

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

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 20, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center
Next Regular Board Meeting: March 19, 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: 13.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Kinas at 7:11 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 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
Brent Cole, Assistant High School Principal
Jeremy Mansfield, Middle School Principal
Laura Ash, Business Manager
Lynn Buchkowski, Special Education Director

- D. Agenda Approval.** A motion was made by C. Whitman and supported by S. Noteboom-Wood to approve the February 20, 2012, GACS Board of Education regular meeting agenda.

AYES: 7. NAYS: 0. Motion Carried.

- E. Secretary's Report.** Recommend approval of:
The January 16, 2012 regular meeting minutes, the closed session minutes of January 16, 2012, the special meeting minutes of February 6, 2012, the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of February 6, 2012, and the AHP Scholarship meeting minutes of February 6, 2012.
- F. Accounts Payable Report.** Recommend approval of accounts payable in the amount of:

\$167,134.43 for January 5, 2012, \$940.00 for January 12, 2012, \$2,708.00 for January 19, 2012, \$77,514.41 for January 24, 2012, \$1,669.42 for January 26, 2012, and \$613,110.05 for January 27, 2012. **Grand Total: \$863,076.31.**

G. Treasurer's Report. Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2012, showing a balance of **\$2,207,978.28.**

H. Personnel.

APPROVAL:

Karen Buning has resigned as Middle School/High School Spanish Teacher effective February 13, 2012. Tessa Ziebarth has been hired as a long-term substitute Spanish teacher at the Middle School and High School.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Mark Clemmens and Joe Cullinane have been hired as part-time custodians, Tony Smith has been hired as head varsity football coach, and Heather Bowers has been hired as Physical Education Aide at the Middle School. Linda Couch resigned effective January 10, 2012 as Physical Education Aide at the Middle School, and John Erbach resigned effective February 16, 2012, as part-time computer technician.

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

Members:

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

AYES: 7. NAYS: 0. Motion Carried.

II. REPORTS

A. Community Input – Agenda Items Only

Jennifer Blake shared her concerns about the possibility of 7th and 8th grade students being at the high school if the bond vote passes. Ms. Blake also asked if there will be opportunities for community meetings to discuss the upcoming May 8th bond vote.

B. Data – Administrative Team

Tim Vagts, Superintendent, and Principals, Kevin Riggs, Brent Cole, Jeremy Mansfield and Chris Hurley presented K-12 student data to the Board.

C. Class Offering – Evan Pauken

Evan Pauken, Band Director, explained his band scheduling proposal for the 2012-2013 school year which includes the addition of an advanced music course at the high school, and an additional instructor at the middle school.

D. High School Opt-Out Proposal – Kevin Riggs

Kevin Riggs, High School Principal, explained the proposed option and procedure for high school students to test out of high school classes.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION

A. High School Opt-Out Proposal

The Board discussed the proposal presented by Mr. Riggs.

IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

A. Term of Service for Galesburg-Augusta Board of Education Members.

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by R. Fletcher to approve a four year term of service for G-A Board of Education Members. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

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

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

B. Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools’ Value and Commitment Statements.

A motion was made by B. Wilson and supported by K. Rutherford to approve the GACS Value and Commitment Statements 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. Special School Bond Election Resolution for May 8, 2012.

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by C. Whitman to approve the resolution to hold a special school bond election on May 8, 2012, as presented. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

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

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

D. Resolution to Declare Policyholder Status for Healthcare Services Benefits.

A motion was made by L. Wells and supported by B. Wilson to approve the Resolution to Declare Policyholder Status for Healthcare Services Benefits. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

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

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

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Participation

Amy Harris asked the Board if school board meetings could be posted on the marquee at the high school. Ms. Harris also inquired about the possibility of getting an agenda in advance of a Board meeting via the new website.

B. Board Comments

None

C. Superintendent's Update

1. Hall of Fame
2. Governor's Education Report
3. Bond Update
4. Adlai Stevenson Visitation

VI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Periodic Personnel Evaluations

A motion was made by C. Whitman and supported by S. Noteboom-Wood to enter into closed session at 10:25 p.m.

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

A motion was made by R. Fletcher and supported by S. Noteboom-Wood to come out of closed session and resume open session at 11:25 p.m.

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The February 20, 2012 regular meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Bob Kinas, President

Beth Wilson, Secretary

Brenda Sutherland, Recording Secretary