

Galeton Area School District  
School Board Meeting Minutes

**October 5, 2015**

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held October 5, 2015, 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.

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, James Douglass, Michael Hoza, Julie Lane, Charles Tameris, and Rick Yonkin. Beth Fuller and Dr. Mary Geiter were 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 a motion to consider approval of the minutes from the September 14, 2015, Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 7 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. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the motion (EXHIBIT).

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

- **Students of the Month:** **Kaelyn Graber**, Kindergarten Student, was selected for being the epitome of an enthusiastic learner. She has received many ROAR points and saved them for lunch with the principal. **Julia Burrows**, 9th grade, was nominated for her tech savvy and willingness to share her expertise, be a friend and team player to all. She has a sense of responsibility and sense of humor. Special thank you to Julia for donating her time to painting the ROAR program tiger on the cafeteria wall for elementary students.
- **Comprehensive Plan:** The Plan is being recommended for a public review period, with Board approval to be recommended on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is a good document that states what we are all about, both our struggles and achievements.
- **Gale Foundation Grant:** The Gale Foundation has awarded \$5,000 to the District for the high tunnel project. The set-up of the tunnel began today.
- **October is National Bully Prevention Month:** The 6<sup>th</sup> grade Tiger Bully Busters plan to see all elementary classes by the end of the month, presenting their ideas on identifying and solving student issues. They will present to the Board in November.

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

- The following activities have taken place in the past month: Principal attended a Special Education Leaders Conference, the Wood Mobile came to school for student learning, juniors visited Mansfield University.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Minutes

Bills Lists

Superintendent's Report

Principal's Report

- **Timothy Miller** scored in the U.S. top 50,000 for his PSAT achievement and was named a commended student in the Merit Scholarship program.
- The **discipline report** was provided.
- **Homecoming:** Thank you and congratulations to Cooper Sunderlin and Tyler Dugan who coordinated the homecoming activities as a senior project and Mr. Huck, the advisor.
- **Athletic Report:** Varsity volleyball has a 5-2 record and needs 3 more wins to qualify for District's. Varsity soccer has an 8-4 record and needs 1 more win to qualify for District's. District's for both sports begin the last week of October. Girl's tennis has a 3-8 record and will compete in District doubles on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Teacher Newsletters:** Mrs. Seibert's Art program has students doing many creative projects—PreK-3 are working on Pointillism, organic and amorphous shapes, visual color mixing, Aboriginal art, fine art and Fantasy art, architecture and under water landscapes. High school students are working on geometric ceramic tiles, photography, sculpture, and drawings and paintings of Berger Lake. Miss Green and Mrs. Campbell kicked off the year with letter activities—applesauce and apple pie for A, gaining the assistance of Mrs. Lewis for the baking. They also are studying the life cycle and many associated projects around Monarch caterpillars and butterflies.

Principal's Report

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

- **TRAN (Tax Revenue Anticipation Note) Update** – The request for proposals document has been finalized by legal counsel and released in the amount of \$2,000,000, which is about 30% of the District's budget, with a fixed rate, draw as needed provision. Proposals will be due October 29<sup>th</sup> and a recommendation to the Board is expected on November 2<sup>nd</sup> (EXHIBIT).
- **UGI Gas Lease Update** – The gas price recommendation has been finalized at 2.40/dth instead of the 2.53 rate on the agenda. This reflects a savings of \$3,400 over last year's rate.
- **Treasurer's Report** – An account expenditure and balance report was provided, reflecting a current cash balance of \$397,847 and a fund balance of \$403,524 (EXHIBIT).

Business Manager's Report

**Citizen Recognition:** There was no citizen recognition.

Citizen Recognition

**Action Items:**

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to employ Brandy Rugh as Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher retroactive to August 21, 2015, until such time the position is filled. Ms. Rugh will be employed at a daily rate of \$220 plus individual benefits. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 6 to 1, with Mr. Bach voting no, to approve the employment.

Rugh Long-Term Substitute Employment

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation for renewal of an agreement with UGI Energy Services for the purchase of natural gas from April through October 2016 at the rate of \$2.40 per dth. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the gas lease (EXHIBIT).

