

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING July 16, 2020
LOCATION Gallatin County Educational Complex, 5175 Highway 13, Junction IL 62954, HS Library
TIME 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Clayton
(Presiding Officer)

Wes Henson

Rob Wood

Richard Case

Dr. Blaine

Judy Kaegi
(Superintendent of Schools)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Galt

Matt Seely

Gallatin County School Board Meeting
Gallatin County High School Library
July 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The Gallatin County School Board met on July 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library at the Gallatin County Education Complex, 5175 Highway 13, Junction, Illinois 62954. Vice-President, Gary Clayton, called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Those present were: Gary Clayton, Wes Henson, Dr. Blaine, Richard Case, and Rob Wood
Those absent: Steve Galt and Matt Seely

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Dr. Blaine for approval of consent agenda as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Gary Clayton, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes; and Richard Case, yes.

The board heard a letter of resignation from Makenzie Tuttle.

--- Motion by Dr. Blaine, second by Richard Case to accept the resignation of Makenzie Tuttle as Jr. High English/Language Arts Teacher. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Dr. Blaine, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Richard Case, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; and Rob Wood, yes.

The board heard a letter of resignation from Denny Anderton as 5th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Dr. Blaine to accept the resignation of Denny Anderton as 5th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Wes Henson, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; and Richard Case, yes.

Approval: Steve Galt _____

Rob Wood _____

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

I would like to thank our custodial staff and the extra summer staff we have working this summer. They are making their way through the building and have done a remarkable job once again this summer.

School resumes for teachers and staff on Wednesday the 11th with a remote learning plan day, and the 12-13th being Teacher Institute Days. This will give teachers an additional day to have meetings with their building principals to prepare for different type of school year. Friday, August 14th will be our students first day, which is a half day, dismissal will be at 11:15.

A list of mandated trainings for the 20 – 21 school year will be emailed to our staff (this will include our nurse's stop the bleed, diabetes and other tests) so they can work on those prior to the start of school. It is not mandatory teachers do these ahead of the start date in August. Just as last year all trainings will need to be completed by the end of October.

I would like to say thank you to the Health Wellness Plan Team members: Natalie Finnie; Wes Henson, Dr. Blaine, Steve Galt, Ashley Stanley, Angie Brown and school administrators. This team worked out a good plan for our nurses to follow as we return to in person learning.

Open house may need to be postponed this year or done virtually. Principals and I will discuss with our teachers and come up with a plan before the August 6th Board Meeting

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

We are continuing to work on remote and in person learning plans for this upcoming year.

Thank you to the secretaries for all the hard-work in preparing for registration time. We will be offering more online registration options to parents and students this year, along with continuing to utilize the My School Bucks program that allows fees to be paid online, which worked out very well last year.

We held individual graduation ceremonies for all 8th graders June 29th & 30th. Students and parents really seemed to enjoy the quick ceremonies and to be able to take a few pictures in their gowns. Konner Gross was our photographer for the two-day event and is now working on a slide-show that we will be sharing on social media soon for the graduates. A huge thank you to all of the teachers who came in to help make the event successful.

The custodians are hard at work in the elementary classrooms. Their continued efforts in cleaning the carpets, waxing floors, and painting are revitalizing the elementary wing. Thank you to the custodians for all your hard work!

Tami has played a vital role in updating the elementary handbook. We have included the IPA updated and required policies for schools. Thank you, Tami!

Chris Siler is providing last year's benchmark test reports to the teachers as a baseline for their students. Hopefully with this data and communication with previous grade level teachers, we will be able to decrease the learning gap created by the pandemic. Thank you, Chris!

Jr High & Elementary has scheduled tentative dates for back to school registration.

Jr High Dates:

Thursday, July 30th – 5th Grade – Students with the Last Name A – G

Friday, July 31st – 5th Grade – Students with Last Name H – Z

Monday, August 3rd – All 6th Grade

Tuesday, August 4th – All 7th Grade

Wednesday, August 5th – All 8th Grade

Thursday, August 6th – New Students and Make-up registrations

Elementary Dates:

- Kindergarten – July 29th 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- 1st grade – July 29th 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- 2nd grade – July 30th 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- 3rd grade – July 30th 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- 4th grade – July 31st 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Mrs. Lydick is working with My School Bucks to get an online registration application ready for the upcoming school year, in hopes we will be able to utilize it to its fullest potential. It’s a great resource to have and doesn’t cost the district.

