

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING February 20, 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
February 20, 2020, 7:00pm

The Gallatin County School Board met on February 20, 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 7:02 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 Rob Wood 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 sick leave days from Karen Wargel.

--- Motion by Dr. Blaine, second by Richard Case to approve the request for sick leave days for Karen Wargel as presented. 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 the Superintendent's Report given by Mrs. Kaegi, stating:

We have entered an agreement with WEX program which will allow us not to pay fuel tax when our buses are on trips filling up away from the district.

I attended the ESSA Conference in Chicago, the conference was well worth the trip. I received information to share with administrators and faculty for daily academics, testing and parent involvement activities. Great conference, our administrative team needs to attend next year as a group. Best conference for student growth and learning out there!

We are looking into replacing our RDA financial system for the district. This software is an older software and is not updated to the new state required reporting forms. We are having trouble with the company not wanting to create or help us with downloads to excel to expedite the information we have in the system. They are expecting us to put numbers into spreadsheets by hand which takes time and is unnecessary since the data is there just not downloadable.

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

January 21 - Phyllis Wood from Egyptian Health Dept. came to Mrs. Knott's 3rd grade classes to share the importance of friendship. They are making friendship blankets to be displayed.

January 27 - Zoodles Animal Encounter presented a variety of animals to students in Kindergarten through 8th grade and allowed the students to purchase pictures with the animals.

Mrs. Robin with U of I extension office has been back in the classrooms presenting nutrition classes for Pre-K through 2nd grades.

Christy Short with the Lions Club met with the 2nd grade classes on January 29th and made Valentine Cards for veterans and active duty soldiers.

The Jr. High Boys wrapped up their basketball season with a loss in overtime to Eldorado in the Regional Championship.

Librarian Megan Gholson hosted the Scholastic Book Fair for Elementary and Jr. High Students the week of February 3rd. She also held an evening event during the February 6th Parent Teacher Conferences for parents to come in and shop the event.

Winter Parent Teacher Conferences were held on the evenings of February 6th and 11th.

February 13 – the Elementary held their Valentine Parties

The Jr. High Girls Volleyball has started their season this week with a big win for all 3 games verses Galatia.

A Big Congratulations to Grayson Wilson and Andrew Hubbs for their great shoots at the World Archery competition in Las Vegas the first week of February. We are so proud of both these boys.

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

Currently there are 199 students enrolled in the high school

Dude, Be Nice was held on February 12th. The honoree this year was Pat Koester. Pat always goes above and beyond for all the students and staff here at the school. We could all be a little more like Pat, from time to time.

FFA attended the Farm Machinery show on February 13th.

The ACES team finished in first place and several of our students were top finishers at the ACES competition at SIC on February 6th.

Parent/Teacher conferences were held on February 6 and Feb 11.

Senior Nights for winter sports were held Tuesday, January 28th for girls basketball and on Saturday, February 15th, at the final boys home basketball game for scholar bowl, boys basketball, cheer, and band/choir. There were a total of 18 seniors honored.

There have not been any out of school suspensions this month.

Congratulations to Dawson Hish on making his 1000th point on January 24th.

Our attendance numbers are starting to improve after the recent flu outbreak.

--- Motion by Dr. Blaine, second by Richard Case to approve the administrator's reports as presented. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS:

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to approve the Policy Manual Revisions 2nd Reading: 2:240; 6:65; 6:150; 6:210; 6:270; 6:300; 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: 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 Richard Case, second Dr. Blaine to set the Graduation dates as May 14th, 2020 at 7:30 for Junior High and May 15th, 2020 at 7:30 for High School. 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 purchase of a 72 passenger Bluebird school bus at \$95,358.00 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 Wes Henson to approve the Administrative Procedure – 2 Bed Bug Control for Board Policy 7:250 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 Matt Seely to approve the metal roof repair with Tremseal Pro Sealant on two sides of the building as presented. 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 Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to employ Phil Givens as the 5th grade girls basketball coach for the 2019 – 2020 school year. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.

--- Motion by Matt Seely, second by Rob Wood to move into closed session at 7:57 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 8:28pm. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.
- Motion by Wes Henson, 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 Gary Clayton, second by Matt Seely to approve the Superintendent Contract for the 2020 – 2021 school year as presented (with 10 hour intermittent leave). 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 by Gary Clayton, second by Richard Case to approve the Elementary/Junior High School Principal Contract for the 2020 – 2021 school year as presented (with 10 hour intermittent leave). 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 Richard Case, second by Gary Clayton to approve the High School Principal Contract for the 2020 – 2021 school year as presented (with 10 hour intermittent leave). 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 to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Clayton, second by Richard Case, at 8:46p.m. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.