UGI Agreement

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation of revisions to the District Mission and Vision Statements; and also recommends that the District Comprehensive Plan be placed for public inspection at the school district offices and public library until November 2, 2015. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the Mission and Vision Statements (EXHIBIT).

District Mission and Vision Statements

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to add Lynette Burrous to the 2015/16 Day-to-Day Substitute Employees' list for teacher's aide, secretary and fitness center. On motion of Mr. Hoza and second of Mr. Douglass, the Board voted 6 to 1, with Mr. Bach voting no, to approve the substitute. Mr. Bach requested to review paperwork on substitutes before voting on them in the future.

Substitute List Addition

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to enter into supplemental contracts with the following persons for the 2015/16 school year:

Supplemental Contracts

Sarah Graber, Sophomore Class Advisor - \$216

Sarah Graber, Co-Student Council Advisor - \$432.50

Tim Huck, Co-Student Council Advisor - \$432.50

Mr. Bach asked if students are taken out of classes for activities. Mr. Pierce replied activities occur both during and after school. On motion of Mr. Douglass and second of Mr. Hoza, the Board voted 6 to 1, with Mr. Bach voting no, to approve the supplemental contracts.

President Stover asked for a motion to vote on each supplemental contract under agenda item 4.6 one at a time. On motion of Mr. Hoza and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 7 to 0 to vote one at a time.

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into a supplemental contract with Andy Macensky as Varsity Girls Basketball Coach for the 2015/16 school year. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the contract.

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into a supplemental contract with Willis Shadle as JV Girls Basketball Coach for the 2015/16 school year. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the contract.

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into a supplemental contract with Devin Shadle as Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach for the 2015/16 school year. On motion of Mr. Douglass and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the contract.

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into a supplemental contract with Mike Murray, III, as Elementary Girls Basketball Coach for the 2015/16 school year, pending receipt of current clearances. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Hoza, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the contract.

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into a supplemental contract with Richard Smith as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach for the 2015/16 school year. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 6 to 0 to 1, with Mr. Hoza abstaining, to approve the contract.

Supplemental Contracts

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

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into a supplemental contract with Dan Benjamin as Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach for the 2015/16 school year. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mr. Douglass, the Board voted 2 to 4 to 1, with Mr. Bach, Mrs. Stover, Mr. Tameris and Mr. Yonkin voting no and Mrs. Lane abstaining. The motion was not approved.

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into a supplemental contract with Dan Benjamin as Elementary Boys Basketball Coach for the 2015/16 school year. On motion of Mr. Douglass and second of Mr. Hoza, the Board voted 2 to 4 to 1, with Mr. Bach, Mrs. Stover, Mr. Tameris and Mr. Yonkin voting no and Mrs. Lane abstaining. The motion was not approved.

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into a supplemental contract with Dan Brelo as JV/Varsity Boys Tennis Coach for the 2015/16 school year. On motion of Mr. Douglass and second of Mr. Bach, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the contract.

President Stover asked for a motion to enter into a supplemental contract with Greg Brown as JV/Varsity Softball Coach for the 2015/16 school year. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the contract.

President Stover asked for a motion to accept a \$5,000 grant from the William and L.R. Gale Community Foundation a/k/a Galeton Foundation to be used for the High Tunnel Greenhouse Project. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Bach, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept the grant.

Gale Foundation Grant

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to add a high school Emotional Support Classroom and one Emotional Support Teacher to meet the needs of students with special needs. Dr. Freeman reported that this recommendation will bring students receiving their education out of the District back to Galeton, provide a better program and be a savings dollar-wise. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 6 to 1, with Mr. Bach voting no, to approve the program and position.

Emotional Support Program

**President Stover made the following announcements:**

**Executive Session:**

Monday, October 5, 2015 @ 6:00 PM, Galeton Area SD Library, Galeton, PA

**Next Work Session:**

*none scheduled at this time*

**Next Board Meeting:**

Monday, November 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 Mrs. Lane and second of Mr. Tameris, the meeting was adjourned by a vote of 7 to 0.

Approved as read November 2, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell  
Board Secretary

Announcements

Adjournment