

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

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETNG September 19, 2019  
LOCATION Gallatin County Educational Complex, 5175 Highway 13, Junction IL 62954, HS Library  
TIME 7:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Galt  
(Presiding Officer)

Richard Case

Gary Clayton

Matt Seely

Wes Henson

Rob Wood

Dr. Blaine

Judy Kaegi  
(Superintendent of Schools)



Gallatin County School Board Meeting  
Gallatin County High School Library  
September 19, 2019 7:10 p.m.

The Gallatin County School Board met on September 19, 2019 at 7:10 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 7:57 p.m.

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

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Dr. Blaine for approval of consent agenda. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 6 - 0: VOTING: Dr. Blaine, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; and Wes Henson, yes.

The board heard a letter of retirement from Dana Estes effective at the end of the 2019 – 2020 school year.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Matt Seely to accept the resignation of Dana Estes at the end of the 2019 – 2020 school year. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 6 - 0: VOTING: Steve Galt, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Wes Henson, yes.

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

The school year is off to a good start. I would like to compliment all of the teachers and staff for all of their hard work.

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

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

The Principals and I would like to say thank you to the school security team. This team has worked to identify practical strategies and have helped with procedural changes which require minimal to no costs for better safeguarding staff and students during school pick up and drop off times. The Security Team will meet in October to discuss a site vulnerability assessment. We plan to keep moving forward for the safety of everyone here at Gallatin County Schools.

A special thank you to our Hawks Band Members for playing our school fight song and marching in the Popcorn Day Parade. Mr. Austin, our band director, has done a remarkable job with these students in a very short time. To everyone that walked in the parade and to the Band Booster Club led by Karen Walters that supports them we give a big SHOUT OUT OF THANKS. Can't wait for Town and Country Days September 21<sup>st</sup>!

There will be a half day teacher training on September 20. Officer Sauls, Hargrave and Condon will conduct 4E safety training for our new faculty and staff. Jason Robershaw for Egyptian Health will be here to present to our teachers and staff more on Resilience: Trauma Sensitivity and Responsiveness.

Reminder: I will be attending the IASA Superintendent Conference September 25 – 27, 2019 in Springfield.

I would like to thank the Unit Office staff for working with me and working extra hours to make the necessary changes in financial reporting needed for the new accountability and quality assurance guidelines in ESSA. The creation and disaggregation of the new Site Based Expenditure Report went well because these ladies broke down financial information into multiple categories, departments, and within each school all last school year. Our State liaison, Carl Holman, was impressed with our records breakdown. I appreciate the additional work these ladies are doing for the district.

Our teachers will be attending professional development through the Regional Office of Education again this year with Heady Carlisle. We are working toward our goals and school vision as we deep dive into curriculum and assessment needs that will improve our school.

There will be no school on Monday, October 14, in observance of Columbus Day.

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

Back to School Night was held on Tuesday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> and was a great success again. Thank you to all of the clubs that helped with the activities that evening.

Pre-K Screenings were held on August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Both Pre-K classes are now filled and we have a waiting list for students wanting to get in.

Plans are being made now for a parent night for Pre-K students in October. These parent nights are part of the Pre-K Grant.

Jr. High Scholar Bowl coach, Becky Newton, held tryouts on Friday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Scholar Bowl season will begin in early October.

A huge congratulations to Mr. Austin and the Marching Hawks on the Crowd Favorite trophy they received from Popcorn Days. They will be marching again on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> in Eldorado at the Town & Country Days parade.

Cross Country season for Jr. High is in full swing. Coach Dennison currently has 24 runners in grades 5 – 8<sup>th</sup>.

Jr. High Baseball & Softball seasons are wrapping up for the year. Regionals will begin the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

The school year has been off to a great start. Everyone seems to be very positive about the year ahead. Our enrollment is at 201 students.

Open House was held on August 20, 2019 with a great turnout.

