

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING November 21, 2019
LOCATION Gallatin County Educational Complex, 5175 Highway 13, Junction IL 62954, HS Library
TIME 7:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Steve Galt
(Presiding Officer)

Rob Wood

Gary Clayton

Matt Seely

Richard Case

Dr. Michael Blain

Wes Henson

Judy Kaegi
(Superintendent of Schools)



Gallatin County School Board Meeting
Gallatin County High School Library
November 21, 2019, 7:15pm

The Gallatin County School Board met on November 21, 2019, at 7:15 p.m. in the high school library at the Gallatin County Education Complex, 5175 Highway 13, Junction, Illinois 62954. President Steve Galt called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Those present were: Steve Galt, Rob Wood, Gary Clayton, Richard Case, Wes Henson, Matt Seely, Dr. Michael Blain

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Wes Henson for approval of consent agenda. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0: VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; and Dr. Michael Blain

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Richard Case to accept the resignation of Craig Utterback as Athletic Director at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0: VOTING: Dr. Michael Blain, yes, Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Richard Case, yes and Wes Henson, yes.

The board heard the Superintendent's Report given by Mrs. Kaegi, stating:

The Veteran's Day program put on by Ms. Lisa Montgomery was a huge success. Thanks to her and all of our teachers, staff and students.

Approval: Steve Galt _____

Rob Wood _____

Our half day teacher in-service on November 15th allowed us to work with our School Improvement Teams in all three buildings and do a walkthrough of accountability for 2019-2020 school year. These workshop days are becoming very productive toward student's academic improvement.

School is in session Friday, November 22nd, but if parents call for their child and showed proof of a deer permit, it is an excused absence.

Parent Teacher Conferences were held two nights to make it easier for working parents to attend. November 14 from 3:15-7:15 and Tuesday November 19, 3:15-6:15. We had a good turn out this year.

Our Law Enforcement Intruder Drill was held on Friday morning, November 15th. Officer Sauls debriefed staff during the teacher in-service Friday to follow up on any questions or concerns.

School will not be in session on Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29th for Thanksgiving break. School resumes Monday, December 2, 2019.

Christmas break begins December 23rd with school resuming on Monday, January 6th.

The board heard the Junior High and Elementary Principal's Report given by Mr. Fromm, stating:

We would like to congratulate both the Elementary and Jr. High on receiving a commendable school designation from the state. Great job staff and students!

On October 18th Christy Short representing the Lion's Club came to talk about eye care for kids in 4th grade. All students in 4th grade received a free pair of sunglasses.

On October 22nd the Kindergarten classes went to Organ Farms in McLeansboro to the Pumpkin Patch.

On October 29th the Equality Masonic Lodge brought treat bags and glow sticks to all Pre-K through 4th grade students.

On November 1st Coach D and Ms. Erin held their Annual Pumpkin Run for grades 2-4. The kids had a great time even with the cold temperatures that day.

The Gallatin County School recently held their annual Food Drive for "Mission Hope" October 28th through November 8th. As always, this year was a huge success! The entire school, community and Jr. High Student Council pulled together collecting non-perishable food items. The food collected will be used to make Christmas baskets to be distributed to families in need and the Angel Tree families in Gallatin County. We are always happy to help out our community and the local food pantry. Third place was Ms. Heather Pritchett 4th grade with 428 items. Second place as Ms. Terry Cook 2nd grade with 596 items. First place was Mrs. Rikki DeNeal 1st grade class with 771 items. This year's school-wide grand total was 3089 items. The Jr. High Student Council would like to thank you for your help in this community project! By: Student Council Reporter Hunter Miller.

We want to thank the Shawneetown Dollar Store for their donation of toys for families in need!

The Veterans Day program was held on Friday, November 8th. Mrs. Montgomery did an amazing job once again putting the program together. Thank you to everyone that had a part in it, you all did a wonderful job.

We held our first Parent Teacher Conference night of the year on Thursday, November 14th, the second night was scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th.

The board heard the High School Principal's Report given by Mrs. Mitchell, stating:

Our enrollment is currently at 199 students.

Parent Teacher Conferences were held November 14th and 19th and had a decent turn out.

FBLA Officers attended a Fall Leadership Conference November 1-2 in Bloomington.

Student Council attended a district conference on November 7th. They enjoyed the keynote speaker and came back with some wonderful leadership skills and ideas.

The high school girls' varsity volleyball team attended the state volleyball tournament in Normal, November 15-16.

Our active intruder drill was on Nov 15th. All students and faculty responded well and reverted to the training they received.

Mr. Abell and Mr. Koester had a field trip planned for November 20 to tour the Aisin plant. They took 32 vocational students to tour the facility.

Homecoming preparations are in full swing. "Hawks Road Tripping Across America" is this year's theme. Homecoming will be held December 13. The boys will play NCOE and the girls will face Dongola.

There have been four (4) out of school suspensions.

OLD BUSINESS:

--- McKinney-Vento Online Training was completed by Dr. Blain and Rob Wood

NEW BUSINESS:

--- Motion by Dr. Blain and second by Richard Case to approve the Tax Levy at 4.99 as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 4 - 3. VOTING: Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, no; Gary Clayton, no; Rob Wood, no; Wes Henson, yes; Richard Case, yes and Matt Seely, yes.

--- Motion by Rob Wood, second by Matt Seely to change January 16th board meeting time to January 23rd (Christmas break/NewYears). In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Matt Seely, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Richard Case, yes and Dr Blain, yes.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Matt Seely approve the School Report Card. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Richard Case, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes and Matt Seely, yes.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Gary Clayton to approve Threat Assessment Procedure as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Matt Seely, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Richard Case, yes and Dr. Blain, yes

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Richard Case to Accept the First Reading Board policy 2:20; 2:70; 2:100; 2:105; 2:110; 2:200; 2:220; 2:250; 2:260; 3:50; 4:15; 4:30; 4:40; 4:60; 4:80; 4:110; 4:140; 4:150; 4:170; 4:175; 4:190. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Wes Henson, yes; Richard Case, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes and Rob Wood, yes.

--- Motion by Steve Galt, second by Richard Case to Accept the First Reading 5 Year Review board policy: 5:35; 5:40; 5:130; 5:310; 6:110. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes and Dr. Blain, yes.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Matt Seely to move into closed session at 8:33 in compliance with SILCS 10/1 © (1) stating: *Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.* In a roll vote MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Matt Seely, yes, Gary Clayton, yes, Wes Henson, yes; Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes and Rob Wood, yes.

- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Richard Case to move from executive session at 8:52pm. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Wes Henson, yes and Matt Seely, yes.
- Motion by Steve Galt, second by Gary Clayton to accept the minutes of closed session as presented in closed session. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 – 0: VOTING: Wes Henson, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes and Rob Wood, yes.
- Motion by Matt Seely, second by Gary Clayton to return to closed session at 8:53pm in compliance with SILCS 10/1 © (1) stating: *Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.* In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes and Gary Clayton, yes.
- Motion by Richard Case, second by Dr. Blain to move from executive session at 9:35pm. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; Wes Henson, yes and Matt Seely, yes.
- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Wes Henson to accept the minutes of closed session as presented in closed session. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Richard Case, yes; Matt Seely, yes and Wes Henson, yes.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wes Henson, second by Steve Galt, at 9:40p.m. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.