

Galeton Area School District
School Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2014

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held Thursday, June 12, 2014, in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District.

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

The following School Board Members were also present, as confirmed by roll call: Charles Bach, Teresa Batterson, James Douglass, Beth Fuller, Michael Hoza, Julie Lane, Charles Tameris, and Rick Yonkin.

Others present included Superintendent Dr. Brenda Freeman, Business Manager/Board Secretary Penny Crowell, and interested community members.

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

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the minutes from the May 12, 2014, Board Meeting. On motion of Mrs. Batterson and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the minutes.

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the General Fund and School Lunch Fund Bills Lists, as per Exhibit #2. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Tameris the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the bills lists (EXHIBIT).

Superintendent Dr. Brenda Freeman reported on the following:

- The 2014 senior graduation was a lovely affair with 24 graduates.
- The GEA Education Scholarship has been awarded to Ashlynn Beacker who is pursuing her teaching degree.
- Dr. Freeman requested the Board's support to serve on the North Central Workforce Investment Board. There will be three meetings per year. The board works to better educational opportunities in the district and community.

Citizen Recognition:

Mr. Mike Plummer, Galeton resident, commended the administration and board on the budget.

Mr. Ryan Schott, Galeton resident, inquired about the combined elementary class. With almost 1/3 of the class having special needs, I am concerned about the needs of all students being met. Mrs. Stover asked that he discuss his concerns with Mr. Pierce. Dr. Freeman replied that many factors were considered when determining the class structure. Twenty-one students is not unrealistic for fifth grade. I will be monitoring the class throughout the year.

Call to Order

Attendance

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

Bill Lists

Superintendent's Report

Citizen Recognition

President Stover asked for a motion to take from the table the motion relating to OT/PT services for 2014/15. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the motion.

OT/PT Services

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to enter into a consultant agreement with Soldiers + Sailors Memorial Hospital in the 2014/15 school year for occupational and physical therapy services in the amount of \$59.74 per hour plus 56¢/ mile for travel to the service site. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the motion (EXHIBIT).

President Stover asked for a motion to take from the table the motion relating to district solicitor reappointment for 2014/15. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the motion.

District Solicitor

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to reappoint Cox, Stokes & Lantz, P.C., as the District Solicitor for the 2014/15 school year. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Tameris, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the motion

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to accept a proposal from Quad 3 Group, Inc., to prepare engineering drawings and specifications, provide bidding services, and conduct construction site visits for the replacement of the head end of the existing HVAC equipment control system in the amount of \$6,500, plus reimbursable expenses. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Bach, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the motion (EXHIBIT).

HVAC Head End

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's request for Board permission to sell unused and unnecessary items during July and August. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the request.

Unused Items

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to add junior high track to the approved cooperative sports programs with Coudersport Area School District effective with the 2014/15 school year at a rate of \$100 per student. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the request.

Cooperative Sports - Track

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to approve the following college students as summer maintenance staff effective June 9, 2014, through August 14, 2014, Monday – Thursday, 8 hours/day, at \$7.25/hour: Robert Williams, Sherry Pierce, Ashlynn Beacker. On motion of Tameris and second of Mrs. Batterson, the board voted 8 to 1, with Mr. Bach voting no, to approve the motion.

Summer Maintenance Staff

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to enter into a Letter of Agreement with Potter County Human Services Drug and Alcohol Program agreeing to cooperate in providing services for the Student Assistance Program (SAP) as it pertains to student Drug and Alcohol services for the 2014/15 school year. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the Agreement (EXHIBIT).

SAP Agreement

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to renew the District's liability, auto, student activities, workers' compensation and comprehensive insurance policy with Empire Insurance for the 2014/15 school year in the amount of \$59,557. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mrs. Batterson, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the renewal (EXHIBIT).

District Insurance

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation for approval of the following budget items:

2014/15 Budget

- The 2014/15 General Fund Budget on PDE form 2028 in the amount of \$7,123,675 (EXHIBIT).
- Levying of taxes:
 - o Real Estate Tax of 14.8116 mills for Tioga County effective July 1, 2014
 - o Real Estate Tax of 35.2767 mills for Potter County effective July 1, 2014
 - o Earned Income Tax, Act 511, of .5% effective January 1, 2015
 - o Real Estate Transfer Tax of .5% effective July 1, 2014
 - o Per Capita Taxes, Section 679, at \$5.00 effective July 1, 2014
- A Homestead/Farmstead Resolution for the purpose of reducing school district property tax in 2014/15 (EXHIBIT)
- A Real Estate Property Tax Resolution providing an option for tax payers to pay 2014 taxes in installments (EXHIBIT)
- That the Board approve the use of the following amounts of Fund Balance for the 2014/15 fiscal term (EXHIBIT):
 - o Committed Retirement Reserve - \$274,522
 - o Committed Alternative Education Reserve - \$12,000
 - o Unreserved Fund Balance - \$119,354

On motion of Mrs. Batterson and second of Mr. Bach, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the budget items.

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to enter into a Dual Enrollment Agreement with Wellsboro Area School District for the 2014/15 school term to receive services through the Wellsboro Online Academy for summer school and grades K-12 cyber school. On motion of Mrs. Batterson and second of Mrs. Fuller, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the Agreement (EXHIBIT).

Dual Enrollment Agreement
Wellsboro Area SD

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to enter into supplemental contracts with the following persons for the 2014/15 season:

Fall Coaches

- Jess Green, Varsity Volleyball Coach - \$2,780
- Tiffany Novinger, Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach - \$2,040
- Jess Green, co-Jr. High Volleyball Coach - \$850
- Tiffany Novinger, co-Jr. High Volleyball Coach - \$745
- Jim Sunderlin, Varsity Soccer Coach - \$3,740
- Jason Irwin, Junior Varsity Soccer Coach - \$2,625
- Kris Burrous, Jr. High Soccer Coach - \$1,850
- Jim Sunderlin, Athletic Director - \$6,130
- Dan Brelo, Girls Tennis - \$2,130

On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mr. Yonkin, the board voted 8 to 0 to 1, with Mr. Tameris abstaining, to approve the recommendation.

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to enter into a supplemental contract with Carrie Carlton, Special Education Teacher, to serve as Supervisor of Special Education for the 2014/15 school term in the amount of \$5,000. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Tameris, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the motion.

Supervisor of Special Education

President Stover read the correspondence. A letter was received from Afton Heyler, Tutor, notifying the Board of her resignation. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Bach, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the letter. Dr. Freeman stated that she will be missed.

A. Heyler Resignation

President Stover asked for a motion to consider Dr. Freeman's request to participate on the North Central Workforce Investment Board. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mr. Yonkin, the board voted 9 to 0 to approve the request.

Workforce Investment Board

President Stover made the following announcements:

Announcements

Executive Session:

Thursday, June 12, 2014, 6:00 PM, Galeton Area School District Library, Galeton, PA

Next Board Work Session:

Monday, August 4, 2014, 6:30 PM, Galeton Area School District Music Room

Next Board Meetings:

A possible Summer Special Meeting to be announced

Monday, August 11, 2014, 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. Bach and second of Mrs. Lane, the meeting was adjourned by a vote of 9 to 0.

Adjournment

Approved as read August 4, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell
Board Secretary