FCCLA is requesting to go on an overnight trip October 6 & 7. They will be attending a leadership conference in Springfield, IL.

There has been two (2) out of school suspensions.

The high school teachers along with Mrs. Mitchell have initiated a positive referral program.

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Juniors and Senior Yearbook Staff members sold yearbook ads throughout the community and the FFA went to the Farm Progress show.

Class Officers and Student Council members have been elected.

Student Council will be hosting American Red Cross for a blood drive on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Financial Aid Night will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> in the library to assist parents in filling out financial aid for students preparing for college.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Dr. Blaine to accept the Administrator reports as stated. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 6 - 0. VOTING: Rob Wood, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Steve Galt, yes; and Dr. Blaine, yes.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to purchase Integrated High School Math Text Books III, the Social Studies Textbooks grades 7 – 8 and the IDEAS Mathematics Textbooks for grades 5 - 8. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 6 – 0. VOTING: Wes Henson, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Steve Galt, yes; and Matt Seely, yes.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Matt Seely to approve the Policy Manual Revisions, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Policies 2:110; 2:140; 2:140-E; 2:230; 2:240; 3:10; 3:60; 4:90; 5:10; 7:170; 7:180. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 6 – 0: VOTING: Matt Seely, yes; Steve Galt, yes, Dr. Blaine, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Wes Henson, yes; and Rob Wood, yes.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to approve the 2019 -2020 School Budget as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 6 – 0: VOTING: Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; and Matt Seely, yes.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Rob Wood to approve the purchase of the School Website and Mobile Application - Apptegy as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 6 - 0. VOTING: Gary Clayton, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Steve Galt, yes; and Dr. Blaine, yes.

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to approve the Policy Manual Revisions, 1st Reading of 4:20; 5:35; 5:40; 5:130; 5:180; 5:310; 6:40; 6:110; 6:340; 7:240; 7:240-AP2 as presented. MOTION CARRIED, 6 - 0. VOTING: Gary Clayton, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Matt Seely, yes; and Dr. Blaine, yes.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second Dr. Blaine to change the April 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting to April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 6 - 0. VOTING: Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes.

Mrs. Kaegi presented the board with the new Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance rates for the 2019 – 2020 plan year.

The board was given the current student count for informational purposes.

The Auditor, Greg McCalley was moved to the October 2019 Board Meeting to present the 2018 – 2019 Audit.

- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Wes Henson to move into executive session at 8:53 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, 6 - 0. VOTING: Dr. Blaine, yes, Matt Seely, yes, Rob Wood, yes, Gary Clayton, yes; Steve Galt, yes and Wes Henson, yes.
- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Dr. Blaine to move from executive session at 9:40 p.m. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0: VOTING: Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes; and Matt Seely, yes.
- Motion by Rob Wood, second by Gary Clayton to accept the minutes of closed session as presented in closed session. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 6 – 0: VOTING: Wes Henson, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes; and Dr. Blaine, yes.
- Motion by Gary Clayton second Rob Wood to re-classify a 12 month secretary to an 11 month secretary. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 6 - 0. VOTING: Steve Galt, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; and Matt Seely, yes.
- Motion by Dr. Blaine, second Gary Clayton to employ Melanie Stanelle as a 5 hour part time kitchen helper. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 6 - 0. VOTING: Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Matt Seely, yes; and Dr. Blaine, yes.
- Motion by Matt Seely, second by Steve Galt to employ Vanessa Williams as the Junior High FFA Sponsor. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 6 – 0: VOTING: Gary Clayton, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Rob Wood, yes; and Wes Henson, yes.
- Motion by Dr. Blaine, second by Matt Seely to employ Jordan Ahrens as a teacher’s aide for the 1029 – 2020 school year. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 6 – 0: VOTING: Dr. Blaine, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Matt Seely, yes; and Rob Wood, yes.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Clayton, second by Rob Wood, at 9:45 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.