

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING May 14, 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
May 14, 2020 7:00 p.m.

The Gallatin County School Board met on May 14, 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 7:03 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 Matt Seely 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 from Keith Weiche requesting payment assistance for retirement.

--- Motion by Rob Wood, to approve the request from Keith Weiche. MOTION FAILED with no second.

The board heard a resignation letter from Melanie Pittman.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Dr. Blaine to accept the resignation of Melanie Pittman. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0: VOTING: Dr. Blain, yes; Richard Case, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Steve Galt, yes; and Matt Seely, yes.

Approval: Steve Galt _____

Rob Wood _____

The board heard a resignation letter from Tyler Eubanks.

--- Motion by Gary Clayton, second by Matt Seely to accept the resignation of Tyler Eubanks. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 7 – 0: VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Steve Galt, yes; Matt Seely, yes, Gary Clayton, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Rob Wood, yes; and Dr. Blaine, yes.

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

We have one retiree this year – Teacher's Aide Dana Estes with 21 years working for the district. Dana is a licensed teacher and has also been a valuable substitute throughout the years.

Financial Implications of COVID-19: I will not be doom and gloom, however, I want to share what I have been hearing during webinars and zoom meetings from Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Association of School Administrators, and Illinois Association of School Boards.

Last day for district meals will be May 13th. Summer program will begin May 18 with Anita Golden, Shawneetown.

We just received guidance today from ISBE on calendar days and I will have a final school date at the board meeting.

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

Pre-K and Kindergarten registration is taking place currently, parents are asked to call in and leave a message and teachers will call them back to begin the registration process.

The Jr. High students have wrapped up the school year work wise and teachers have completed grades.

Jr. High Teachers have selected end of the year awards and we will be announcing those shortly.

Mr. Austin and Mrs. Austin are preparing a virtual talent show and we are excited for our students to show off their talents.

I would like to thank the teaches, janitors and staff for bagging up the students' personal belongings and helping with the pick-up and drop off.

I would like to thank Martin Duffy for donating \$1000 to purchase mobile hot spots that would help students without internet access have the ability to work remotely.

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

Currently there are 198 students enrolled in the high school.

We hosted our first ever virtual awards day. You can watch the video on youtube if you were unable to watch it "live".

Congratulations to all the scholarship and academic award recipients.

Seniors were able to pick up their caps and gowns on May 6th. They pulled into parking spots in front of the High School doors and paid for their items while adhering to social distancing guidelines.

Students did a drive-thru pick-up/drop off of the remainder of their items on May 11th and 12th. They were able to return books and classroom materials. In return, they picked up any items left in their locker PE locker or in classrooms, after custodians and teachers bagged it up prior to students arrival.

All outstanding fees have been collected from graduating seniors.

Every student and staff member should be commended on their efforts during this time. We are all learning new ways to learn, together!

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The board discussed the options of graduation and agreed to a Virtual Graduation.

- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to approve the purchase and installation of the library carpet with the use of Daisy Hardy Funds. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED, 4 – 3. Voting: Steve Galt, yes; Gary Clayton, no, Rob Wood, yes, Wes Henson, yes; Richard Case, no; Matt Seely, yes; and Dr. Blaine, no.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion by Wes Henson and second by Gary Clayton to purchase the Cradlepoint Temporary Network Community Hotspot using CARES grant money. 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.

The board discussed the Senior Class Funds, no action was taken.

- Motion by Richard Case, second by Gary Clayton to approve the district to provide transportation of meals to a community to assist in the Summer Food Program. 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 Richard Case, second by Dr. Blaine approve the Policy Manual Revisions Readings: 2:125; 2:160; 4:50; 5:35; 5:60; 5:150; 5:210. 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.

The board was given the Tentative Schedules for 2020 – 2021 school year.

The Board was given the Teaching assignments for the Elementary/Jr. High/High School for the 2020 -2021 school year.

- Motion by Richard Case, second by Dr. Blaine to approve the Publishing Notice and Place on Display the 2019 – 2020 Tentative Amended Budget, 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 Richard Case, second by Dr. Blaine to set the amended budget hearing date and time to June 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. 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 Gary Clayton, second by Wes Henson to move the regular June 18, 2020 board meeting time to 7:15 p.m. 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.

Steve Galt appointed the school committees with changes as presented.

- Motion by Richard Case, second by Dr. Blaine to approve the bids for the maintenance matching grant and have Clinton Electric to perform the electrical lighting bid and F & F Roofing to perform the roof repair. 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 Gary Clayton, at 9:32 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.