

**GALLATIN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #7**

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETNG January 21, 2021  
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)

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Rob Wood

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Wes Henson

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Matt Seely

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Richard Case

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Dr. Michael Blain

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Gary Clayton

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Judy Kaegi  
(Superintendent of Schools)

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Gallatin County School Board Meeting  
Gallatin County High School Library  
January 21, 2021, 7:00pm

The Gallatin County School Board met on January 21, 2021, 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 7:05 p.m.

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

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton 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

The board heard a request for Maternity Leave from Kassidy Mott.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Gary Clayton to approve the Maternity Leave request for Kassidy Mott. 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 a request for FMLA from Kassidy Mott.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Gary Clayton to approve the FMLA request for Kassidy Mott. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0: VOTING: Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes, Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Matt Seely, yes; and Wes Henson, yes.

Approval: Steve Galt \_\_\_\_\_

Rob Wood \_\_\_\_\_

The board hear a letter from the GCEA to express their intent to bargain.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Dr. Blain to accept the letter of intent to bargain and enter into negotiations. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 – 0: VOTING: Wes Henson, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Richard Case, yes; Rob Wood, yes and Gary Clayton, yes.

The board heard a letter of resignation from Patricia Stacey as School Nurse Aide.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Wes Henson to accept the resignation of Patricia Stacey as School Nurse Aide. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 – 0: VOTING: Matt Seely, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; and Richard Case, yes.

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

We received additional Title I, II and IV monies.

Many of our employees have asked me to say Thank You to the Board for the gift of the turkey and ham or the holidays. Many sent me texts and notes letting me know how delicious the ham and turkeys were.

Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences are set for February 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:15 – 5:15. Teachers were well pleased with the past virtual parent teacher conferences.

We have had a good first two weeks back.

We received notice that the Egyptian Health Department will be receiving vaccines in the Wellness Center soon for all staff that are interested in taking the vaccine. Thank you to Ashley for getting numbers together for the health department so they know how many to have available.

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

We had a Google Meets to discuss options for our Valentine's Party in elementary. Several ideas were discussed to decide on the safest way to handle it. The date is set for Thursday, February 11.

As of Monday, January 11, we have started our STAR testing. Chris Siler, Lisa Montgomery, Kylie Patton, Katie Martin, and Megan Gholson have been doing a great job with this. Thank you to the teachers for adjusting your schedules for the STAR testing.

Teachers sent Mrs. Logsdon a list of students that aren't meeting standards or are in danger of being retained. We have letters typed to send home to those parents to encourage them to work with us to improve their grades if possible.

Dates have been set for virtual parent teacher conferences. They will be held February 3 and February 10 from 2:15 – 5:15. Elementary teachers were encouraged to touch base with all parents.

Our current numbers: In person – 225 and Virtual - 76

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

Jr. High will begin Winter Benchmark Star Testing the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>.

As an extra incentive to complete all work on time, we have offered a challenge to Jr. High students this 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. We are offering a pizza party as a reward to the homeroom that has the least amount of missing work from their in-person learners. Remote learners are also eligible for a reward if they have no missing assignments.

We currently have Mrs. Meghan Russell working with Jr. High students who are in danger of failing for the year, during their PE, homeroom, and enrichment to get caught up on assignments and work to improve their grades. Many of the students she is currently working with had been remote earlier in the year.

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

There are 206 students enrolled in the high school. Of those students, 158 are in person. The other 48 are remote.

The second semester is off to a great start!

We have had several remote students return to in person learning.

There have been no out of school suspensions this month.

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

The board received principal reports for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Wes Henson to open the minutes for the past six months except for August 6, 2020, August 20, 2020 and October 15, 2020 and destroy tapes over 18 months old 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 Richard Case, second by Gary Clayton to approve the Memorandum of Understanding dated January 4, 2021 – March 31, 2021, as presented. 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 Dr. Blain re-employ Chris Fromm as Elementary-Jr. High Principal for the 2021 – 2022 school year. 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 Dr. Blain, second by Richard Case to re-employ Jara Mitchell as High School Principal for the 2021 – 2022 school year. 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 Richard Case, second by Matt Seely to re-employ Jeff Herrmann as Pre-K – 12 Assistant Principal for the 2021 – 2022 school year. 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 Dr. Blain to re-employ Judy Kaegi as Superintendent for the 2021 – 2022 school year. 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 Dr. Blain, second by Richard Case, at 7:47p.m. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.