

**December 2, 2015**

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held 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: Charles Bach, Beth Fuller, Michael Hoza, Julie Lane, Charles Tameris, and Rick Yonkin.

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 November 2, 2015, Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes.

Minutes

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

Superintendent's Report

- **Students of the Month:** **Lillian Grant, Elementary Student**, was nominated for being a very caring and giving student. She is the first person to volunteer, is very respectful of the school rules and is proud to be a ROAR member. **Eva Olofson, Secondary Student**, was nominated for doing outstanding things for school and always volunteering. *These are the same students as last month, since Miss Grant was able to attend this meeting.*
- **SPP score:** The District SPP score is 85.9, which is significantly higher from last year. Galeton scored higher than any other IU 9 district. This was also announced to students, who were asked to thank a teacher, recognizing the team effort it took to reach this goal.
- **State Budget Update:** The budget is still in flux. The TRAN approved in November had to go through and the District now has a line of credit if needed.
- **Health Insurance Consortium:** At a recent meeting, the consortium reviewed its finances and the funds are dwindling. More details will be provided at the January meeting with expectations for a decision on 2016/17 rates.

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

Principal's Report

- **SPP:** Mr. Pierce is very excited about the SPP improvement and explained more details about the score.
- **Moose ROAR:** The local Moose Lodge has contributed funds to the ROAR program. Mr. Pierce thanked the Moose for their generous donation.
- **Other items:** Students participated in recent assemblies—Road Radio USA and Thomas Edison. The high school play was a success. Teachers are working on student data evaluation and student failure plans.
- **Discipline and Athletic Reports** were given. The winter sports schedule was handed out to Board Members.

• **Upcoming Events:**

- Dec 9 Family Lunch Day, Blood Drive, Family Reading Night and PTO Holiday Store.
- Dec 17 Holiday Band/Chorus Concert
- Dec 23 Early Dismissal
- Dec 24 – Jan 1 No School

Principal's Report  
*(continued)*

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

**2014/15 Audit:** The audit has been complete. The 14/15 budget included use of \$410,856 in fund balance, which the District did have to use as planned, along with \$55,000 additional dollars. A copy of the audit will be presented when the final document has been received.

Business Manager's  
Report

**2016/17 Act 1 Resolution:** Due to the flux in the state budget, the administration recommends entering into the Act 1 resolution, which would require the district to keep any tax increase within the index of 2.8%. The new index is projected to provide less than \$20,000 of new dollars.

**Citizen Recognition:**

**Mike Plummer, Galeton resident,** complimented the Administration for earning the school performance increase, but also congratulated the Board members for their work with the Administration.

Citizen Recognition

**Action Items:**

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to enter into a supplemental contract with Charles Evans as Boys Elementary and Boys Jr. High Basketball Coach for the 2015/16 school year. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the employment.

Boys Elementary and Jr.  
High Basketball Coach

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to add the following persons to the 2015/16 Day-to-Day Substitute Employees' List, effective December 3, 2015:

Substitute Employees

- Carl Beacker, Emergency Certified Teacher
- Andrea Youngfleish, PreK-4 Elementary Teacher
- Karissa Burrous, Fitness Center Attendant and Clerical
- Devin Shadle, Fitness Center Attendant and Maintenance

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

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to adopt the Resolution pursuant to Act 1 of Special Session 2006, Taxpayer Relief Act, indicating that School Board will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the Galeton Area School District for the 2016-17 fiscal year by more than the index of 2.8% established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the District. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the motion.

Act 1 Resolution for  
2016/17

President Stover asked for a motion to appoint Dr. Mary Geiter as Region I Board Member for a term of December 2015 – November 2017. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin the Board voted 7 to 0 to appoint Dr. Geiter.

Appointment of  
Dr. Geiter

**President Stover made the following announcements:**

Announcements

**Next Work Session:**

*none scheduled at this time*

**Next Board Meeting:**

January 11, 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 Mrs. Lane, the meeting was adjourned by a vote of 7 to 0.

Adjournment

Approved as read January 11, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell  
Board Secretary