

Galeton Area School District
School Board Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2016

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District on May 9, 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:

Beth Fuller, Dr. Mary Geiter, Charles Tameris, Rick Yonkin, Charles Bach, Tony Cimino, and Julie Lane. Michael Hoza was absent.

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

President Stover asked for nominations to elect a 2016/17 Board Treasurer. Mr. Yonkin nominated Julie Lane and Mr. Tameris seconded. By an 8 to 0 vote, Mrs. Lane was elected as treasurer.

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the minutes from the April 11, 2016, Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Bach 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 and School Lunch Funds Bills List. On motion of Dr. Geiter and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the bills (EXHIBIT).

Superintendent Dr. Brenda Freeman reported on the following:

- **Students of the Month: Bryce Manns, Elementary Student**, was nominated for his true character of what ROAR represents. He comes to school with a smile every day. And even with the commotion in the lobby each morning he sits and reads waiting for school to start, setting a good example. **Haylee Ludington, Secondary Student**, was nominated as the best students, highly motivated, great personality. She is a pleasure to have in math and science classes. She doubled up in math to open up her schedule for future courses.
- **PARSS Conference** – During this state level conference budget concerns were greatly discussed. In reference to legislative comments that schools need to cut the fat...superintendent's feel that we are beyond cutting the fat and now cutting into muscle and gut.
- **US World & News Report** – Galeton High School has again been selected as a great high school in the country by US World & News Report.

Principal Clyde Pierce reported on the following:

- **Donor's Choose Program** – This program allows teachers to identify needs in classrooms and persons may make monetary contributions on-line. Ms. Lewis has received a baby for the parenting class and small equipment for the Family & Consumer Sciences kitchens. Miss Ripple has received five chrome book tablets for the English classroom.
- **High School Field Day** – It was a great success and provided an outdoor activity for all high school students. The kids loved it!

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Election of Treasurer

Minutes

General Fund and School Lunch Fund Bills Lists

Superintendent's Report

Principal's Report

- **Positive Behavior Support Conference** – The principal and several teachers attended this conference to continue the ROAR program in the elementary and prepare to implement the program at the high school next year.
- **Shell STEM Outreach Program** – We are looking into bringing this program to Galeton where Shell will bring a day of STEM activities to students at the school.
- **Sports Update** – Varsity Softball is 12 – 0 and preparing for Districts. Varsity Boys Tennis has three students as District Champs—Tyler Dugan, Ely Trimbur and Mitchell Smith. They will attend playoffs along with the doubles teams which will compete in Districts.

Principal’s Report
(continued)

Business Manager Penny Crowell reported on the following:

Business Manager’s
Report

2016/17 Budget Overview: The state has finalized 2015/16 revenue and the fiscal year is about 78% complete. Preliminary projections are that expenditures will be approximately \$20,000 less than budgeted. Looking to the 2016/17 budget, federal revenue has not yet been announced. The Governor’s recommended budget has been included in the District’s proposed final budget, which currently reflects a deficit of \$121,471. Expenditures and revenue will continue to be examined and revisions are expected prior to the June 2016 recommendation for a final budget. Mr. Yonkin requested that elementary class sizes be reviewed before the 2017/18 budget is adopted. Dr. Freeman responded that all expenditures will be looked at, including class size.

Citizen Recognition:

Mr. Michael Plummer of Galeton thanked former Board members for not doing the energy program three years ago. The bond debt service would be a lot worse now had the District entered into that program. Mrs. Linda Plummer congratulated the Board for the “honest” budget.

Citizen Recognition

Action Items:

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration’s recommendation to adopt the 2016/17 Proposed Final Budget and request authorization to advertise public display of the 2016/17 Proposed Final Budget and announcing the Board’s intention of adopting the 2016/17 Final Budget at the June 13, 2016, Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the recommendation (EXHIBIT).

2016/17 Proposed Final
Budget

President Stover asked for a motion to approve for the 2016/17 school year reappointment of the following services:

- **District Depositories:**
Northwest Savings Bank, Galeton, PA
TD Wealth, TD Bank, Cherry Hill, NJ
First Citizens Community Bank, Mansfield, PA
PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
- **District Solicitor:** Cox, Stokes & Lantz, P.C., Wellsboro, PA
- **District Special Counsel:** Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams
- **District Auditor:** Buffamante, Whipple & Buttafaro, P.C., Olean, NY
On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 8-0 to approve the reappointments.

2016/17 Reappointment
of Banking and Legal
Services

President Stover asked for a motion to approve for the 2016/17 school year bond coverage for the Board Secretary and Board Treasurer. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 8 – 0 to approve the bond coverage.

2016/17 Bond Coverage

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to eliminate one Fourth Grade Teacher position effective at the conclusion of the 2015/16 school year. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8-0 to approve the elimination.

Elimination of One Fourth Grade Position

President Stover asked for a motion to accept a proposal from Cole Memorial Medical Group for grade level and athletic physicals and consultative services in the 2016/17 school year in the amount of \$15.00/physical examination. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 8-0 to approve the proposal (EXHIBIT).

Student Physicals

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into an Agreement with Susquehanna Health/Soldiers + Sailors Memorial Hospital for continued occupational and physical therapy services for the 2016/17 school year. On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 7-1, with Mr. Bach voting no, to approve the Agreement (EXHIBIT).

Occupational & Physical Therapy Services

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into a Contract with Seneca Highlands IU #9 to continue receiving emotional support services for the 2016/17 school year in the amount of \$25,000/student. On motion of Mrs. Fuller and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 7-1, with Mr. Bach voting no, to approve the Contract(EXHIBIT).

Emotional Support Services

President Stover asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution Concerning the Seneca Highlands Career and Technical Center Operating Budget, whereby the total Budget is \$2,043,842, of which the Galeton Area School District's share is \$37,371. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 7-1, with Mr. Bach voting no, to approve the Resolution (EXHIBIT).

2016/17 CTC Operating Budget

President Stover asked for a motion to adopt the Rural, Regional College of Northern PA Resolution of Support signifying the District's support of the program. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8-0 to approve the Agreement (EXHIBIT).

Rural, Regional College of Northern PA

President Stover asked for a motion to approve and Agreement with Seneca Highlands IU 9 for Technology Legal Pool Services for the 2016/17 school year. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 7-1, with Mr. Bach voting no, to approve the Agreement (EXHIBIT).

Technology Legal Pool

President Stover asked for a motion to approve a Letter of Agreement with Potter County Human Services Mental Health Program for cooperative services for the Student Assistance Program as it pertains to Mental Health services. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8-0 to approve the Agreement (EXHIBIT).

Student Assistance Program Agreement

President Stover made the following announcements:

Announcements

Executive Session: May 9, 2016, 5:45 PM, Galeton Area SD Library, RE: Employee

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

Next Board Meeting: June 13, 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 8 to 0.

Adjournment

Approved as read June 13, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell,
Board Secretary