

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

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

August 20, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center

Next Regular Board Meeting: September 17, 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: 15.

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Rutherford at 7:05 p.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**C. Roll Call.**

**Members Present:**

Karen Rutherford  
Sandra Noteboom-Wood  
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  
Al Lentz, Interim High School Principal  
Tim Kerney, Maintenance Director  
Lynn Buchkowski, Special Education Director

**D. Agenda Approval.** A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by R. Fletcher to approve the August 20, 2012 GACS Board of Education amended regular meeting agenda with the addition of two items under item III. Business Items – Discussion; item B. WiFi Upgrades and item C. Middle School Lighting Project.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

**E. Secretary's Report.** Recommend approval of:  
The organizational meeting minutes of July 16, 2012, the regular meeting minutes of July 16, 2012, the School Board Retreat meeting minutes of July 28, 2012.

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

\$5,350.53 for July 3, 2012, \$52,634.73 for July 20, 2012, \$114, 009.58 for July 20, 2012, \$4,821.37 for July 27, 2012. **Grand Total: \$176,816.21.**

**G. Treasurer's Report.** Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2012, showing a balance of **\$1,682,732.74**, and July 31, 2012 showing a balance of **\$1,347,970.36**.

**H. Personnel.**

**APPROVAL:**

Recommend approval of the following resignations: Rick Lewis as Transportation Director, Kevin Riggs as High School Principal, and Kim Mannel as 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher. Recommend hiring Diane Fort as High School Intervention Specialist/Business Education Instructor, Kristopher Simms as High School Alternative Education Teacher, Aaron Berry as High School Resource Room Teacher, Heidi Kimble as 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Jonathan Hop as 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Sierra Koker as High School Spanish Teacher, and Raquel Kruse as part-time Middle School Spanish teacher.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

Marcia Dubbeld has resigned as Middle School library clerk. Tom Nieuwenhuis has been hired as Middle School Behavior Specialist/At-Risk Paraprofessional, and Brenda Hinds has been hired as Middle School Special Education Paraprofessional.

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

**Members:**

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

**AYES:** 7     **NAYS:** 0.     Motion Carried.

**II. REPORTS**

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

None

**B. Random Drug Test – Al Lentz**

Al Lentz, Interim High School Principal, gave a brief report on random drug testing at the high school. Mr. Lentz stated that a handbook policy has been developed, but the details have not been worked out yet. Mr. Lentz also noted that random drug testing occurs in 60% of school districts across the nation.

**C. Auxilio Transportation**

Ed Dollin of Auxilio gave an update on the transportation department. Heidi Mullin has been hired as the new transportation manager. Mr. Dollin also stated that they have been working on the bus routes adding more routes and possibly reducing them after things are up and running. Post cards will be mailed out to parents with routing information. Mr. Dollin reported that buses have been cleaned, and a group of mechanics will be checking each bus. A full report will be submitted on each bus and what has been done. Mr. Dollin stated that all of the drivers hired will have CPR training.

**III. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION**

**A. Property and Casualty Insurance**

Tim Vagts, Superintendent, stated that the district received a quote from the Ted Hartleb Agency for property and casualty insurance using EMC Insurance again as the district’s carrier. Mr. Vagts stated that EMC Insurance has served the district well over the years and recommended that the district stay with EMC Insurance.

**B. WiFi Upgrades**

Tim Vagts, Superintendent, stated that WiFi upgrades are needed at the Primary and Middle Schools. Our current WiFi system at the Primary and Middle School does not keep up with the demand. Mr. Vagts recommended that the district spend \$17,000 at each building to make upgrades to their WiFi systems.

**C. Middle School Lighting Project**

Tim Kerney, Maintenance Director, reported on the proposed lighting project at the Middle School. The quote received is \$31,860. By replacing lighting fixtures at the Middle School with more efficient lighting, the district would receive an \$8,000 rebate from Consumers Energy and recoup the rest of the project costs through a one year payback in energy savings. Mr. Kerney stated that it would take three months to complete the entire project.

**IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION**

**A. Regular Election Resolution**

A motion was made by B. Kinas and supported by C. Whitman to approve the Regular Election Resolution. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

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

**AYES:** 7   **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

**B. Wi-Fi Upgrades**

A motion was made by B. Kinas and supported by R. Fletcher to approve the Wi-Fi upgrades at the Primary School and Middle School. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

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

**AYES:** 5    **NAYS:** 2. Motion Carried.

**C. Children’s Internet Protection Policy Act – Internet Safety Policy**

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by B. Wilson to approve the Children’s Internet Protection Act - Internet Safety Policy. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

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

**AYES:** 7    **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

**D. Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Policy and Resolution**

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by B. Wilson to approve the Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Policy and Resolution. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

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

**AYES:** 7    **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

**E. Teacher Discipline Policy**

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by C. Whitman to approve the Teacher Discipline Policy. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

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

**AYES:** 7    **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

**F. Teacher Placement Policy**

A motion was made by R. Fletcher and supported by B. Wilson to approve the Teacher Placement Policy. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

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

**AYES:** 7    **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

**G. Reduction and Recall of Teachers Policy**

A motion was made by B. Wilson and supported by L. Wells to approve the Reduction and Recall of Teachers Policy. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

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

**AYES:** 7    **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

**H. Middle School Lighting Project**

A motion was made by L. Wells and supported by C. Whitman to approve the Middle School Lighting Project as presented. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

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

**AYES:** 7    **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

**I. Property and Casualty Insurance**

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by B. Wilson to approve the Property and Casualty Insurance quote from EMC Insurance as presented by the Ted Hartleb Agency. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

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

**AYES:** 6    **NAYS:** 1. Motion Carried.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Public Participation**

Andrea McCubbin- Topic: Macy’s fundraiser, painting and updates at Maskill field, and two-way transportation.

Terri Jordan – Topic: WiFi, Middle School lighting project, and new teacher policies.

**B. Board Comments**

**C. Superintendent’s Update**

1. School Board By-Law Committee
2. Seat Time Waiver
3. Education Reconnect
4. Cameras at the Middle School

5. Child Care Business Plan

**VI. CLOSED SESSION**

A. Negotiations

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by R. Fletcher to enter into closed session at 9:59 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

**AYES:** 7    **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by R. Fletcher and supported by C. Whitman to come out of closed session and resume open session at 11:47 p.m.

**AYES:** 7    **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The August 20, 2012 regular meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m.