

**Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools**  
1076 N. 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Galesburg, MI 49053 \* 269-484-2000

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

December 17, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center

Next Regular Board Meeting: January 21, 2013 - 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center

**MINUTES**

**Superintendent:** Tim Vagts  
**Board Trustees:** Karen Rutherford, Sandra Noteboom-Wood, Richard Fletcher  
Chuck Whitman, Beth Wilson, Bob Kinas, Lynne Wells,

Number of people in audience: 38.

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Noteboom-Wood at 7:00 p.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**C. Roll Call.**

**Members Present:**

Sandra Noteboom-Wood  
Richard Fletcher  
Chuck Whitman  
Beth Wilson  
Lynne Wells  
Bob Kinas

**Administrators Present:**

Tim Vagts, Superintendent  
Dr. Garth Cooper, Primary School Principal  
Jeremy Mansfield, Middle School Principal  
Richard Bowers, High School Principal  
Lynn Buchkowski, Special Education Director  
Tim Kerney, Director of Maintenance/Custodial

**Member Absent:**

Karen Rutherford

**D. Agenda Approval.** A motion was made by B. Kinas and supported by C. Whitman to approve the December 17, 2012, GACS Board of Education regular meeting agenda.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

**E. Secretary's Report.** Recommend approval of:  
the regular meeting minutes of November 17, 2012, the closed session meeting minutes of November 17, 2012, and the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of December 3, 2012.

**F. Accounts Payable Report.** Recommend approval of accounts payable in the amount of:

\$159,810.54 for November 9, 2012; \$330.00 for November 15, 2012; \$110,258.51 for November 28, 2012; \$2,165.00 for November 28, 2012; and \$101,265.82 for November 28, 2012. **Grand Total: \$371,664.87.**

**G. Treasurer’s Report.** Recommend approval of the Treasurer’s Report dated November 30, 2012, showing a balance of **\$805,956.47**

**H. Personnel.**

**APPROVAL:**

Bob Verduzco has been hired as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls’ basketball coach.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

None

A motion was made by B. Wilson and supported by L. Wells to approve agenda items E through H. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Kinas	yes
Wells	yes
Whitman	yes
Wilson	yes
Fletcher	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes

**AYES:** 6     **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

**II. REPORTS**

**A. Community Input – Agenda Items Only**

**B. Five Year Facility Plan – Tim Kerney**

Tim Kerney, Director of Maintenance, presented the Five Year Facility Plan. Mr. Kerney reviewed the Energy Smart Five-Year Capital Facilities Plan and Report. The objectives of the plan are to develop and annually update a comprehensive maintenance plan, ensure all school buildings are in a state of good repair, manage operating costs with effective maintenance, improve occupant health safety and comfort, justify capital expenses that reduce energy costs, and focus on preventive maintenance approaches to improve overall maintenance.

**C. Wireless Reports – Jeremy Mansfield and Garth Cooper**

Jeremy Mansfield, Middle School Principal, reported on the wireless network installation at the Primary School and Middle School. Mr. Mansfield reported that the infrastructure is in at both buildings and that there are a few configuration snags to work through. Mr. Mansfield stated that they hope to work on getting wireless access in the Middle School auditorium next year. He also stated that the second phase of the wireless installation at the Primary will be implemented next year.

**D. MACUL Community Project – Katie Fotis and Jeremy Mansfield**

Jeremy Mansfield, Middle School Principal, reported on the Michigan Association For Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) grant that Katie Fotis, Middle School teacher, received for digital cameras. He stated that students will be working on a project collecting historical information on the communities of Galesburg and Augusta, while using the digital cameras and technology in their research.

**III. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION**

**A. Sequestration Resolution**

Tim Vagts, Superintendent, recommended that the Board consider adopting the Sequestration Resolution which will be forwarded on to legislative representatives in Washington D.C. Districts nationwide will be affected financially if drastic budget cuts to K-12 federal programs occur on January 2, 2013.

**B. Bus Cameras**

Superintendent Vagts, discussed the quote and information received from Pro-Vision for bus cameras. He stated that federal at-risk funds will be used to purchase a bus camera system.

**C. Title I/At Risk Recommendation**

Tim Vagts, Superintendent, discussed the top six Title I/At Risk concepts for consideration and approval by the Board.

**IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION**

**A. Galesburg-Augusta Alternative Education Handbook.**

A motion was made by B. Kinas and supported by L. Wells to approve the Galesburg-Augusta Alternative Education Handbook. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Wells	yes
Fletcher	yes
Kinas	yes
Whitman	yes
Wilson	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes

**AYES:** 6 **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

**B. Sequestration Resolution**

A motion was made by B. Kinas and supported by L. Wells to approve the Sequestration Resolution. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Wilson	yes
Fletcher	yes
Wells	yes
Whitman	yes
Kinas	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes

**AYES:** 6    **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

**C. Bus Cameras**

A motion was made by C. Whitman and supported by R. Fletcher to table the bus camera purchase decision until January. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Wells	yes
Kinas	yes
Whitman	yes
Fletcher	yes
Wilson	no
Noteboom-Wood	no

**AYES:** 4    **NAYS:** 2. Motion Carried.

**D. Title I/At Risk Recommendation**

A motion was made by C. Whitman and supported by B. Wilson to approve the Title I/At Risk recommendation. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Fletcher	yes
Whitman	yes
Wilson	yes
Kinas	yes
Wells	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes

**AYES:** 6    **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

**E. Board Bylaw Approval**

A motion was made by B. Kinas and supported by C. Whitman to approve the Board Bylaw amendments as presented. Roll Call Vote.

Wells	yes
Fletcher	yes
Kinas	yes
Whitman	yes
Wilson	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes

**AYES:** 6    **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Public Participation**

Amy Harris, Topics: High number of bus driver turnovers, bus cameras and Superintendent's salary; Eric Curtiss, Topics: Statement of no-confidence vote by GAEA teachers association for Superintendent Vagts; and busing issues; *Vice President Noteboom-Wood requested a copy of the no-confidence statement read by Mr. Curtiss.* Teri Jordan, Topic: Teacher Negotiations; Jeff McCubbin, Topic: 2012-13 Budget; Kevin Nigg, Topic: Bus Cameras; Candy Thweatt, Topic: Band Concert.

**B. Board Comments**

Lynne Wells thanked the community and teachers for attending the meeting, Beth Wilson thanked everyone for attending the meeting, Bob Kinas expressed his appreciation to serve on the Board for the past seven years, Richard Fletcher thanked Mr. Pauken for the great band concert performance and expressed his thanks to all teachers, Chuck Whitman stated he has enjoyed his time serving with fellow Board members while in a battle to stay a public school, Sandy Noteboom-Wood reflected on the Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy and how important it is for our community come together.

**C. Superintendent's Update**

1. Board Retreat on Saturday, January 5th

**VI. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Negotiations**

A motion was made by B. Kinas and supported by B. Wilson to enter into closed session at 9:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

**AYES: 6 NAYS: 0.** Motion Carried.

A motion was made by B. Wilson and supported by R. Fletcher to come out of closed session and resume open session at 10:17 p.m.

**AYES: 6 NAYS: 0.** Motion Carried.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The December 17, 2012 regular meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

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Karen Rutherford, President

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Richard Fletcher, Secretary

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Brenda Sutherland, Recording Secretary