Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools

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

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 20, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center
Next Regular Board Meeting: January 17, 2011 - 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, Curt Case

Number of people in audience 15 .

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Call Meeting to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Kinas at 7:02 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
Chris Hurley, Primary School Principal
Jeremy Mansfield, Middle School Principal
Todd Reynolds, High School Principal
Laura Ash, Business Manager

As a part of our monthly Student Recognition, the High School Jazz Band performed two Holiday tunes for the Board and audience.

The Board recessed the meeting at 7:12 p.m. to help the band members move their instruments and resumed the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

D. Agenda Approval. A motion was made by C. Case and supported by B. Wilson to approve the amended agenda moving Business Decision Item A. after Business Discussion Item A. on the December 20, 2010, GACS Board of Education regular meeting agenda.

AYES: 7 **NAYS**: 0

E. Secretary's Report. Recommend approval of:

Minutes of the regular meeting of November 15, 2010, the special meeting minutes of November 15, 2010, November 23, 2010, and December 6, 2010; the closed session minutes of November 15, 2010, and December 6, 2010.

F. **Accounts Payable Report.** Recommend approval of accounts payable in the amount of: $122,042.43 for November 1, 2010, $25,837.58 for November 17, 2010, and $814,130.01 for November 30, 2010. **Grand Total: $962,010.02**

G. **Treasurer's Report.** Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2010, showing a balance of **$1,222,661.14.**

H. **Personnel.**

APPROVAL:
No recommendations for approval this month.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
Kimberly Reynolds has been hired as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the Primary, Penelope Ragotzy, Karen Bowers and Joanna Colvin have been hired as Food Service substitutes. The following Spring coaches have been hired; Scott Taylor, Boys Track; David Hocker, Girl's Track; John Groh, Assistant Track coach; Carrie Sutton, Girl's Tennis; Chip Paddock, Varsity Baseball; Brendan Ragotzy, JV Baseball; Jeff Merasco, JV Softball. The Varsity Softball coaching position has been posted.

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

Members:

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

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 Motion Carried.

II. REPORTS

A. Community Input – Agenda Items Only
None

B. Physical Education Report – Brent Cole
Brent Cole was absent due to a death in the family. This report will take place at the January 17, 2011, School Board Meeting.

C. Strategic Planning Updates
Various presentations were given on the Strategic Planning process.

- Curriculum and Instruction – Todd Reynolds
- Community and District Relationships – Jeremy Mansfield, Chris Hurley
- Business and Operations – Laura Ash

III. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION

A. Custodial Contract (Board to consider agenda amendment to ratify contract for public signing)
Tim Vagts, Superintendent, spoke briefly about the custodial negotiations and introduced Angela Tabor, Union Representative. At this time, the Board ratified the custodial contract (see Business Decision Item A.) and Angela Tabor, Dave Hartman, Tim Vagts and Bob Kinas signed the custodial contract.

B. Mission, Vision, Value, Goals
This is a work in progress. A discussion took place on this topic.

C. 2010-2011 Actual Reductions
Laura Ash, Business Manager, presented the 2010-2011 actual reductions.

D. Election Date Consideration
The Board discussed the correspondence from Tim Snow, County Clerk, regarding moving the School Board election to even number years. This topic will be brought forward as a decision item at the January 17, 2011, Board meeting.

E. G-A Ram Branding
A discussion took place about the need to come up with a uniform Ram logo.

F. Resolution for Regional Millage Renewal
The K/RESA Regional Millage Renewal resolution was discussed. The resolution will be on the January 17, 2011, Board meeting agenda for approval.

IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

A. Custodial Contract.

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood supported by B. Wilson to approve the Custodial Contract as presented. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

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

Wells	yes
Kinas	yes

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 Motion Carried.

B. Fourth Related Math Credit.

A motion was made by B. Wilson and supported by K. Rutherford to approve the Countywide Education for Employment courses as presented for a fourth related math credit. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

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

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0. Motion Carried.

C. Architect Decision.

A motion was made by B. Wilson and supported by C. Case to approve selecting Kingscott & Associates as an architect for future facility considerations. Roll Call Vote.

Members:

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

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0. Motion Carried.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Participation

Diane Doorlag spoke regarding 6th grade English. Jeff McCubbin shared his concerns about the lights at the bus garage being on for long periods of time. Vicki DeLeon stated that she did not have the opportunity to speak with her child's teachers at the Middle School during conference time because of her schedule, and after contacting them only one responded to accommodate another date for her to meet.

B. Board Comments

Lynne Wells announced that there will be a Band concert fundraiser on February 16, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Comstock Auditorium. Proceeds will go toward helping students less fortunate attend the Band trip coming up this school year.

Sandy Noteboom-Wood thanked those involved with the custodial contract. She also thanked community members for their comments this evening.

Richard Fletcher thanked the community members who spoke this evening.

Karen Rutherford thanked the community for their comments. She also thanked Laura for her work on the actual reductions report.

Bob Kinas stated that he was very honored to attend the National Honor Society induction ceremony where eleven juniors were inducted. Mr. Kinas stated that he attended the G-A History Museum project in Mrs. Collier's class. Mr. Kinas also thanked the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for their participation in community projects.

C. Superintendent's Update

Mr. Vagts stated that the Intermediate building has been transferred over to the Foundation for Behavioral Resources. Mr. Vagts also informed the board that a request will go out to MDOT to do a traffic study at the corner of M-96 and North 37th street. Mr. Vagts stated that the G-A Middle School and the G-A Primary School were recipient of United Way grants. The Middle School received $450.00 for their long-term project honoring grandparents and the Primary School received $4,200.00 for the Pre-K program.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Negotiations

A motion was made by R. Fletcher supported by B. Wilson to enter into closed session at 10:27p.m. (Lynne Wells was not present in the room at the time the motion was made, but returned just a few seconds after.)

AYES: 6 **NAYS**: 0

A motion was made by B. Wilson supported by R. Fletcher to go out of closed session and resume open session at 11:00 p.m.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The December 20, 2010, Regular Board of Education Meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

Bob Kinas, President

Beth Wilson, Secretary

Brenda Sutherland, Recording Secretary