

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools
1076 N. 37th Street, Galesburg, MI 49053 * 269-484-2000
Regular Board of Education Meeting
July 20, 2020 – 6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jeff McCubbin, Diana Walker, Stephanie Knoblock, Carolyn Martin, Ben Overgaard, Archie Silkworth, Kim Hubbard arrived at 6:50 p.m.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by D. Walker and supported by A. Silkworth to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approve meeting minutes of June 15, 2020.

B. Approval of Accounts Payable

Accounts payable in the amount of \$219,289.94 for the month of June, 2020.

C. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer report dated June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$2,654,912.91.

D. Approval of New Hires/Resignations/Retirements

Lori Washburn has been hired as part time Middle School Intervention Resource Specialist.

Resignations: Janice Page, Special Education Job Coach, Laura Britain, 5th Grade Teacher, Larry Richards, High School Cafeteria Monitor, Crystal Smith, G-A Learning Center Lead Teacher.

Motion by S. Knoblock and supported by C. Martin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call
Vote: Martin-yes, Knoblock-yes, Silkworth-yes, Overgaard-yes, Walker-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion
Carried 6-0.

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Mission Statement:

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VI. REPORTS

A. Community Input – Agenda Items Only

Eric Curtiss, GAEA President/Teacher shared many concerns from teachers about the reopening of school.

VII. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Budget Discussion

The monthly budget documents were included in the board packet.

B. Reopening of School

Superintendent Maynard-Somers explained that under Phase 4 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan schools may reopen for face to face instruction. Superintendent Maynard-Somers reviewed the options that G-A could consider for returning to school. The Board will be voting on G-A's return to school plan on Monday, August 10, 2020.

VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

A. Food Service Bids

Motion by D. Walker and supported by K. Hubbard to approve the 2020-2021 food service bids from Aunt Millie's for bread items and Prairie Farms Dairy for milk. Roll Call Vote: Hubbard-yes, Silkworth-yes, Knoblock-yes, Walker-yes, Martin-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

B. Cash Flow Borrowing Resolution

Motion by D. Walker and supported by K. Hubbard to approve the State Aid Operating Notes Resolution as presented. Roll Call Vote: Silkworth-yes, Knoblock-yes, Hubbard-yes, Walker-yes, Martin-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Participation

Kevin Nigg, Topic: Ill student flow chart, Theresa Shepherd, Topic: Return to school- safety concerns, Kim Jankowski, Topic: Return to school- worry and concern from staff, Eric Curtiss: Return to school-spacing issues, liability issues, lack of subs; Jill Rekis, Topic: Return to school- trying to do job safely with so much risk.

B. Board Comments

Board comments were made.

C. Superintendent Update

- Graduation ceremony at the football field was fantastic! Superintendent Maynard-Somers commended High School Principal, Christie Robinson, and staff for a job well done.
- Will keep school board apprised of any updates regarding the return to school plan.

X. CLOSED SESSION

A. Negotiations

B. Personnel

Motion by C. Martin and supported by A. Silkworth to enter closed session at 8:36 p.m. for the purpose of contract negotiations as permitted under section 8c of the open meetings act.

Open session resumed at 9:23 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

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Jeff McCubbin, President

Stephanie Knoblock, Secretary

Brenda Sutherland, Recording Secretary

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