of Board Resolution – ULP Authorization

Motion by S. Knoblock and approved by A. Silkworth to approve the Board resolution to file an unfair labor practice charge as presented. Roll Call Vote: Hubbard-yes, Silkworth-yes, Martin-yes, Knoblock-yes, Overgaard-yes, Walker-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Approval and Reconfirmation of Extended Continuity of Learning Plan

Motion by S. Knoblock and supported by D. Walker to reconfirm the district’s Extended Continuity of Learning Plan as presented. Roll Call Vote: Martin-yes, Silkworth-yes, Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Walker-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Board Comments

Board comments were made.

B. Superintendent Update

- FRG (Flexibility, Resilience and Grace) Pay to teachers will go out this week
- Early Middle College costs
- Kalamazoo County Covid-19 Data – required by law to use
- Virtual/In-person Board meetings
- Continue to look at slow opening of school
- October 23, 2020 last day for school board write-in candidates
- KVIC costs
- Thank you to staff

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Jeff McCubbin, President

Stephanie Knoblock, Secretary

Brenda Sutherland, Recording Secretary

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