

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING January 23, 2020
LOCATION Gallatin County Educational Complex, 5175 Highway 13, Junction IL 62954, HS Library
TIME 7:00 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
January 23, 2020, 7:00pm

The Gallatin County School Board met on January 23, 2020, at 7:00 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 7:05 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

The board heard a letter requesting maternity leave from Erin Montgomery.

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to approve the request for maternity leave for Erin Montgomery. 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.

Approval: Steve Galt _____

Rob Wood _____

The board heard a letter requesting maternity leave from Haley Margenthaler

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Gary Clayton to approve the request for maternity leave for Haley Margenthaler. 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 a letter requesting maternity leave from Courtney Wood.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Matt Seely to approve the request for maternity leave for Courtney Wood. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0: Rob Wood, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Richard Case, yes; and Steve Galt, yes.

The board heard a letter of resignation from Lanna Newton as High School Girls' JV Volleyball Coach.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Wes Henson to accept the resignation of Lanna Newton as High School Girls' JV Volleyball Coach. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0: Matt Seely, yes; Richard Case, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Wes Henson, yes; and Rob Wood, yes.

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

We received additional Title I, II and IV monies.

Stephanie Disney, is employed by the US Census Bureau as a Partnership Specialist and came to meet with me to give information on the upcoming 2020 Census. We need to work with all our families and neighbors to get everyone to fill out the 2020 Census. There are about 11 questions. If just one of our towns has a low response score it could cost the town, community and school district hundreds of thousands of dollars. The Federal Government distributes more than 675 billion to the states and is based on the Census Bureau information from our communities. The census can be completed on-line and should be open Mid-March. We will have a Census Night (or two) to allow everyone who wishes to use a computer to complete the small on-line census questionnaire.

Many of our employees have asked me to say Thank You to the Board for the gift of the turkey or ham for the holidays. Many sent me texts letting me know how delicious the ham and turkeys were.

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

8th Grade Night for Jr. High Boys Basketball and Cheerleaders was held on Wednesday, January 15th.

Mrs. Becky Newton is gearing up for Jr. High Volleyball season, tryouts will be held immediately following the end of the Jr. High Girls basketball season.

Jr. High Boys Basketball will be hosting the GEC tournament here this year beginning January 16th.

Dates have been set for the Illinois Assessment Readiness Testing- IAR (formerly known as ISAT), the Jr. High will begin testing mid-March.

If you have not completed the 5 essentials survey yet that is listed on the Facebook page we ask that you please do so.

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

Currently there are 201 students enrolled in the high school.

Varsity Scholar Bowl has an undefeated record.

Senior night for the girls' basketball team will be January 28. Senior night for the boys' basketball team will be February 15.

Our girls' basketball team won the GEC Conference.

The FBLA competed at the area competition at SIU Carbondale on January 9. We had several students place in their competitions. They will attend the State FBLA conference in April.

After the first semester, we had 95% of freshmen on track, and only 5 total students receiving Fs for the semester.

- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Matt Seely to approve the administrator's reports as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 – 0. VOTING: Gary Clayton, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Rob Wood, yes; and Steve Galt, yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Dr. Blaine to the Policy Manual Revisions 2nd Reading: 5:10; 5:20; 5:30; 5:50; 5:50; 5:100; 5:120; 5:125; 5:150; 5:190; 5:200; 5:220; 5:250; 5:260; 5:285; 5:290; 5:330; 6:15; 6:20; 6:60; 7:180. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion by Wes Henson, second Gary Clayton to open all executive session minutes and destroy any tapes over 18 months old with the exception of September 19, 2019_A, September 19, 2019_B, September 19, 2019_C, November 21, 2019_A, November 21, 2019_B and December 12, 2019. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Steve Galt, yes; and Gary Clayton, yes.
- Motion by Richard Case and second by Wes Henson to approve the application for the School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG) as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Dr. Blain, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Richard Case, yes and Matt Seely, yes.
- Motion by Richard Case, second by Matt Seely to approve the Policy Manual Revisions 1st Reading: 2:240; 6:65; 6:150; 6:180; 6:210; 6:270; 6:300; 6:300 E2; 6:310; 6:320; 7:20; 7:150; 7:190; 7:200; 7:270; 7:290; 7:340; 8:30. 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 Wes Henson award the Lawn Mowing Bid to Crank Lawn Service. 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 Matt Seely to move into closed session at 8:04 p.m. 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 Rob Wood, second by Gary Clayton to move from executive session at 9:36pm. 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 Wes Henson, second by Matt Seely 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 Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to employ Mariah Dennison as the Athletic Director for the 2020 – 2021 school year. 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 Rob Wood to employ Amanda Stricklin as the Agriculture Teacher. 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 Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to employ Garrett Roe as Maintenance Director. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 6 - 1. VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes and Dr. Blain, no.
- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Matt Seely to employ Kylie Patton as High School Girls JV Volleyball Coach 2020 – 2021 school year. 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 Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to re-employ Chris Fromm as Elementary/Junior High School Principal for the 2020 – 2021 school year. 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 by Wes Henson, second by Dr. Blaine to re-employ Jara Mitchell as High School Principal for the 2020 – 2021 school year. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 – 0. VOTING: Wes Henson, yes; Matt Seely, yes; Richard Case, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Dr. Blain, yes; and Steve Galt, yes.
- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Dr. Blaine to re-employ Judy Kaegi as Superintendent for the 2020 – 2021 school year. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 7 - 0. VOTING: Dr. Blain, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Richard Case, yes; Matt Seely, yes and Wes Henson, yes.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wes Henson, second by Dr. Blaine, at 9:40p.m. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.