

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING November 19, 2020
LOCATION Gallatin County Educational Complex, 5175 Highway 13, Junction IL 62954, HS Library
TIME 7:15 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
November 19, 2020 7:15 p.m.

The Gallatin County School Board met on November 19, 2020, at 7:15 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 7:07 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 Angie Brown as Nurse's Aide.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Wes Henson to approve the resignation of Angie Brown as Nurse's Aide, 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.

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

--- The Veteran's Day program was a past collection (from videos) of previous Veteran's Day programs and is on our school website. Thank you again Ms. Lisa Montgomery. Thanks to her and all of our teachers, staff and students.

Approval: Steve Galt _____

Rob Wood _____

- Our Law Enforcement Intruder Drill will be done in individual wings (Elementary, Jr. High and High School) with our resource officers during the week of November 16 – 20th. This will allow us to carry out the drill safely with students and staff.
- School will not be in session on Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th for Thanksgiving Break. School resumes Monday, November 30th.
- Christmas break begins December 21st with school resuming on Monday, January 4th.

The Elementary Report was given by Jeff Herrmann, stating:

- Friday, November 6th, we had a “dress up” day for Elementary and Jr. High students. We sent home and posted a list of guidelines to follow. The kids and staff participated and had a great day!
- Wednesday, November 11th we will be posting a video on our school website to honor our veterans. We were not able to have our program as normal this year, so Mrs. Montgomery and Ms. Adams put together a video collage of past performances that will be available for all to see and enjoy.
- Robin Johnston with the U of I Extension Office continues to send us online information for the Food and Nutrition classes. We are provided with short videos that the teachers can use or add to google classroom if they choose to.

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

- Red Ribbon week was held throughout the school the last week of October. Thank you to all the students and staff who participated.
- Ms. Drone is currently preparing to do elections for Jr. High Student Council, they will be organized and begin activities in the coming weeks.
- We are encouraging parents that call in with concerns regarding their students grades to check google classroom. This is a great tool to follow your students’ homework progress.
- We are already approaching mid-term for 2nd quarter. We will be sending home mid-term progress reports with in person students on Friday, November 13th and they will be mailed to the remote learners.
- The Jr. High had a fun day for students on Friday, November 13th. Pat Koester and Matt Martin cooked BBQ and French Fries for the students.

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

- There are 205 students enrolled in the high school. 161 of those students are in-person learners. The other 44 are remote. We have had several remote learners return to in person since the change of the quarter.
- A homecoming theme has been chosen, “Homecoming for the Holidays.” Each class will choose a holiday to decorate their hallway in.
- Congratulations to Carly Foster on advancing to the regional cross country meet.
- Progress reports were sent out last week. We would like to see the number of progress reports we send out go down. Hopefully they will with students returning to in person learning.
- Each class has elected their class officer team.
- The high school teachers were pleased with the responses from virtual parent teacher conferences. We had a much better response virtually than we do with in person meetings.

--- The students enjoyed participating in Red Ribbon Week. Students who participated in the dress up days were entered into a drawing to win prizes. Thank you to high school student council for providing those prizes.

--- 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 Dr. Blain to approve the Tax Levy at 4.99. 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 was suppose to approve the School Report card but due to COVID there was not a report card given.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Dr. Blain to extend the Lawn Mowing Contract for two years with Mr. Crank. 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 Gary Clayton, second by Richard Case to approve the Policy Manual Updates 5:100; 5:200; 7:10; 7:20; 2:265; 5:20 as presented. 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 Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to employ Patricia Stacey as a nurse'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.

Mrs. Vollman address the board on behalf of the association to say thank you for all of the accomodations and support the board has given in these trying times.

Steve Galt asked the association to begin negotiations in January 2021.

--- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Clayton, second by Richard Case, at 7:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.