

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools
1076 N. 37th Street, Galesburg, MI 49053 * 269-484-2000
Regular Board of Education Meeting
September 21, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting – Meeting ID: 916 2262 2034

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MINUTES

Superintendent: Wendy Maynard-Somers
Board Trustees: Jeff McCubbin, Diana Walker, Stephanie Knoblock, Archie Silkworth, Carolyn Martin, Kim Hubbard, Ben Overgaard

This is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. ROLL CALL**
Members Present: Jeff McCubbin, Diana Walker, Stephanie Knoblock, Kim Hubbard, Carolyn Martin, Ben Overgaard, Archie Silkworth. Members Absent: None
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion by D. Walker and supported by A. Silkworth to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. CONSENT AGENDA**
- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes
Meeting Minutes: August 10, 2020 and August 17, 2020.
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable
Accounts payable in the amount of \$275,455.51 for the month of August, 2020.
- C. Approval of Treasurer's Report
Treasurer's report dated August 31, 2020 with a balance of \$4,293,619.24.
- D. Approval of New Hires/Resignations/Retirements
New Hires: Logan Fisher, 8th Grade Math, Paul Sanford, HS English(one year), Jerod Kauffman, HS Media Center Clerk, Olivia Fox, First Grade Teacher, Stephaney Ingles, Third Grade Teacher, Darren Webb, Fourth Grade Teacher, Paula Klok, ESA Clerical, Andrew Langs, Maintenance/Grounds
Resignations: Stacey Bailey, HS Special Education Paraprofessional, Pamela Pfister, ECSE Paraprofessional, Samantha Reisterer, Second Grade Teacher, Crystal Smith, Learning Center Lead Teacher, Ashley Stack, High School Social Studies Teacher, Abigail Stull, First Grade Teacher, Danielle Goins, HS Cafeteria Monitor, Gaige Shriver, High School Classroom Mentor for Online Courses
Motion by D. Walker and supported by S. Knoblock to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call
Vote: Martin-yes, Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Silkworth-yes, Overgaard-yes, Walker-yes, McCubbin-yes.
Motion Carried: 7-0.

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Mission Statement:

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VI. REPORTS

A. Celebration – Cheryl Colvin

Cheryl Colvin, Middle School Kitchen Manager, was honored for her recognition by the Michigan Department of Education and The School Nutrition Association of Michigan for her 25 years of service in school food service.

B. Above and Beyond

All employees across the district were commended for their hard work getting the school year off to a good start taking into consideration all of the extra effort with a new learning format and extra precautions district-wide due to the current Covid-19 pandemic.

VII. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION

A. Monthly Budget Discussion

Phillip Heasley, business manager, reviewed the budget documents included in the board packet. He explained that the district will receive Covid-19 funds and reviewed the amount G-A is eligible to receive for Covid-19 related expenses.

B. G-A Return to Learn Update

Superintendent Somers gave an update on preliminary enrollment figures for hybrid, 100% virtual and KVIC. Principals gave input on their class size numbers as well as safety protocols in place. The Special Education department explained how they are meeting the needs of students and their IEP's. The Food Service Department received a waiver to do breakfast and lunch for all students and has arranged delivery by school bus and pick up sites. Fall athletic competitions have started. CDC guidelines are being followed by coaching staff, athletes and their spectators.

C. Extended Continuity of Learning Plan – Covid-19

Superintendent Somers explained that once a month school districts are required to reconfirm the manner in which instruction is going to be delivered during the 2020-2021 school year. Reconfirmation needs to take place at a board of education meeting to include a time for public comment on the topic.

D. FRG Pay for Teachers

Superintendent Somers recommended that the district professional teaching staff be rewarded with a one time payment for their flexibility, resilience and grace that they have shown each day they face increased pressure and stress during the current pandemic to provide quality learning experiences for the student's at G-A.

E. Transportation Contract

Superintendent Somers stated that the current transportation agreement with Auxilio, a third-party vendor, expired on July 1, 2020. It is recommended that the Board approve the one-year agreement with its financial terms.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Participation

Kim Jankowski, Topics: Thank you to Michael Ball and Thank you to School Board for recognizing teachers. Michael Ball, Topic: Thank you to Board for their kind words and FRG payment. Jill Palmer, Topic: Thank You to administration for patience and checking in daily; Thank you to Wendy and Diana for visiting classroom; Thank you to the School Board for the FRG payment, very nice gesture.

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IX. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

A. FRG Pay for Teachers

Motion by S. Knoblock and approved by B. Overgaard to approve FRG(Flexibility, Resilience and Grace pay in the amount of \$500.00 to professional staff as proposed. Roll Call Vote: Silkworth-no, Hubbard-yes, Knoblock-yes, Martin-yes, Walker-yes, Overgaard-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried: 6-1

B. Transportation Contract

Motion by D. Walker and Supported by C. Martin to approve the one-year pupil transportation contract with its financial terms with Auxilio as presented. Roll Call Vote: Hubbard-yes, Silkworth-yes, Martin-yes, Knoblock-yes, Overgaard-yes, Walker-yes, McCubbin-yes. Motion Carried: 7-1

X. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Board Comments

Board comments were made.

B. Superintendent Update

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Negotiations

Motion by S. Knoblock and supported by D. Walker to enter closed session at 8:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations as permitted under section 8c of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Open session resumed at 9:18 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Jeff McCubbin, President

Stephanie Knoblock, Secretary

Brenda Sutherland, Secretary

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