

**November 2, 2015**

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held November 2, 2015, in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District.

Call to Order

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Attendance

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

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the minutes from the October 5, 2015, Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes.

Minutes

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the General Fund Bills List. On motion of Mr. Douglass and second of Mrs. Fuller the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the motion (EXHIBIT).

Bills List

President Stover reported on the verbal resignation of Kyle Lehman as JV Boys Basketball Coach. Mrs. Stover also read a note from the senior class thanking the board for the field trip to Penn York Camp to participate in a ropes course.

Correspondence

**Superintendent Dr. Brenda Freeman reported on the following:**

Superintendent's Report

- **6<sup>th</sup> grade Tiger Bully Busters:** Students presented their project on teaching other students how to communicate with each other and recognize when something might be bullying or might just be one time statements that hurt feelings.
- **Students of the Month:** **Lillian Grant, Elementary Student**, was nominated for going above and beyond and being a good student. **Eva Olofson, Secondary Student**, was nominated for doing outstanding things for school and always volunteering. She recently designed a t-shirt to recognize the soccer and volleyball teams making districts.
- **PASA/PSBA Annual Meeting:** Dr. Freeman attended this state level meeting of Superintendents and Board Members. State budget discussions were initially around a January passage, but now it sounds like a February passage. The TRAN is on the agenda to borrow funds against our anticipated tax revenue. We will only pay interest on the amount that we draw down.

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

- **PVAAS:** student scores will be released this week.
- **Donorschoose.org:** Teacher Mr. Heyler registered for this program and was funded for \$990 worth of graphing calculators.

Principal's Report

**Inservice Day** was held October 12, during which staff worked on student progress analysis and improvement strategies.

Principal's Report  
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**SWPBIS:** This positive behavior program has met 100% on the Establish Commitment score and made 66% - 83% progress on all other categories.

**Discipline Report:** The monthly discipline report was reviewed.

**Athletic Report:** The varsity soccer team made Districts but lost their first game. Varsity volleyball won their first District game and will continue in District play.

**Teacher Newsletter/Tiger Tales Newsletter:** Teacher reports were provided from Music and First Grade. A school newsletter—Tiger Tales—is being published, which is written mainly by students.

**Upcoming Events:**

Nov 5, 6 – Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov 11 – No School on Veteran's Day

Nov 13, 14 – High School Play

Nov 25 – Early dismissal for Thanksgiving Break (Nov 26 – Dec 1)

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

Business Manager's  
Report

**Treasurer's Report:** Current cash balance is \$1,284,533 with a fund balance of \$403,524. Based on projected revenue and expenditures, the cash balance will be \$-95,337 by the end of December; however, \$467,968 of PSERS and cyber-charter tuition bills are on hold to reserve cash for payroll and essential operating expenses (EXHIBIT).

**TRAN:** The recommended proposal to enter into a Tax Revenue and Anticipation Note in the amount of \$2,000,000 is from Northwest Savings Bank, with an interest rate of 1.49% and bank fees not to exceed \$1,250. The Bank has met the RFP requirements, with a stipulation that draw-downs are a minimum of \$100,000. This is the best rate received, with other proposals being 1.98% and 2.83%, both with higher bank fees.

**Citizen Recognition:**

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**Mike Plummer, Galeton resident,** gave kudos to Mr. Heyler for obtaining the calculators. He asked if they are identified and tagged since they can "grow legs." Mr. Pierce confirmed that they are asset tagged.

**Action Items:**

Rugh Long-Term  
Substitute Employment

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to employ Brandy Rugh as Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher for the remainder of the 2015/16 school year. Ms. Rugh will be employed at a daily rate of \$220 plus individual benefits. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the employment.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation of the District Comprehensive Plan from 2016 - 2019. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the Plan (EXHIBIT).

District  
Comprehensive  
Plan

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to add the following persons to the day-to-day substitute employees' list for 2015/16: Natalie Hallead, Elementary Teacher retroactive to October 8, 2015; Eric Traub, Emergency Certified Teacher, pending receipt of PA emergency certificate, effective November 2, 2015. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the substitutes.

Substitute  
Employees' List

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation of a Resolution and acceptance of a Request for Proposal for a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) from Northwest Savings Bank, making available a revenue sources for the District due to the PA state budget impasse. The Administration also requested that the Superintendent be authorized to approve draw-downs from the TRAN as needed to fund budgeted expenditures. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the TRAN. Dr. Freeman confirmed that a report of any draw-downs will be provided to the Board (EXHIBIT).

TRAN

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into a supplemental contract with Robert Williams as JV Boys Basketball Coach for the 2015/16 school year, pending receipt of current clearances. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Hoza, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the contract.

Supplemental  
Contract

**President Stover made the following announcements:**

**Executive Session:**

November 2, 2015 @ 6:00 PM, Galeton Area SD Library, Galeton, PA, RE: personnel

Announcements

**Next Work Session:**

*none scheduled at this time*

**Next Board Meeting:**

Board Reorganization Meeting and Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 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 7 to 0.

Adjournment

Approved as read December 2, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell  
Board Secretary