

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools
1076 N. 37th Street, Galesburg, MI 49053 * 269-484-2000

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 16, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center
Next Regular Board Meeting: May 21, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center

MINUTES

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

Number of people in audience: 37.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Call Meeting to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Kinas at 7:01 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

- *Galesburg-Augusta Brownie Troop #80308 Presentation – Amanda Coors*
The Galesburg-Augusta Brownie Troop led the Pledge of Allegiance, and gave a brief presentation regarding their donation of a Red Bud tree to the G-A Primary School.

C. Roll Call.

Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Tim Vagts, Superintendent
Chris Hurley, Primary School Principal
Kevin Riggs, High School Principal
Jeremy Mansfield, Middle School Principal
Laura Ash, Business Manager

D. Agenda Approval. A motion was made by C. Whitman and supported by B. Wilson to approve the April 16, 2012, GACS Board of Education regular meeting agenda.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.

E. Secretary's Report. Recommend approval of:

The regular meeting minutes of March 19, 2012, the Closed Session Minutes of March 19, 2012, the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of April 9, 2012, and the Special Meeting minutes of April 9, 2012.

- F. Accounts Payable Report.** Recommend approval of accounts payable in the amount of: \$116,501.49 for March 7, 2012, \$83,273.45 for March 15, 2012, \$35,844.82 for March 26, 2012, and \$623,309.26 for March 23, 2012 **Grand Total: \$858,929.02.**
- G. Treasurer's Report.** Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2012, showing a balance of **\$3,387,684.85.**
- H. Personnel.**

APPROVAL:

Recommend approving the resignation of Phyllis Bartosiewicz, Middle School Computer Teacher, effective June 13, 2012.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Joe Cullinane and Mark Clemmens have resigned as part time custodians, Gary Schmidt has resigned as high school custodian, Rick Mann has resigned as substitute custodian, Elizabeth Norman has resigned as recess aide at the Primary, and Jacob Osterling as varsity wrestling coach.

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by K. Rutherford to approve agenda items E through H. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

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

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0. Motion Carried.

II. REPORTS

A. Community Input – Agenda Items Only

Several audience members spoke on behalf of Mr. Hurley and the issue of nonrenewal of his contract.

B. Kalamazoo Community Foundation

Superintendent Vagts informed the Board of a change to grant funds designated to G-A Community Schools that will be brought forth for a decision at the May 21st regular meeting.

C. Egghead Deals.com

Superintendent Vagts reported on Egghead Deals.com, which is an alternative revenue stream for the district to consider.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION

A. Budget Timeline

Superintendent Vagts informed the Board of upcoming budget meetings in May.

B. Bullying Policy – First Reading

Superintendent Vagts shared information on the new Bullying Policy.

IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

A. High School Drug Awareness and Substance Abuse Program

A motion was made by R. Fletcher and supported by K. Rutherford to approve the implementation of the High School Drug Awareness and Substance Abuse Program. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

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

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

B. Weighted Grading System

A motion was made by L. Wells and supported by S. Noteboom-Wood to approve the weighted grading system as presented. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

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

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

C. Nonrenewal of the Primary School Principal’s Contract.

A motion was made by K. Rutherford and supported by S. Noteboom-Wood to approve the nonrenewal of Chris Hurley’s administrator contract. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

Whitman	no
Rutherford	yes

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

AYES: 4 **NAYS:** 3. Motion Carried.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Participation

Pat Sexton, Middle School Counselor, announced that three G-A students have been accepted to attend the Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center beginning with the 2012-13 school year.

B. Board Comments

Sandra Noteboom-Wood thanked Diane Doorlag for her letter to the editor regarding the bond issue. Richard Fletcher stated that the non-renewal decision was difficult and that the Board has the best interest of the students at heart. Chuck Whitman thanked Chris Hurley for his years of service at G-A. Lynne Wells thanked Diane Doorlag for her letter to the editor, and also thanked Chris Hurley for his service. Bob Kinas congratulated Chris Hurley for his years of dedication and service at G-A.

C. Superintendent's Update

1. 2011-12 Excellence in Special Education Award Nominees for G-A.

Jill Rekis, first grade teacher at the Primary School, will receive the 2011-12 Excellence in Special Education Award for the Eastern Service Area. Cindy Roe, High School Special Education Teacher, and Angela Miller, Primary School Special Education Teacher, were also nominees for this award.

2. Bond Progress.

The committee has been working very hard. A Community Forum is scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school.

3. Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools Scholarships.

Six scholarships were awarded to high school seniors on April 11, 2012 totaling \$1,700.00.

4. Kalamazoo Community Foundation Good Neighbor Grant for Family Literacy.

The Primary School was awarded an \$800.00 grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for Family Literacy Night.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The April 16, 2012 regular meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Bob Kinas, President

Beth Wilson, Secretary

Brenda Sutherland, Recording Secretary