

**October 11, 2016**

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District on October 11, 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, Beth Fuller, and Rick Yonkin. Julie Lane and Charles Tameris were absent.

Others present included Superintendent Alanna Huck, 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 September 12, 2016, Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes.

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the General Fund Bill List. Mrs. Huck explained that the portion of the bill list that is dated October 11 are payments that have not yet gone out. Other pages dated earlier are checks that had to be paid earlier, such as sports officials, utilities, other bills with an earlier due date, etc. The Administration will make every effort to bring bills to the board for pre-approval when possible. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 7 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. Yonkin and second of Mr. Bach, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the bill (EXHIBIT)

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the Field Trip Requests, as follows:

- 9/30/16 – Enrichment, 11 students  
Elementary & Middle School Quiz Bowl, Smethport High School
- 10/12/16 – Enrichment, 11 students  
Elementary & Middle School Literature Day, Smethport IU 9
- 10/14/16 – Teen Conference – 60 students  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Northern Potter High School, Ulysses, PA
- 10/20/16 – High School English Students – 25  
Clemens Center, Elmira, NY
- 11/21/16 – Enrichment, 11 students  
Elementary & Middle School Geography & Cultural Fair, Smethport IU 9
- 5/9/17 – Enrichment, 11 students  
Elementary & Middle School Quiz Bowl, Smethport IU 9

On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the field trips.

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

**Students of the Month:** Carl Soles, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, was nominated for his kindness, consideration, and ability to communicate clearly.

**Homecoming:** Mrs. Huck thanked all involved. It was very well done.

**Maintenance:** The softball field facilities have been winterized. The heat is on. Bleacher inspection and insurance confirmation has been completed for the year. There will be a planned power outage on Saturday, October 22, which the District has prepared for.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Minutes

General Fund Bill List

School Lunch Fund Bill List

Field Trip Requests

Superintendent's Report

**District Administrator Leadership Institute:** Mrs. Huck just returned from this national conference in Florida, which was on current educational issues and opportunities. The conference costs were paid by the Leadership magazine. She found that Superintendent's in larger district (24,000 students) have the same concerns as she does about education.

**After School Program with Gale Pride:** Mrs. Huck recommends that the district develop an MOU with Gale Pride for this program and will bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

**Title I Program:** Mrs. Huck is looking into changing the District's targeted assistance designation to school-wide. This will allow the funds to support programming for all district students.

**Technology Plan:** Mrs. Huck developed a technology plan for the District, identifying infrastructure changes needed. Some old computers—10+ years—need to be replaced as they are not working properly. In a few cases, the computers get so hot, it is a safety concern. A plan to replace 20 computers is being developed. Mr. Bach asked, didn't we just update everything in the school. Mr Pierce replied that we had only added wireless hubs and laptop carts. The servers will need to be updated in the near future as well.

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

**School Improvement Team:** The team of staff members is reviewing curriculum and will be revising curriculum in relation to the standards and materials being used in the District.

**RENEW Grant:** This will provide staff training for a few students needing assistance in the behavioral area. The focus is to get students on the path to success and graduation.

**Special Education Monitoring:** This will be November 14, 15,16. Staff have been working on a self-assessment and verifying that requirements are being met.

**Art K-12 and Kindergarten** were the curriculum reports for the month.

**Discipline Report** – Minor incidents are up, but staff are encouraged to report these and document them for tracking more than in prior years. Major incidents are up and the administration is working with individual students and families to address the concerns.

The following student programs have been provided recently:

**Senior Ropes Course** – Students attended the program at PennYork Camp.

**Rachel's Challenge** – The best assembly we have seen. It addresses student attitudes in relation to the Columbine school shooting. The elementary program focused on a positive message of being kind and helping each other.

**Homecoming Week** – Students did an awesome job planning and implementing the activities. Northern Potter parents asked how we put everything together for homecoming.

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

A Treasurer's Report was reviewed, showing an ending September cash balance of \$956,818. Unlike last year, state funding has been coming in and tax revenue is being received at the usual stable rate (EXHIBIT). Mr. Yonkin asked if the District is in the black, Mrs. Crowell replied yes.

**Citizen Recognition:** *no citizen recognition*

**Keystone Smiles/Americorp:** Tom Shatto reported on the program that Gale Pride is developing with Americorp to provide school-time tutoring and after-school programs. Gale Pride's mission is to work with school and community to provide a positive experience for young people and the community. This year's funding is \$26,000 and next year's plans include continuing the same program and seeking \$50,000 in funding.

**Action Items:**

Mrs. Huck reported that Mrs. Arlene Baker who was being recommended for the three (3) hour/day cafeteria monitor position has withdrawn her application.

Principal's Report

Business Manager's Report

Citizen Recognition

PT Cafeteria Monitor

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into a supplemental contract with Richard Smith as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach for the 2016/17 school year in the amount of \$4,440. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 5 to 1 to 1, with Mr. Hoza abstaining and Mr. Bach voting no, to approve the contract.

Varsity Boys Basketball  
Coach

President Stover asked for a motion to add the following persons to the Substitute Employees' List for the 2016/17 school year:

Substitute Employees' List

Gladys (Pip) Burrous, support staff, effective 9/23/16

Arleen Baker, support staff, effective 8/30/16

On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Dr. Geiter, the board voted 7 to 0 to approve the contract.

Announcements

**President Stover made the following announcements:**

**Executive Session:**

October 11, 2016, 6:15 PM, Galeton Area SD Library, RE: personnel

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

**Next Board Meeting:** November 14, 2016, 6:30 PM, Galeton Area School District Music Room

Adjournment

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 Mr. Yonkin, the meeting was adjourned by a vote of 7 to 0.

Approved as read November 14, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell, Board Secretary

