Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools

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

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

July 19, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. – Board Conference Room #240
Next Regular Board Meeting: August 16, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. - Board Conference Room #240

MINUTES

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

Number of people in audience 6.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Call Meeting to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Kinas at 7:22 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call.

Members Present:
Bob Kinas
Karen Rutherford
Beth Wilson
Lynne Wells
Sandra Noteboom-Wood
Richard Fletcher
Curt Case

Administrators Present:
Tim Vagts, Superintendent

D. Agenda Approval. A motion was made by C. Case and supported by R. Fletcher to approve the July 19, 2010, GACS Board of Education regular meeting agenda with the addition of a closed session following the regular meeting.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

E. Secretary's Report. Recommend approval of:
Minutes of the regular meeting of June 21, 2010, and minutes from the special meeting of June 21, 2010.

F. Accounts Payable Report. Recommend approval of accounts payable in the amount of: $230,530.98 for June 29, 2010 and $122,520.06 for July 8, 2010. **Grand Total: $353,051.04.**

G. Treasurer's Report. Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2010, showing a balance of $628,581.37.

H. Personnel.
Recommend hiring Laura Ash as Business Manager and Piper Walker as Middle School Special Education teacher.

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

Members:

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

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

II. REPORTS

A. Community Input – Agenda Items Only
None

III. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION

A. Compensation for Jeremy Mansfield, Molly Fisher, Brenda Sutherland
A discussion took place regarding the job responsibilities and compensation for Jeremy Mansfield, Molly Fisher and Brenda Sutherland for the 2010-2011 school year.

B. Laura Britain tenure
A discussion took place regarding granting tenure to Laura Britain, Middle School teacher.

C. Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative Amendment Resolution
Mr. Vagts explained the Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative Amendment Resolution to the Board.

D. School Bond Qualification and Loan Program Resolution
Mr. Vagts reviewed the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program Resolution with the Board.

E. Strategic Planning and follow-up for 2010-2011
Mr. Vagts stated this will be an area of focus and will recommend that the administrative team make two presentations during the year to review the progress of Strategic Planning.

IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

A. Laura Britain tenure.

A motion was made by C. Case supported by K. Rutherford to approve tenure for Laura Britain Roll Call Vote.

Members:

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

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

B. Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative Amendment Resolution.

A motion was made by C. Case supported by R. Fletcher to approve the Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative Amendment Resolution Roll Call Vote.

Members:

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

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

C. School Bond Qualification and Loan Program Resolution.

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

Members:

Fletcher	yes
Wilson	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes
Rutherford	yes
Wells	yes
Case	yes

Kinas yes

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

D. Section 105 and 105C Status - Schools of Choice.

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood supported by B. Wilson to approve establishing Galesburg-Augusta Community School District as a "Schools of Choice" district under Section 105 and 105C of the State School Aid Act. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

Wilson	yes
Case	yes
Rutherford	yes
Wells	no
Noteboom-Wood	yes
Fletcher	no
Case	yes

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

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Participation

Dan Savage asked the Board what steps should be taken to consider self-funding freshmen sports.

B. Board Comments

Sandy Noteboom-Wood asked if most of the materials from the Intermediate school were going to the Middle School so that the district does not have to purchase new. Ms. Noteboom-Wood also asked if Mr. Vagts could set permanent dates and times for administrative team meetings. Curt Case welcomed the new officers of the Board. Karen Rutherford welcomed Richard Fletcher as a Board member. Bob Kinas welcomed all Board members back and thanked Curt for his service as Board president.

C. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Vagts stated that the team cleaning of buildings is going well. The custodians will be moving to the High School this Friday to start on that building. Mr. Vagts also announced the receiving word on the resignations of Nick Gerber and Eric Hayner. Mr. Vagts informed the Board that work at the Middle School is progressing nicely. Mr. Vagts also informed the Board of a few issues that have come up during the construction phase that will be taken care of. Mr. Vagts discussed the documents that have been posted on the website regarding the new transparency law. He stated that any salary over $100.000.00 should be posted on the website according to the new law. Mr. Vagts would like to see salaries of $30,000.00 and up for G-A employees posted as well. Superintendent Vagts also discussed exit interviews with the Board.

VI. Following the regular meeting the Board of Education will recess to closed session for the purpose of discussing the sale of property.

The July 19, 2010 regular meeting recessed to closed session at 9:06 p.m.

VII. Adjournment.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Bob Kinas, President

Beth Wilson, Secretary

Brenda Sutherland, Recording Secretary