

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools
1076 N. 37th Street, Galesburg, MI 49053 * 269-484-2000
Regular Board of Education Meeting
June 15, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting – Meeting ID: 341 600 4497

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MINUTES

Superintendent: Wendy Maynard-Somers
Board Trustees: Jeff McCubbin, Diana Walker, Stephanie Knoblock, Archie Silkworth, Carolyn Martin, Kim Hubbard, Ben Overgaard

This is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President McCubbin at 7:47 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jeff McCubbin, Kim Hubbard, Ben Overgaard, Stephanie Knoblock, Diana Walker, Carolyn Martin. Member Absent: Archie Silkworth

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by D. Walker and supported by C. Martin to approve the agenda as amended by Athletics Return Plan as item E under section VI. Reports and moving Superintendent Evaluation to item F under section VI. Reports and adding closed session under section X. and moving adjournment to XI. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes of May 18, 2020 and June 1, 2020.

B. Approval of Accounts Payable

Accounts payable in the amount of \$405,313.66 for the month of May, 2020.

C. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report dates May 31, 2020 in the amount of \$2,930,817.71.

D. Approval of New Hires/Resignations/Retirements

Resignation: Noelle Blades-Penn, High School Counselor

Motion by S. Knoblock and supported by B. Overgaard to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll

Call Vote: Martin-yes, Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Overgaard-yes, Walker-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

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VI. REPORTS

A. Community Input – Agenda Items Only

Eric Curtiss, Topics: Merit Pay, Middle School Counselor Posting. Beth DeLaet, Topics: G-A is a great place to work, and respects amount of time it took to prepare and present the budgets. Amanda Headley, Topic: Difference between new middle school position recently posted and Jamie Korinek’s current position.

B. Celebration – End of the Year Staff Awards

GACS end of the year staff service award recipients were honored as well as a retiree. Those honored were Kim Hickman – 30 years of Service, Cheryl Fryer – 30 years of Service, Brenda Robbins – 20 years of Service and Pat Sexton – Retiree.

C. Special Education Report – Jennifer Chiechi

Jennifer Chiechi reported on how the special education department, teachers and paraprofessionals, all came together to go above and beyond to help special education students during the time of closure.

D. Child Care Opening – Jillian Turner

Jillian Turner explained what steps she and the staff are taking to safely open childcare on June 22, 2020.

C. Athletics Return Plan

Mike Woodard, Athletic Director, explained that summer conditioning will begin on Monday, June 22, 2020 and what precautions will be put into place to keep athletes safe during this time.

D. Superintendent Evaluation

Diana Walker explained the process of evaluating the superintendent with the board using an evaluation tool from MASB to score each category. The scores were totaled, and Superintendent Maynard-Somers received a 3.8 rating on a 4.0 scale which gives her a highly effective rating. Superintendent Maynard-Somers contract was also approved with one more year added to go through 2023.

VII. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Budget Discussion

Phillip Heasley, Business Manager, reported that there is nothing out of the ordinary to report with the budget. The monthly budget documents were included in the school board meeting packet.

B. 2020-2021 MHSAA Membership Resolution

The Board approved the MHSAA membership annually. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2020-21 MHSAA Membership Resolution.

C. Cash Flow Borrowing

Phillip Heasley, Business Manager, recommends that the district not go through Michigan Finance Authority this year and instead use a competitive bid and go with a bank for cash flow borrowing. Phillip has been consulting with Thrun Law Firm regarding this change.

D. Merit Pay Discussion

Superintendent Maynard Somers explained that teachers have worked very hard during the school closure period and recommended pausing merit pay and looking at it in the fall due to recent budget concerns.

VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

A. Food Service Budget for 2019-2020

Motion by D. Walker and supported by K. Hubbard to approve the final food service budget for 2019-2020 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Martin-yes, Walker-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

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B. Food Service Budget for 2020-2021

Motion by C. Martin and supported by B. Overgaard to approve the food service budget for 2020-2021 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Martin-yes, Walker-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

C. General Fund Budget for 2019-2020

Motion by D. Walker and supported by S. Knoblock to approve the final general fund budget for 2019-2020 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Martin-yes, Knoblock-yes, Hubbard-yes, Walker-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

D. General Fund Budget for 2020-2021

Motion by K. Hubbard and supported by C. Martin to approve the general fund budget for 2020-2021 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Martin-yes, Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Overgaard-yes, Walker-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

E. Student and School Activity Fund Budget Resolution 2019-2020

Motion by D. Walker and supported by B. Overgaard to approve the resolution for the adoption of the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools 2019-2020 final Student and School Activity Fund Budget. Roll Call Vote: Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Walker-yes, Martin-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

F. Student and School Activity Fund Budget Resolution 2020-2021

Motion by C. Martin and supported by K. Hubbard to approve the resolution for the adoption of the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools 2020-2021 Original Student and School Activity Fund Budget. Roll Call Vote: Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Martin-yes, Overgaard-yes, Walker-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

G. 2020-2021 Operating and Debt Fund Millage Resolution

Motion by D. Walker and supported by C. Martin to approve the 2020 Operating and Debt Fund Millage Resolution as presented. Roll Call Vote: Walker-yes, Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Martin-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

H. Second Reading and Adoption of NEOLA Board Policies Volume 34 No. 2

Motion by S. Knoblock and supported by K. Hubbard to approve the adoption of NEOLA policy updates – Volume 34 No. 2. Roll Call Vote: Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Martin-yes, Walker-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

I. Approval of 2020-2021 MHSAA Membership Resolution

Motion by D. Walker and supported by B. Overgaard to approve the Membership Resolution to join MHSAA for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Roll Call Vote: Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Martin-yes, Walker-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

J. Second Reading and Approval of Athletic Strategic Plan

Motion by B. Overgaard and supported by D. Walker to approve the final Galesburg-Augusta Athletic Strategic Plan as presented. Roll Call Vote: Martin-yes, Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Walker-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

K. Superintendent Evaluation

Motion by C. Martin and supported by S. Knoblock to approve the evaluation of the Superintendent Wendy Somers as highly effective. Roll Call Vote: Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Martin-yes, Walker-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

L. Superintendent Contract Extension

Motion by S. Knoblock and supported by K. Hubbard to extend the contract of Superintendent Wendy Somers for an additional year, 2020-2023. Roll Call Vote: Hubbard-yes, Walker-yes, Knoblock-yes, Martin-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

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IX. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Participation

Kevin Nigg, Topic: MHSAA guidelines for returning to sports.

B. Board Comments

Board comments were made.

C. Superintendent Update

- H.S. Graduation
- New Custodial Company
- Tennis Courts
- Virtual Academy
- Summer Food Program

X. CLOSED SESSION

A. Contract Negotiations

Motion by B. Overgaard and supported by K. Hubbard to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations as permitted under Section 8c of the open meetings act. Motion Carried 6-0.

Open session resumed at 9:56 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Jeff McCubbin, President

Stephanie Knoblock, Secretary

Brenda Sutherland, Recording Secretary

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