

December 4, 2017

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District on December 4, 2017.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board President Bonita Stover at 6:35 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, Tony Cimino, Beth Fuller, Dr. Mary Geiter, Julie Lane, Charles Tameris, and Rick Yonkin. A vacancy currently exists on the board. Others present included Superintendent Alanna Huck, Principal Clyde Pierce, Business Manager/Board Secretary Penny Crowell, and interested community members.

Attendance

Citizen Recognition: No citizens commented.

Citizen Recognition

Students of the Month:

Eva Olofson was recognized as secondary student of the month. She was not at the meeting due to participation in a basketball game. She was nominated for always being willing to help out with a smile and always willing to do anything to make her school look great.

Students of the Month

Luke Knisely was recognized as elementary student of the month for his enthusiasm and cheerfulness. He is very kind to his fellow students.

Executive Session: The Board adjourned to executive session from 6:37 – 6:48 PM

Board Education: Mrs. Huck provided PSBA new board member packets to each board member, which included various reference materials on school board procedures. She also reported on the new PA School Code spending bill, which includes school board training requirements. Details known thus far include a four hour training for newly elected members and 2 hours for returning members. PDE will be facilitating the training but has not released full details yet. The new bill also includes a requirement for a lunch shaming policy. The Administration will bring a recommendation for policy revision when the information is available.

Board Education

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the minutes from the November 13, 2017, Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the minutes.

Minutes

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the General Fund Bill List. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mrs. Lane the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the bill list (EXHIBIT).

General Fund Bill List

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

School Lunch Fund Bill List

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

11/30/17 – Enrichment, grades K-8, 9 students, Science Fair, IU 9 in Smethport

On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the field trips.

Field Trip Request

Superintendent’s Report:

Education Blue Print for the State: Mrs. Huck reported on this program which she and Mr. Pierce attended. It was a two day conference on what education should look like in PA. They found that no matter how big or small the district, we all have the same problems.

Superintendent’s Report

Status of US Schools: This report indicates that schools are good but infrastructure issues are common.

Buildings and Grounds: The kitchen’s washer and dryer quit and had to be replaced—it was a 2004 model.

High School Play: The play was held in the prior week and was very good.

Principal Report:

Star Lab K-8 Astronomy Assembly: This assembly was provided by the PTO and was a very good program. It was prompted by the Dark Skies Committee.

Special Education Plan Training: Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Carleton are preparing for the next part of the monitor that is due at the end of this year.

Principal’s Report

ROAR Fidelity Review: The review concluded with the elementary scoring 93% and the high school 84%. Since the qualifying score is usually 80% we expect to receive the award. The final results will be coming soon.

Student Activities and Classroom Newsletters: Mr. Pierce reported on the various student activities including the Tiger Times Newsletter, Tiger Cook Book project, winter sports schedules, and Family & Consumer Sciences/Driver Education classroom activities.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administrations recommendation to enter into an Agreement with Woods Services, Inc., to provide educational services to a Galeton student at the Woods school from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, in the amount of \$338.57 per program day for 221 days for a total of \$74, 823.97. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the Agreement.

The Woods Agreement

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administrations recommendation to approve Doug Parsell as a volunteer for girls and boys basketball in 2017/18. On motion of Dr. Geiter and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the volunteer.

Volunteer

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administrations recommendation that authorization be given to the officers of the Galeton Area School District to execute a Quit Claim Deed regarding a one (1) acre lot in West Branch Township, formerly the Lyman Run School House. Mr. Bach indicted that he would like to recommend holding off on this item to identify the exact location of the property. On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 7 to 1, with Mr. Bach voting no, to approve the motion.

Lyman Run School House

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve an In Lieu of Expulsion Agreement effective December 4, 2017, through June 1, 2018, for student #000170688. On motion of Mrs. Fuller and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the Agreement.

In Lieu of Expulsion Agreement

President Stover made the following announcements:

Next Board Meeting:

January 8, 2018, 6:30 PM, Galeton Area SD Music Room

Next Board Work Session:

January 22, 2018, 6:30 PM, Galeton Area School District Library

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

Approved as read January 8, 2018

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell
Board Secretary

Announcements

Adjournment

