

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

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

October 15, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center

Next Regular Board Meeting: November 19, 2012 - 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: 57.

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- A. Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Rutherford at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- C. Roll Call.**

**Members Present:**

Karen Rutherford  
Richard Fletcher  
Chuck Whitman  
Beth Wilson  
Bob Kinas  
Lynne Wells

**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

**Member Absent:**

Sandra Noteboom-Wood

- D. Agenda Approval.** A motion was made by B. Kinas and supported by C. Whitman to approve the October 15, 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 September 17, 2012, and the closed session minutes of September 17, 2012.

- F. Accounts Payable Report.** Recommend approval of accounts payable in the amount of:  
\$73,353.88 for September 4, 2012, \$1,490.00 for September 4, 2012, \$15,114.70 for September 7, 2012, \$375.00 for September 11, 2012, \$39,033.19 for September 17, 2012, \$1,735.00 for September 17, 2012, \$104,011.85 for September 14, 2012, \$69,409.20 for

September 14, 2012, \$285.96 for September 14, 2012, \$51,048.76 for September 28, 2012, \$1,245.00 for September 28, 2012, and \$110,264.99 for September 28, 2012. **Grand Total: \$467,367.53.**

**G. Treasurer's Report.** Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2012, showing a balance of **\$1,589,924.50.**

**H. Personnel.**

**APPROVAL:**

Aric Riedmann has been hired as (.34) Middle School Physical Education teacher.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

Heather Bowers has resigned from her position as Middle School Physical Education Paraprofessional effective September 7, 2012. Tammi Tarantino has resigned from her position as part-time Central Office Receptionist effective September 18, 2012.

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

**Members:**

Kinas	yes
Wells	yes
Whitman	yes
Wilson	yes
Fletcher	yes
Rutherford	yes

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

**II. REPORTS**

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

Diane Doorlag addressed the Board regarding the agenda for this meeting.

**B. National Honor Society Red Cross Blood Drive**

Two GAHS National Honor Society students were on hand to announce that the next National Honor Society Blood Drive will take place on Friday, November 2, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the high school.

**C. Positive Behavior Supports – Garth Cooper**

Garth Cooper, Primary School Principal, reported on the Positive Behavior Supports program at the Primary School. Dr. Cooper explained that they are connecting positive behavior rewards with the healthy child initiatives. He stated that teachers are coming up with very creative rewards and students are really excited about the rewards they are receiving.

**D. Middle School Physical Education – Jeremy Mansfield**

Jeremy Mansfield, Middle School Principal, gave a report on the expansion of physical education opportunities for Middle School students. Mr. Mansfield shared some historical data per grade

level on how he is trying to make sure all Middle School students receive physical education opportunities. Mr. Mansfield emphasized the importance of student health and wellness.

**E. Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Representatives for G-A**

Lynn Buchkowski, Special Education Director, reported that Lisa Coleman and Kathy Burrows will serve a two-year term as PAC Committee representatives for GACS at the Kalamazoo RESA Special Education Parent Advisory Committee meetings.

**F. 2012-13 Financial Projection**

Tim Vagts, Superintendent, presented the 2012-13 financial projection for GACS via a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Vagts reviewed past budget reductions, and future budget challenges in regard to revenue, expenditures, and financial trends.

**III. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION**

**A. Alternative Education Handbook/Policy**

Richard Bowers, High School Principal, stated that a rough draft of policies and procedures for the Alternative Education program will be presented at the regular Board of Education meeting in November.

**B. Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Representatives for G-A**

Tim Vagts, Superintendent, thanked Lisa Coleman and Kathy Burrows for serving on the PAC Committee.

**C. Operating Millage Renewal on Non-Homestead Property**

Tim Vagts, Superintendent, explained that the operating millage renewal proposal will be on the November 6<sup>th</sup> ballot instead of holding a special election which would cost the district approximately \$6,000.00. He stated that information is available on the school website and that a flyer will be mailed out to district residents during the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION**

**A. Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Representatives for G-A**

A motion was made by C. Whitman and supported by B. Wilson to nominate Lisa Coleman and Kathy Burrows as Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Representatives for GACS. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Wells	yes
Fletcher	yes
Kinas	yes
Whitman	yes
Wilson	yes
Rutherford	yes

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

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Public Participation**

The following community members addressed the Board regarding transportation concerns: Lisa Coleman, Kevin Nigg, Tiffany Douglas, Tammy Hoffman, Ken Cote, Jessica Dolph, Todd Stephenson, Susan Piper, Deb Parra and Diane Doorlag. Tammy Hoffman addressed the Board regarding the Superintendent's evaluation and salary. Jeff McCubbin addressed the Board regarding the fund balance. Ed Dollin, of Auxilio Transportation spoke regarding the bus incident that happened on October 10<sup>th</sup>, and invited parents and Board members to attend a transportation meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the high school media center.

**B. Board Comments**

Lynne Wells and Bob Kinas thanked those who attended the meeting this evening to share their concerns.

**C. Superintendent's Update**

1. Board Member Boot Camp: On Wednesday, October 17
  - An informational meeting will be held at the Administration office for school board candidates at 7:00 p.m. on October 17, 2012.
2. Unity in the Community
3. Kalamazoo Community Foundation Educator Grants
4. Meet the Candidate on October 24, Non-Homestead Millage presentation at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**VI. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Negotiations**

A motion was made by B. Kinas and supported by C. Whitman to enter into closed session at 9:35 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 10:41 p.m.

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

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The October 15, 2012 regular meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

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Karen Rutherford, President

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Richard Fletcher, Secretary

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Brenda Sutherland, Recording Secretary