As you can see, the library is looking great. A big thankyou to the custodians for all their hard work, not only in the library, but throughout the school.

In-person school registration dates for the high school have been set for August 3 – 5th.

The high school cheerleading squad has been selected for the 20/21 season.

--- Motion by Wes Henson second by Rob Wood to approve Administrator reports as presented. In a roll call vote MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; and Wes Henson, yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Dr. Blaine to approve the 2020 – 2021 school calendar revision as presented (due to the Election Day Holiday). In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Wes Henson, yes, Rob Wood, yes; and Gary Clayton, yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Richard Case to approve the 2020 – 2021 Elementary, Jr. High and High School Parent/Student Handbooks as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Richard Case, yes; and Dr. Blaine, yes.

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Rob Wood to approve the 2020 – 2021 Athletic and Co-Curricular Handbook with changes as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; and Richard Case, yes.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Dr. Blaine to approve the 2020 – 2021 Coaches/Sponsors presented. In a roll call vote MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Rob Wood, yes; and Wes Henson, yes.

--- Motion by Richard Case, second by Dr. Blaine to approve the 2020 – 2021 Return to School Plan (phase 4 Restore Illinois Guidelines) as presented with Superintendent updating as needed (it will be a breathing document). In a roll call vote MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Richard Case yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes; and Dr. Blaine, yes.

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to approve Prevailing Wage Ordinance as presented. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; and Richard Case, yes.

--- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Dr. Blaine to approve the Technology device fee for the 2020 – 2021 School Year. In a roll call vote, MOTION FAILED 2 - 3: VOTING: Rob Wood, no; Wes Henson, yes; Gary Clayton, no; Dr. Blaine, yes; and Richard Case, no.

- Motion by Richard Case second by Gary Clayton to move into executive session at 7:46 p.m. in compliance with 5ILCS 120/2©(1) stating: *Executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel for the District to determine its validity – 5ILCS 120/2©(1).* (NOTE: An independent contractor is not an “employee” within the meaning of the Act. 5ILCS 120/2(d) In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Dr. Blaine, yes; Richard Case, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Wes Henson, yes; and Gary Clayton, yes.
- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Richard Case to move from executive session at 8:37 p.m. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0: VOTING: Dr. Blaine, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Richard Case, yes; Rob Wood, yes; and Gary Clayton, yes.
- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to approve the closed session minutes as presented in closed session. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0: VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; and Wes Henson, yes.
- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Richard Case to re-employ Linda Bickett as a part Time Secretary for the 20 – 21 school year. In a roll call vote MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Gary Clayton, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Richard Case, yes; Wes Henson, yes; and Rob Wood, yes.
- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Richard Case to employ Sheyann Bowles as the Jr. High Math Teacher of record. In a roll call vote MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Richard Case yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Rob Wood, yes; and Wes Henson, yes.
- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Gary Clayton to employ Brandi Ballard as the Junior High English Language Arts Teacher. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Wes Henson, yes; and Rob Wood, yes.
- Motion by Richard Case, second by Dr. Blaine to employ Amanda Dial as a Long Term Sub in a Special Education classroom. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; and Wes Henson, yes.
- Motion by Wes Henson, second by Richard Case to employ Scottie Sauls as the Truancy Officer for the 20 – 21 school year. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Richard Case, yes; Wes Henson, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Rob Wood, yes; and Dr. Blaine, yes.
- Motion by Richard Case, second by Wes Henson to employ Bryan Hargrave as the Part Time Student Health/Safety Resource Officer. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Wes Henson, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; and Richard Case, yes.
- Motion by Richard Case, second by Wes Henson to not release any of the closed session minutes and destroy tapes over 18 months old. In a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0: VOTING: Wes Henson, yes; Rob Wood, yes; Gary Clayton, yes; Dr. Blaine, yes; and Richard Case, yes.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wes Henson, second by Richard Case at 8:36 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by acclamation.