

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

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING February 25, 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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Gary Clayton

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Matt Seely

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Richard Case

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Dr. Michael Blain

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Wes Henson

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Judy Kaegi

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(Superintendent of Schools)

Gallatin County School Board Meeting  
Gallatin County High School Library  
February 25, 2021, 7:00pm

The Gallatin County School Board met on February 25, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

--- 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; Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; and Dr. Michael Blain

The board heard a letter of resignation from Denise Givens as High School P.E. Teacher effective February 12.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Gary Clayton to approve the resignation of Denise Givens as High School P.E. Teacher as presented. 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 letter of resignation from Ashley Stanley as School Nurse effective May 21, 2021.

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Richard Case to approve the resignation of Ashley Stanley as School Nurse as presented. 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.

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

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

The board heard a request for FMLA leave from Sheila Jenkins.

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

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

We have used our five E-Learning days during the ice and snow event. We also used three remote learning days. Total of 8 days out for weather.

We have rescheduled Virtual Parent teacher conference night for Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:15 – 5:15.

We will reschedule Remote Learning Day on March 5<sup>th</sup>. No students, Teachers in attendance (it was scheduled on February 19, cancelled because of weather/remote).

We will reschedule the Fall Parent Teacher day off, no school for teachers or students on March 19<sup>th</sup>. (It was scheduled on February 12, cancelled because of weather/remote).

We are at the end of quarter 3 and quarter four begins March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to Terry Golden, Garrett Roe, Mike Crayne, and Pat Koester for helping out during this hazardous weather. I appreciate everything you did to help.

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

Linda and Carroll Downen sent a generous donation of \$100.00 to use in the elementary wing. Every year they send the school something and tell us to use it how we see fit. This year due to COVID restrictions, we aren't able to have parents in the building to help with parties of any kind. So, we decided to use the funds to create a Valentine's Day picture backdrop. Each teacher scheduled a time to take their class and do individual pictures. We then had them all developed and will be sending them home for the parents to enjoy. We wanted to give a big thank you to Brandi Respondek and Chris Siler for getting this together and picking the pictures up for us. We are sending a thank you note to the Downen family as well.

We had several days of E-Learning along with a few Remote Learning days this month. Mr. Herrmann kept in contact via e-mail with the elementary teachers to make sure everything was staying on track and answered any questions.

Parent Teacher conferences have been rescheduled for March 3 since we are not able to be in attendance on the previously planned day.

A reminder was sent out to all staff that will be getting the second round of COVID-19 vaccines letting them know the date it will be given.

We did allow the teachers to go ahead with the Valentine's Day parties when we returned to school.

A big thanks to Lisa Montgomery, Haley Margenthaler, Mitch Barnett, and everyone else that made it possible for us to send the elementary kids out for recess today! It had been quite a while since they had been able to be out. Mitch shoveled snow on his own and the ladies kept the kids out of the muddy areas and still socially distanced. We appreciate you!

Garrett Roe also put in some extra hours getting our sidewalks and parking lots cleaned off so we could return to school.

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

We are preparing to end the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the last grades for grades to be taken is March 5<sup>th</sup> and report cards will go home on the March 12<sup>th</sup>.

The no-zero contest among the classes in Jr. High was a success.

Mr. Martin took a group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade FFA members to participate in the Parliamentary Procedure contest in Eldorado. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade team competed against freshman and received first place. They now advance to the district competition that will be held at SIU on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The team consisted of Bree Smoth, Brylee Brazier, Gracie Cox, Hunter Miller, Elizabeth Abell, Colden Wenzel, & Thacker Fromm.

Jr. High Boys Basketball & Jr. High Girls Volleyball have begun their seasons and you can follow the games on our Hawks YouTube Channel. 8<sup>th</sup> grade night for Volleyball was held on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> with 8 players being recognized.

Mrs. Newton and the Jr. High Scholar Bowl team are ready to start their season, with the snow and ice some matches have been postponed but they are excited for their season to begin.

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

There are 207 students enrolled in the high school; 163 are in person, 44 are remote.

Andrew Drone has volunteered to help with the boys' basketball team.

Congratulations to Addyson Monroe. She placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the IL S3DA Archery shoot on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

We are happy to be back in person after our remote/e-learning weather hiatus.

Scholar bowl, boys and girls basketball, and cheerleading are in full swing. Volleyball will be starting soon. All student athletes are ecstatic about being back in action.

Homecoming will be March 5<sup>th</sup>. Coronation will be held during school hours and will be live streamed.

FFA week is being celebrated February 22 – 26.

Steve Galt set up a meeting for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 in the library with the Teacher's Association to begin contract negotiations.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Wes Henson to approve the administrator's reports as presented. 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board decided to donate some of the excess dirt to the Shawneetown Fire Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to approve set the Graduation Dates for Junior high on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and High School, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. 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.

The board decided to get quotes on a school bus from Thomas and Bluebird.

- Motion by Wes Henson, second Matt Seely to have Brown's to do the Sewage System Testing twice a month. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Steve Galt, yes; and Gary Clayton, yes.
- Motion by Steve Galt, second by Wes Henson to move into closed session at 7:55 p.m. 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; Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes and Rob Wood, yes.
- Motion by Rob Wood, second by Dr. Blain to move from executive session at 9:23pm. MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0. VOTING: Matt Seely, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Richard Case, yes and Dr. Blain, yes.
- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Dr. 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; Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes and Rob Wood, yes.
- Motion by Gary Clayton and second by Dr. Blain to employ Tyler Hatton as a substitute teacher. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Richard Case, yes and Matt Seely, yes.
- Motion by Richard Case, second by Matt Seely to employ Kaitlyn Etienne as School Nurse. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Matt Seely, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Richard Case, yes and Dr Blain, yes.
- Motion by Richard Case, second by Dr. Blain to employ Whitney Westbrook as Nurse's Aide. 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 Gary Clayton, second by Richard Case to employ Zack McGuire as the High School JV Boys Basketball Coach. MOTION CARRIED, 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 Gary Clayton and second by Dr. Blain to employ Dave Cruson as Junior High Boys JV Basketball Coach. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Richard Case, yes and Matt Seely, yes.
- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Dr. Blain to employ Matt Lawler as 5<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball Coach. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0: VOTING: Wes Henson, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes and Rob Wood, yes.
- Motion by Richard Case, second by Dr. Blaine to approve the Superintendent Contract for the 2021 - 2022 school year, The Elementary/Jr. High Principal's Contract for the 2021 - 2022 school year, the K-12 Assistant Principal Contract for the 2021 - 2022 school year and the High School Principal's Contract for the 2021 - 2022 school year as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Dr. Blain, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Richard Case, yes; Matt Seely, yes and Wes Henson, yes.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Richard Case, second by Dr. Blain, at 9:29 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.