

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING October 15, 2020
LOCATION Gallatin County Educational Complex, 5175 Highway 13, Junction IL 62954, HS Library
TIME 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Steve Galt
(Presiding Officer)

Rob Wood

Wes Henson

Matt Seely

Dr. Michael Blain

Gary Clayton

Richard Case

Judy Kaegi
(Superintendent of Schools)



Gallatin County School Board Meeting
Gallatin County High School Library
October 15, 2020 7:00 p.m.

The Gallatin County School Board met on October 15, 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 Galt called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

The board heard a letter of resignation from Matt Lawler as High School Girls' JV Basketball Coach.

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to approve the resignation of Matt Lawler as High School Girls' JV Basketball Coach, as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 – 0. VOTING: Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Richard Case, yes, Wes Henson, yes; Matt Seely, yes; and Dr. Blain, yes.

Approval: Steve Galt _____

Rob Wood _____

The Superintendent's Report was given by Mrs. Kaegi, stating:

- The Annual Fire drill with the fire department was completed on Thursday, October 8th. The students love the yearly visit, and we thank the fire department for bringing the trucks and equipment to school for the kids.
- The Great American Shake Out was held throughout the U.S. today October 15 at 10:15 a.m. This is our earthquake drill that is done simultaneously with many schools and municipalities throughout the U.S.
- Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be virtual meets or phone conversations on October 21 and October 28, 2:15 – 5:15. Our principals will plan for these with their staff and do what will work best in their grade levels.
- School will not be in session on Tuesday, November 3 for Election Day and on Wednesday, November 11th to observe Veteran's Day. Our annual Veteran's Day Program is cancelled. Thanksgiving break is November 25 – 27.
- We have had two cross country meets here this year. Our Athletic Director, Ms. Dennison and coach Mr. Utterback have done an exceptional job creating and mowing off a nice Hawks cross country course.
- Red Ribbon Week is scheduled for October 26 – 30. We have fun dress up days for Pre-K – 12 and Mrs. Lands, our social worker and Bryan Hargrave, our safety and health officer will be teaching students a curriculum on drug awareness and "Just say no!"

The Elementary Report was given by Chris Fromm, stating:

- We conducted our Pre-K screenings September 14th and 15th to fill our 5 remaining spots.
- Fire safety week for Pre-K through 4th grades Thursday, October 8th provided by our county fire departments.
- K-4 Legence Bank coloring contest for local schools. Coloring pages are due October 15 and the winner gets a few new books and a McDonalds gift card!
- Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for October 21 and October 28 from 2:15 – 5:15.
- Tuesday, October 27 Happy Feet will be in the Jr. High gym. They provide a new pair of shoes for kids in need.
- Elementary Fall Party conducted by each individual teacher on October 29 in the afternoon. Snacks will be brought in and put in a clean room to sit for several days before use.
- Ms. Robin with Illinois Nutrition Education Program University of Illinois Extension is keeping up virtually with K-2 classes: OWG "The Breakfast Skipping Blues" virtual 20 minute lesson for the teachers to do with students if they choose.

The Junior High Report was given by Chris Fromm, stating:

- Congratulations to both Coach Dave Cruson and Coach Zach McGuire on great baseball and softball seasons this year. Both the teams did an excellent job of handling the craziness of playing during COVID-19 and we are extremely proud of them.
- Jr. High Scholar Bowl Coach Becky Newton held virtual Scholar Bowl try-outs on October 8th, she will be announcing her 2020-2021 team very soon. We are still waiting to hear confirmation on the Jr. High Scholar Bowl schedule for this year, but Mrs. Newton wanted to go ahead and prepare a team in hopes for an awesome season.
- Almost all of the Jr. High Teachers have begun hosting live meets during their class periods, this gives remote students the opportunity to interact in real time not only with the teacher but also the in-person learners. This seems to be working well and hopefully is a time saver as well for teachers who had previously been recording

sessions in addition to teaching the in-person learners. We have shared a schedule of the live meeting times on the students google classrooms along with on our Facebook page.

--- October 8th wraps up the end of the 1st quarter, grade cards will be sent home with in-person learners on October 16th and mailed to the remote students.

The High School Report was given by Mrs. Mitchell, stating:

--- There are 208 students enrolled in the high school, 150 in-person students and 58 remote.

--- The High School Student Council bought cookies for all staff. It is nice to feel appreciated. Thank you, Mrs. Vollman and the Student Council members.

--- Thank you to Mrs. Wilson, who has been in constant contact with the remote learners.

--- The high school office has switched over to an electronic sign-in/out system for students, subs, teachers and parents. It is much easier to keep track.

--- We survived our first fire drill. Everyone, students and staff, did a great job.

--- The teaching staff has done a remarkable job adapting to different types of teaching. We are proud to have such an adaptable staff.

--- High school students have had more positive referrals than they had discipline referrals the first quarter!

--- There have been no out of school suspensions.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to set the Tax Levy Hearing for November 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 – 0: VOTING: Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Richard Case, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; and Matt Seely, yes.

--- The board signed off on their McKinney-Vento Annual Online Training.

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Richard Case to change the regular scheduled November 19th, 2020 board meeting time to 7:10 p.m. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 – 0. VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes; and Matt Seely, yes.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Wes Henson to put the 2006 – 2007 non-running school buses out for bid. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0: VOTING: Rob Wood, yes; Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; and Wes Henson, yes.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Richard Case to approve the Policy Manual Revisions: 5:10; 2:260; 5:220; 7:180; 7:185; 5:330, as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Richard Case, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes and Matt Seely, yes.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Wes Henson to employ Katie Martin as a teacher's aide. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 – 0: VOTING: Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blain, yes Gary Clayton, yes; Matt Seely, yes; and Wes Henson, yes.

- Motion by Richard Case, second by Wes Henson to employ Meghan Russell as a teacher's aide. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 – 0: VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Matt Seely, yes; and Dr. Blaine, yes.
- Motion by Rob Wood second by Richard Case to move into executive session at 7:32 p.m. in compliance with 5ILCS 120/2©(1) stating: *Executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel for the District to determine its validity – 5ILCS 120/2©(1).* (NOTE: An independent contractor is not an “employee” within the meaning of the Act. 5ILCS 120/2(d) In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 – 0: VOTING: Steve Galt, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Richard Case, yes; Wes Henson, yes; and Gary Clayton, yes.
- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Richard Case to move from executive session at 8:08 p.m. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0: VOTING: Dr. Blain, yes; Richard Case, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Rob Wood, yes; and Gary Clayton, yes.
- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Matt Seely to approve the closed session minutes as presented in closed session. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0: VOTING: Rob Wood, yes; Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; and Wes Henson, yes.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Richard Case, second by Gary Clayton, at 8:10 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.