

Galeton Area School District
School Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2016

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District on June 13, 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:

Dr. Mary Geiter, Charles Tameris, Rick Yonkin, Julie Lane, and Michael Hoza. Charles Bach, Tony Cimino, and Beth Fuller 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 May 9, 2016, Board Meeting. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the minutes.

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the General Fund Bill List. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 6 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 Dr. Geiter and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the bill (EXHIBIT).

Superintendent Dr. Brenda Freeman reported on the following:

- **Graduation:** The seniors had a busy and productive year with graduation filled with tears and excitement for the future.
- **State Emergency Hazard Plan:** We continue to work with Retired Trooper Knight and the community to update our plan. Reunification Training is scheduled for June 15 for all Potter County schools, which Galeton is hosting.
- **Summer Maintenance Staff:** The North Central Workforce Experience Program through PA Career Link is providing six students to work this summer with maintenance. We will need to hire only two students for two weeks to cover a time period between grants. This is a savings to the usual summer maintenance staff costs.
- **Music Ensemble:** The District hosted a musical ensemble last week and it was well received by the community. A question was raised about our music student participating in Memorial Day community activities. We do participate in the parade with the band; however, chorus participation would be difficult since the same students are in the chorus as the band.

Principal Clyde Pierce reported on the following:

- **Signs of Suicide Training:** We had a staff and student training on this top and it was very successful. We will most likely provide it in the future
- **Special Olympics:** Galeton students participated as athletes and helpers this year.
- **GalePride Speaker:** GalePride scheduled John Frifth to speak with students about his experiences since graduation from Galeton.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Minutes

General Fund Bill List

School Lunch Fund Bill List

Superintendent's Report

Principal's Report

- **Field Days:** Elementary and high school students had their separate field days programs this year. They were very successful and enjoyed greatly by students. Staff and student organizers did an outstanding job preparing and running the programs.
- **ROAR Day:** The PTO assisted the district with an end of the year carnival type program for ROAR. Students participated in outdoor games, silent auction, and duct taped the principal to the wall using their ROAR tickets collected all year.
- **Alumni and Sports Banquet:** These programs were held at year end as usual. The Boys Tennis won the District IV championship and Softball won the Northern Allegheny League for the first time in Galeton's history.
- **2016/17 Opening Teacher Inservice:** Plans are underway for the August 22, 23, 24 inservice programs, which will include teacher experts providing workshops in a conference style program.
- **August 25:** First student day in the 2016/17 school year.

Principal's Report
(continued)

Business Manager Penny Crowell reported on the following:

2016/17 Budget Changes since May: A summary of budget changes were reviewed, which resulted in \$49,321 appropriation required from fund balance to balance the 2016/17 budget. An increase in hearing support tuition for an outside placement in the amount of \$54,500 was the main reason for the ending negative balance (EXHIBIT).

Business Manager's
Report

Citizen Recognition: *no citizen recognition*

Citizen Recognition

Action Items:

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to approve Makaya Shadle and Latascia Shadle for Summer Maintenance staff effective June 27, 2016, through July 7, 2016, Monday through Thursday, 6.5 hours/day at \$7.25/hour. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the recommendation (EXHIBIT).

Summer Maintenance

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to enter into supplemental agreements for the 2016/17 school year as per Exhibit #4. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Tameris, Brandy Rugh as Jr High School Volleyball Coach was added to the exhibit. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the agreements (EXHIBIT).

2016/17 Supplemental
Contracts

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to renew the District's liability, auto, student activities, worker's compensation and comprehensive insurance policies for the 2016/17 school year. Dr. Freeman reported that the District received two quotes, one from Northwest Savings Bank and one from Empire Insurance. The quotes were not apples to apples and did not cover the district in the same way—the main item being primary flood insurance. The recommendation is to continue with Empire for another year. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the renewal of insurances with Empire Insurance as per the EXHIBIT.

2016/17 Insurance
Renewal

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to renew the eService Agreement with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit for financial and student information systems computer software in the amount of \$14,620 for the 2016/17 fiscal year. . On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the agreement (EXHIBIT).

2016/17 CSIU Agreement

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to increase the school lunch prices by 10¢ per full priced meal starting with the 2016/17 school year, as required to bring the District into compliance with the USDA National School Lunch Program regulations 7 CFR 210.14(3). The regulations requires school to bring lunch prices within equity of the federal school lunch reimbursement rate of \$2.70/meal at a maximum of 10¢ per school year. The new prices will be \$1.75/student paid lunch and \$2.80/adult paid lunch. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the increase.

2016/17 School Lunch Prices

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to award maintenance supplies bids for the 2016/17 school year as per the EXHIBIT. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the bids.

2016/17 Maintenance Bids

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Negotiations Committee's recommendation to approve an Agreement between the Galeton Education Association and Galeton Area School District for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 school year. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the Agreement (EXHIBIT).

GEA Agreement – 2016/17 – 2017/18

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Negotiations Committee's recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to investigate and enter into an Agreement with a Health Savings Account vendor to provide an HSA program to employees as per the GEA/GASD Agreement effective September 1, 2016. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the authorization.

HSA Agreement

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation of the following Budget items:

- The 2016/17 General Fund Budget on PDE form 2028 in the amount of \$7,002,308 (EXHIBIT). Levying of taxes:
 - Real Estate Tax of 14.6173 mills for Tioga County effective July 1, 2016
 - Real Estate Tax of 37.9124 mills for Potter County effective July 1, 2016
 - Earned Income Tax, Act 511, of .5% effective January 1, 2017
 - Real Estate Transfer Tax of .5% effective July 1, 2016
 - Per Capita Taxes, Section 679, at \$5.00 effective July 1, 2016
- A Homestead/Farmstead Resolution for the purpose of reducing school district property tax in 2016/17 (EXHIBIT).
- A Real Estate Property Tax Resolution providing an option for tax payers to pay 2016 taxes in installments (EXHIBIT).
- That the Board approve the use of the following amounts of Fund Balance for the 2016/17 fiscal term:
 - Unreserved Fund Balance - \$49,321

2016/17 Budget and Tax Rates

On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the budget items.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to enter into an Agreement with Dr. Benjamin W. Largey to continue School Psychology services for District students effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2019. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the Agreement (EXHIBIT).

School Psychologist

President Stover made the following announcements:

Executive Session: June 13, 2016, 5:45 PM, Galeton Area SD Library, RE: Employee

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

Next Board Meeting: August 1, 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 6 to 0.

Approved as read August 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell,
Board Secretary

Adjournment

