

August 1, 2016 – recessed and reconvened August 15, 2016

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District on August 1, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Bonita Stover at 6:30 PM.

Board Members and all others present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following School Board Members were also present, as confirmed by roll call: Charles Bach, Tony Cimino, Dr. Mary Geiter, Michael Hoza, Julie Lane, Charles Tameris, and Rick Yonkin. Beth Fuller was absent.

Others present included Principal Clyde Pierce, Business Manager/Board Secretary Penny Crowell, and interested community members.

President Stover announced that the Board met in Executive Session regarding personnel on July 12, July 22 and August 1, 2016.

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the minutes from the June 13, 2016, Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the minutes.

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the General Fund Bill List. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the bill (EXHIBIT).

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the School Lunch Fund Bill List. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the bill (EXHIBIT).

President Stover asked for a motion to accept a letter from Linda Miller, Full-Time Cook, announcing her retirement effective August 25, 2016. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve her retirement. The Board accepted the letter with regret and thanked Mrs. Miller for her service to the District.

Principal Clyde Pierce reported on the following:

- **Americorps via GalePride:** This group is working on an after school program for students to help with homework and provide other student activities.
- **21st Century Community Learning Center Grant:** The District will be reapplying for this grant in support of the after school program.
- **Special Education Monitoring:** The District will be monitored this fall by the state. Administration will attend training on August 16th to begin preparing for this review.
- **7th Grade Orientation** – August 17th
- **Teacher Inservice** – August 22, 23, 24th—Teachers will participate in several sessions conference style, with Galeton teachers as presenters.
- **Meet the Teacher Night** – August 23rd
- **First Student Day of School** – August 25th

Business Manager Penny Crowell reported on the following:

A Treasurer's Report was reviewed, showing an ending June cash balance of \$771,118, and outstanding receivables in the amount of \$195,008 (EXHIBIT).

Citizen Recognition: *no citizen recognition*

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Minutes

General Fund Bill List

School Lunch Fund Bill List

Correspondence

Principal's Report

Business Manager's Report

Citizen Recognition

Action Items:

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Clyde Pierce effective August 3, 2016, appointing Mr. Pierce as Acting District Superintendent during the new Superintendent search process. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the recommendation (EXHIBIT).

Acting Superintendent

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation for the Conditions of Employment for Support Staff retroactive to July 1, 2016. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 7 to 0 to 1, with Mr. Tameris abstaining, to approve the recommendation (EXHIBIT).

Conditions of Employment for Support Staff

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to renew the Act 93 Contract retroactive to July 1, 2016. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the Contract (EXHIBIT).

Act 93 Contract

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to enter into an Agreement with CBIZ for Health Savings Account and Health Reimbursement Account services in relation to the addition of a Qualified High Deductible Health Plan (QHDHP); and an updated Section 125 Plan as required by the IRS for a qualified cafeteria plan and related pre-tax payroll deductions. The minimum annual cost will be \$1,750 up to the maximum cost of \$2,990 if HRA services are required. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the Agreement.

HSA Agreement

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation of the following pupil transportation contracts for the 2016/17 school year. Feeder route rates will be at the IRS mileage rate, currently \$.54/mile, except for previously grandfathered rates, daily transportation will be as defined below with fuel sharing reimbursement @ 50% of the cost of all fuel above \$2.00 per gallon, and extra-curricular rates continue at \$2.50/mile/bus and \$1.45/mile/van as per the exhibit.

2016/17 Student Transportation

- Galeton Motors - Hector - \$208.78/day
- Galeton Motors – Votech - \$236.36/day
- Galeton Motors – Extra-curricular - JV/Varsity Basketball, JV/Varsity Volleyball, Baseball
- Pine Creek Services – Gaines - \$232.52/day
- Pine Creek Services – Germania - \$263.07/day
- Pine Creek Services – Extra-curricular – Soccer, Softball
- Ronald Tarabori West Pike - \$186.26/day
- Ronald Tarabori – West Branch - \$147.73/day
- Ronald Tarabori – Extra-curricular – Tennis, Jr. High Basketball, Jr.High Volleyball
- Victor Canniere, Supplemental Van Route
99.3 miles/day @ \$.98/mile = \$97.31/day
- Nicole Mainus, Grandfathered Feeder Route,
12 miles/day @ \$.98/mile = \$11.76/day
- Michelle Petito, Grandfathered Feeder Route,
7.2 miles/day @ \$.98/mile = \$7.06
- Lisa Quinn, Supplemental Route, 452 miles/trip @ \$.54/mile (the current IRS mileage rate) = \$244.08/trip

On motion of Dr. Geiter and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 7-1, with Mr. Yonkin voting no, to approve the contracts (EXHIBIT).

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to renew the District Office copier lease with Canon/KOS (Karpinski's Office Systems, Coudersport, PA) for a five (5) year term @ \$143.28/month and maintenance agreement @ \$.0069 per copy (a reduction of \$122.64/month from the prior lease). On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Bach, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the lease.

Copier Lease

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation of the 2016/17 Substitute Employees' List. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the list.

2016/17 Substitute
Employees' List

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to reduce the 6.25 hours/day cafeteria position to part-time at 5.75 hours/day, 180 days/year. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the position.

Cafeteria Position to
Part-Time

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to continue the Virtual Academy Services Contract with Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit 9 in the 2016/17 school year, providing an in-house cyber education program to District students. On motion of Dr. Geiter and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the contract.

IU 9 Virtual Academy
Services Contract

President Stover asked for a motion to recess the meeting until August 15, 2016, at 5:30 PM. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8 to 0 to recess the meeting.

Recess Board Meeting

On August 15, 2016, the meeting was reconvened.

Reconvene Board Meeting

President Stover called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

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Citizen Recognition: *no citizen recognition*

Citizen Recognition

President Stover read a letter from Dr. Brenda Freeman, then asked for a motion to ratify and accept the resignation of Dr. Brenda Freeman as the Superintendent of the Galeton Area School District effective August 2, 2016, pursuant to her accepting a Superintendent position at another school district. On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mr. Bach, the Board voted 9 to 0 to accept the resignation. The Board accepted the letter with much regret and thanked Dr. Freeman for her service to the District.

Superintendent
Resignation

President Stover asked for a motion to hire Alanna Huck as the Superintendent of Galeton Area School District for a five year contract (2016-2017 school year through 2020-2021) at a beginning salary of \$110,000 per year. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the hire.

Superintendent Hire

President Stover made the following announcements:

Announcements

Executive Session:

August 15, 2016, 5:15 PM, Galeton Area SD Library, RE: personnel

Next Board Work Session: *none scheduled at this time*

Next Board Meeting: September 12, 2016, 6:30 PM, Galeton Area School District Music Room

Being that there was no other business before the Board, President Stover asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the meeting was adjourned by a vote of 9 to 0.

Adjournment

Approved as read September 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell, Board Secretary

