

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING December 17, 2020
LOCATION Gallatin County Educational Complex, 5175 Highway 13, Junction IL 62954, HS Library
TIME 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Galt
(Presiding Officer)

Rob Wood

Wes Henson

Matt Seely (phone)

Richard Case

Dr. Michael Blain

Gary Clayton

Judy Kaegi
(Superintendent of Schools)



Gallatin County School Board Meeting
Gallatin County High School Library
December 17, 2020, 7:00pm

The Gallatin County School Board met on December 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library at the Gallatin County Education Complex, 5175 Highway 13, Junction, Illinois 62954. President Steve Glt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Those present were: Rob Wood, Gary Clayton, Richard Case, Wes Henson, Matt Seely (phone), Dr. Michael Blain and Steve Galt

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Wes Henson for approval of consent agenda. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0: VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; and Dr. Michael Blain

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Gary Clayton to accept the resignation of June Rushing, Teacher's Aide and Bus Driver, effective December 18, 2020. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0: VOTING: Dr. Michael Blain, yes, Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Richard Case, yes and Wes Henson, yes.

The board heard the Superintendent's Report given by Judy Kaegi, stating:

A special "Thank You" to Amy Knott for overseeing the angel tree gifting again this year. As always Mrs. Knott is organized and makes sure that all students on her list are well taken care of for Christmas.

Approval: Steve Galt _____

Rob Wood _____

Christmas break begins December 21st with school resuming on Monday, January 4, 2021.

Special Thank you to Senator Dale Fowler and Farm to Table for the boxes of food given to some of our families for Thanksgiving.

The coach's offices will be getting paint and new tile over Christmas Break as planned. Thank you to the custodians and maintenance who do such a good job on our building each and every day.

Officer Sauls and Hargrave conducted the active intruder drill in each wing. We appreciate the way they work with our children helping to keep them and all of us safe.

The board heard the Elementary Principal's Report given by Mr. Herrmann, stating:

Robin Johnston with University of Illinois Nutrition Education Program sent the teachers a virtual link for tasty holiday treats. She continues to keep the kids supplied with information about proper nutrition each month even though she isn't able to visit the school.

December 8th was picture retake day for Pre-K through 12th grades. Virtual learners were once again welcome.

December 10th Amy Knott, Tammy Galt, and several volunteers from the school will be dispensing Angel Tree gifts from 2:30 – 3:30.

December 16th – 18th we decided to do a few "Christmas dress up" days. We wanted to try to let the kids do something fun since this year has been limited on activities.

Kindergarten is finalizing their assessments for the quarter. They have also made arrangements for all virtual students to come in and complete their assessments after dismissal of in person students.

Thank you to Dale Fowler for providing the free meals for the students of our county. We appreciate it very much!

The board heard the Junior High Principal's Report given by Mr. Fromm, stating:

Mr. Martin administered the U.S. Constitution Test to the 8th graders December 9th and 10th. He will be giving the IL Constitution Test during the 3rd quarter.

Mrs. Newton has been hosting virtual Jr. High Scholar Bowl practice and it has been going well. She hopes to have news on starting matches at the beginning of the new year.

We are at the end of the 2nd Quarter, the last day for grades to be taken is December 18th, report cards will be sent home with students on January 8th. Students that are near or close to failing for the year have been contacted and for those students attending in person we have had Mrs. Russell working with them to get them caught up on any missing assignments.

Attendance and participation from students during our district wide remote learning time in November was good. I'm very proud of our students for stepping up during this change.

A thank you to Shawnee Communications for deploying additional wireless access points in the county to help our remote learners. They recently added a point of access in Ridgway, it is located at the corner of Crawford and South Street. The SSID for students to use it is GallatinCoStudent and there is no password to connect.

The board heard the High School Principal's Report given by Mrs. Mitchell, stating:

There are 204 students enrolled in the high school. 157 of those students are in-person learners. The other 47 are remote.

“Homecoming for the Holidays” has been postponed.

Thank you to several teachers who have given up their lunches to help students that are failing get their grades back on track.

There have been no out of school suspensions.

A huge thank you needs to go out to Denise Luckett. She has worked so hard keeping us going with subs while we have had many staff members out.

I wish there was more to tell you all about. With so few extracurricular activities there isn't much to report.

Here's to hoping everyone has a safe, happy and healthy holiday season that continues into the new year.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Gary Clayton to approve the administrator reports, as presented. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.

The board heard the Annual Auditor's Report from Greg McCalley.

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Richard Case to approve the annual Auditor's Report as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 – 0. VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; and Dr. Michael Blain, yes.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Wes Henson to approve the Board Policy Manual Revisions: 5:270; 6:315; 3:40; 4:150; 4:80; 4:90; 6:20; 6:300; 6:310; 6:320; 6:340; 7:100; 7:300. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Richard Case, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Dr. Michael Blain, yes; Gary Clayton, yes and Rob Wood, yes.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Gary Clayton to award the two (2) bus bids to Johnson Bus Sales for \$1600 (\$800 per bus). In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes and Dr. Michael Blain, yes.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Dr. Michael Blain to move into closed session at 7:30 in compliance with SILCS 10/1 © (1) stating: *Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.* In a roll vote MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Matt Seely, yes, Gary Clayton, yes, Wes Henson, yes; Richard Case, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Dr. Michael Blain, yes; and Rob Wood, yes.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Dr. Michael Blain to move from executive session at 7:47. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Richard Case, yes; Dr. Michael Blain, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes; and Matt Seely, yes.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Dr. Michael Blain to accept the minutes of closed session as presented in closed session. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 – 0: VOTING: Wes Henson, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Steve Galt, yes and Rob Wood, yes.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Gary Clayton to approve the Evaluation of Superintendent Kaegi. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Richard Case, yes; Dr. Michael Blain, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes and Matt Seely, yes.

--- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wes Henson, second by Richard Case, at 7:50p.m. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.