

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

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 16, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center

Next Regular Board Meeting: February 20, 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 the audience: 5.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Call Meeting to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Kinas at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call.

Members Present:

Bob Kinas
Karen Rutherford
Beth Wilson
Lynne Wells
Richard Fletcher

Administrators Present:

Tim Vagts, Superintendent
Chris Hurley, Primary School Principal
Kevin Riggs, High School Principal
Laura Ash, Business Manager
Lynn Buchkowski, Special Education Director

Members Absent:

Sandra Noteboom-Wood
Chuck Whitman

D. Agenda Approval. A motion was made by R. Fletcher and supported by K. Rutherford to approve the January 16, 2012 GACS Board of Education regular meeting agenda.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

E. Secretary's Report. Recommend approval of:

The December 19, 2011, regular meeting minutes, the special meeting minutes of December 19, 2011, the closed session minutes of December 19, 2011, the special meeting minutes of January 7, 2012, the special meeting minutes of January 9, 2012, and the closed session minutes of January 9, 2012.

- F. **Accounts Payable Report.** Recommend approval of accounts payable in the amount of: \$164,533.67 for December 1, 2011, \$1,925.71 for December 7, 2011, \$897.00 for December 14, 2011, \$676,012.03 for December 9, 2011, \$75,151.30 for December 16, 2011, \$6,994.38 for December 21, 2011, and \$1,177.89 for December 22, 2011. **Grand Total: \$926,691.98.**
- G. **Treasurer's Report.** Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2011, showing a balance of **\$1,029,045.63.**
- H. **Personnel.**

APPROVAL:
None

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:

Rutherford	yes
Wells	yes
Wilson	yes
Fletcher	yes
Kinas	yes

AYES: 5 **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

II. REPORTS

A. Community Input – Agenda Items Only
None

B. Business and Operations Report – Laura Ash

Laura Ash, Business Manager, presented the business and operations report. She gave the Board an update on the short term, long term, and ongoing goals created by the Business and Operations Strategic Plan Committee.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION

A. Resolution for Best Practices

Laura Ash, Business Manager, reviewed the Best Practice Incentive Resolution with the Board. The resolution will be brought forth for approval at the regular board of education meeting on March 19, 2012.

B. Resolution to Declare Policyholder Status for Healthcare Services Benefits

Laura Ash, Business Manager, reviewed the resolution to Declare Policyholder Status for Healthcare Services Benefits. This resolution will be brought forth for approval at the regular board of education meeting on February 20, 2012.

C. Board Election Dates and Cycles

A discussion took place regarding four year vs. six year terms of service for board of education members due to new state legislation moving school board elections from May to the November general elections in even numbered years. A survey will be available on our website asking for community input on this topic.

IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

A. Preliminary School Bond Qualification and Loan Program Application Approval.

A motion was made by R. Fletcher supported by L. Wells to approve the Preliminary School Bond Qualification and Loan Program Application. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

Fletcher	yes
Wells	yes
Rutherford	yes
Wilson	yes
Kinas	yes

AYES: 5 **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by R. Fletcher and supported by K. Rutherford to add decision item B to the agenda to approve the Bonding Proposal Language. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

Fletcher	yes
Wells	yes
Rutherford	yes
Wilson	yes
Kinas	yes

AYES: 5 **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

B. Bonding Proposal Language.

A motion was made by B. Wilson and supported by K. Rutherford to approve the Bonding Proposal Language as presented. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

Wells	yes
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Rutherford yes
Wilson yes
Fletcher yes
Kinas yes

AYES: 5 **NAYS:** 0. Motion Carried.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Participation

Amy Harris asked what is being done currently to save for major repairs needed to the facilities. Ms. Harris also asked for clarification on the Board election cycles.

B. Board Comments

Richard Fletcher provided clarification on the Best Practices Resolution regarding the bidding of non-instructional services. Mr. Fletcher also stated that the G-A band members who recently participated in the solo and ensemble each received a #1 rating. Karen Rutherford thanked everyone for their participation and also added that a draft copy of the Board Self Evaluation document will be available at the regular Board meeting in February. Lynne Wells stated that the G-A Foundation recently received \$19,000 for scholarships which will be part of their endowment at the Kalamazoo Foundation.

C. Superintendent's Update

1. Student Achievement Professional Development

Mr. Vagts updated the Board on Nancy Fahner's work with G-A teaching staff.

2. Hall of Fame

Mr. Vagts thanked those working on the athletic Hall of Fame event which will take place on Friday, January 20th between the boys and girls basketball games, with a luncheon being held at the high school cafeteria honoring the 2012 inductees on Saturday, January 21st.

3. District School Improvement

The District School Improvement Team will be meeting on Monday, January 23rd from 4-7 p.m.

4. Renaissance Team Meeting

A Renaissance Team Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8th.

5. Blood Drive

The National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, February 3rd beginning at 7:00 a.m.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Negotiations

A motion was made by B. Wilson and supported by R. Fletcher to enter into closed session at 9:04 p.m. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by R. Fletcher and supported by K. Rutherford to come out of closed session and resume open session at 9:25 p.m. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The January 16, 2012 regular meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Bob Kinas, President

Beth Wilson, Secretary

Brenda Sutherland, Recording Secretary