

September 12, 2022

Work Session

The Schaller-Crestland Board of Education, along with the Galva-Holstein Board of Education, met in a joint work session on Monday, September 12, 2022 in the Galva-Holstein Auditorium, Holstein, IA. The following board members were present: Christy Horan, Kory Blum, Mike Schmitt, Matt Cress, and Steve Mason. Others present: Supt. Bisenius, Brd. Sec'y Wandrey, Principals: Andersen, Bellinghausen, Rinnan and Sussman, several members of the community.

Call to order by President Horan at 7:34 pm.

Motion by Cress, second by Schmitt to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5-0.

The session started with Galva-Holstein's President Jamie Whitmer presenting the Schaller-Crestland's board with the sharing agreement proposal the Galva-Holstein Board agreed with. This proposal included: moving the G-H's 6th graders back to the G-H district, shifting the 7th/8th graders to the Schaller facility, and playing all the high school athletics in the G-H district and all middle school athletics in the S-C district. Much of the reasoning behind this move provided by President Whitmer was due to cost feasibility to both districts, the amount of time students are on a bus from Holstein to Early and back, and the declining test scores for 6th graders.

Schaller-Crestland's Board President Christy Horan advised the G-H board that S-C is looking to make improvements to the Schaller facility. An architect firm has been hired to take a look at the Schaller facility to see what the best options are for the building. President Horan asked the G-H board if they would be willing to give S-C another year to prepare the areas of the Schaller building for the full 7th/8th grades. 7th/8th grade starting in Schaller in the fall of the 24/25 school year.

Without a consensus reached, both boards decided to each hold their own work session and come back together with an agreement hopefully by October 1st.

President Horan adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.