

**November 13, 2017**

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District on November 13, 2017.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board President Bonita Stover at 6:32 PM.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Attendance

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

**Citizen Recognition:** No citizens commented.

Citizen Recognition

**Students of the Month:**

Grace Morgan, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, was recognized for being pleasant and friendly to everyone, students and teachers alike.

Students of the Month

Ava Succowich, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, was recognized for being a hard working student with a great heart, who is patient and kind. She has every quality a student should have.

Cara Parsell, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, was recognized for being kind and polite and very helpful in class.

**Senior Request:** Several senior students, supported by two parents, addressed the Board and requested that the prom be held off school grounds at the Creekside Barn in Gaines, PA, on May 4th, from 7 – 10:30 PM. Chaperones will be with students, either staff members and/or parents, while decorating, during the prom and clean-up. Mrs. Huck and Mr. Pierce confirmed that they would be in attendance at the prom and take full responsibility. Mr. Counts, class advisor, will be there during the day before the prom while decorating is happening. Mrs. Huck said there is no issue with the insurance, she is used to having proms off school grounds, and is very comfortable with the request. Board members Mr. Hoza and Mr. Yonkin expressed concern about an issue from a prior prom that was held off school grounds and stressed the importance of appropriate decorum during the event.

Prom Request

President Stover asked for a motion to have the prom held on May 4, 2017, at Creekside Barn in Gaines, PA. On motion of Dr. Geiter and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the request.

**Board Education**

**School Performance Profile (SPP):** Mr. Pierce shared the report with the Board. The building level academic score is 64.6, which has fluctuated over the past three years, but this year shows a more significant decline. He shared the details of the report, highlighting course completion, culminating project, Keystone Exams, attendance, PSSA scores, etc. Other districts in the IU have seen a similar decline. Galeton's score is in the upper middle of the IU districts. The state has announced that they will be changing the format of this report for next year.

Board Education

**Principal Clyde Pierce reported on the following:**

**Keystone Exams:** Mr. Pierce explained that students must take this state exam and retake it if they do not pass. In lieu of additional retakes, he recommended that students pass a project based assessment. Even though the state has yet to pass the law to require the exam for graduation, the project based assessment is an option that the State has been considering. Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Huck and staff members have been discussing and evaluating the project option and are looking for something to encourage students to take the test more seriously. Mrs. Huck indicated that a recommendation for Board consideration will be coming in the near future.

**ROAR Evaluation:** The on-site review for fidelity recognition will be this month.

**Student Activities and Classroom Newsletters:** Mr. Pierce reported on the various student Halloween, AR, assembly, Homecoming, student discipline, and classroom activities. The Alumni Speaker program will continue next with Kristy Doud, speaking to students about her career experiences after graduation.

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the minutes from the October 10, 2017, Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Cimino, 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 Mrs. Fuller the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the bill list (EXHIBIT).

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

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the field trips, as follows:

- 11/14/17 Kindergarten, 25 students, STEMathon, Austin SD
  - 11/15/17 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 25 students, STEMathon, Austin SD
  - 11/16/17 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 25 students, STEMathon, Austin SD
  - 11/17/17 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades, 48 students, Teen Conference, Northern Potter SD
- On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the field trips.

**Superintendent Alanna Huck reported on the following:**

**STEMathon** – This group science activity has been set-up for primary age students through Austin School District. All Potter County schools will participate in various student science stations.

**Michael Hoza** – Mrs. Huck thanked Mr. Hoza for his 12 years of service to the Board and presented a recognition certificate from PSBA.

**PA Public School Code** – The state has passed a funding bill, along with several changes to the school code.

**Emergency Management at CTC** – Mrs. Huck asked the Board their opinion about adding this program to the CTC. The Board responded favorably.

**2018 Board Calendar Draft** was presented. Board members should contact Mrs. Huck with any suggested changes before approval on December 4.

Principal's Report

Minutes

General Fund Bill List

School Lunch Fund Bill List

Field Trip Requests

Superintendent's Report

**Heating System** – The system needed service and system updates that had not been completed in a significant amount of time. Due to the cost of this service, Mrs. Huck and Mr. Ruef are looking at a possible service contract for the future.

**Tennis Courts** – As per prior conversations, a recommendation is on this agenda for a feasibility study if the Board wishes to do so.

**Business Manager Penny Crowell reported on the following:**

**Board Elections:** One seat in the Galeton Second Ward was a write-in election. There were write-in votes; however, the elections office official count started today. It will be next week before the results are available.

**Treasurers Report:** The October ending balance was \$2,573,992 in general fund, with \$1,880,435 in revenue and \$480,488 in expenditures occurring during the month.

**Action Items:**

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration’s recommendation to accept a proposal for professional services from Turf, Track & Courts, LLC, to conduct a tennis court improvements feasibility study in the amount of \$1,550. On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the contract (EXHIBIT).

President Stover asked for a motion to approve Mr. Pierce as Director of Special Education and receive a \$10,000 annual stipend retroactive to July 1, 2017. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the motion.

**President Stover made the following announcements:**

**Executive Sessions:**

November 13, 2017, 6:00 PM, Galeton Area SD Library, RE: Student Matter

**Next Board Meeting:**

*Board Reorganization Meeting:* December 4, 2017, 6:30 PM, Galeton Area SD Music Room

*Board Regular Meeting:* immediately following the reorganization meeting in the same location

On motion of Mr. Hoza and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

Approved as read December 4, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell  
Board Secretary

Business Managers  
Report

Tennis Court Feasibility  
Study

Director of Special  
Education

Announcements

Adjournment

