

February 12, 2018

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District on February 12, 2018.

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, Beth Fuller, Julie Lane, Charles Tameris, Dr. Mary Geiter, 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.

New Board Member Appointment

Mrs. Huck informed the Board that the Board vacancy had been advertised and Kyle Lehman was the only applicant. The Board Member appointment process has to be held in a public meeting. Do any members have questions for Kyle? There were no questions.

Mrs. Stover asked for a motion to appoint Kyle Lehman as a Board member for Region 1, with a term of office from February 2018 through November 2019. On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve Mr. Lehman as the newest member of the School Board. President Stover administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Lehman.

Citizen Recognition: No citizens commented.

Students of the Month:

Shelby Gardner was recognized as secondary student of the month. She is always ready to participate in class and helps other students.

Trey Sykora was recognized as elementary student of the month for being a hard worker and always putting his best foot forward.

Senior Project Proposal: Hailee Ludington, 11th Grade Student, presented a proposal for a new class in which she would co-teach with Mrs. Graber. It would be a book club style format, with students ready assigned books weekly, participating in discussions about the books, and completing essays or other written assignments. Mrs. Graber will direct the class and grade assignments and Hailee will participate as a student but also lead the book discussions. A field trip to Boston, location of many of the authors and other literary sites, is also being considered. Hailee would coordinate the field trip as well. The Board was interested in the project and encouraged Hailee and Mrs. Graber to continue their work and present the formal course proposal, field trip request and book purchase requirements at a later date.

Mrs. Graber and Miss Ludington also requested that the Board consider a field trip to New York City for Juniors and Seniors on April 26 & 27, 2018. The trip is being planned through Benedicts, will be student paid, and include 30 students and 4 chaperones. It was discussed previously as part of another student's senior project. President Stover asked for a motion to approve this field trip. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mrs. Lane the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the trip.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

New Board Member
Appointment

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Board Education:

Mr. Pierce presented a new Grading Scale Option to the Board, moving from the current 100 point scale to a 4.0 model for grades 2 – 12. Letter grades would still be included on report cards. This will provide improvements for weighting grades and better options for students after they fail a course, among others. Mrs. Huck asked the Board to read the proposal and article provided by Mr. Pierce. They will bring a final proposal to the Board at a later date for approval. She also stated that what is being utilized now is not working. This model is in line with the Districts move toward relevance and rigor.

Board Education

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the minutes from the January 22, 2018, business Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the minutes.

Board Minutes

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the General Fund Bill List. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mrs. Fuller the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the bill list (EXHIBIT).

General Fund Bills List

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the School Lunch Fund Bill List. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the bill list (EXHIBIT).

School Lunch Fund Bill List

Superintendent's Report:

Ag Lab: This agriculture based mobile science program through the PA Friends of Agriculture Foundation will be coming to the District for several days, providing education in the agriculture area. A donation from the PA Soybean Board will pay for a portion of this program.

Superintendent's Report

Change Work Session Date: The mobile circus is using the building on February 26 and Mrs. Huck requested to move the Board Work Session to February 27 and hold a Special Board Business Meeting to approve baseball and softball coaches. The business meeting will be held at 6:30 PM and the work session will follow.

Rotary: Mrs. Huck attended the last Rotary meeting and provided District updates. The Rotary is interested in the District and the information was well received.

State Budget: The governor released his budget for 2018/19. It includes small increases for the District of \$57,000 for basic education funding and \$2,200 in special education funding. The Ready to Learn Grant is expected to remain at \$54,000 for Galetton. Additional funding is being put into CTC and career centers. The budget is suspected to go through quickly this year since it is an election year. District staff have begun the requisitioning process.

Textbooks: Mrs. Huck informed the Board that the Administration has some textbooks that they would like to purchase. Dr. Geiter, Mr. Yonkin, and Mr. Lehman spoke to serve on a textbook review committee.

Federal Programs Audit: The District is being re-audited along with other Districts in the area. One item that needs to be reviewed is the Title I Parent Involvement Policy.

Principal's Report:

Mock Trial: Mr. Pierce reported that he attended the program in Wellsboro. They competed against a seasoned team and lost, but they did well. The next stage of the trial will be on February 23rd.

Principal's Report

New Course-- Anatomy & Physiology: This course is being considered and a full proposal will be presented to the Board in the future. Science teachers are involved in recommending materials.

Mr. Pierce also presented the monthly student discipline report, athletic update on basketball, upcoming District programs, and the monthly classroom newsletters. Second grade are focusing on math and Dibels testing, along with a STEM based training with inquiry based teaching. This focus can be used across the curriculum and the teachers are planning to do a lesson for staff in the future. Physical education was also reported on. High school classes have participated in multiple unit on various sports throughout the year and elementary students are working on fitness testing and various sports units.

Business Manager's Report: Mrs. Crowell provided the current Treasurer's Report showing a General Fund balance of \$2,096,753 as of January 31, 2018 (EXHIBIT).

Business Manager's Report

The annual Statement of Financial Interest form from the State Ethics Commission were also handed out to Board members and Administrators. They are due back to Mrs. Crowell on May 1st.

Action Items:

No action items.

Announcements

President Stover made the following announcements:

Next Board Meeting:

February 27, 2018, 6:30 PM, Galeton Area SD Music Room

March 12, 2018, 6:30 PM, Galeton Area SD Music Room

Next Board Work Session:

February 27, 2018, following the special board meeting

On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Approved as read February 27, 2018

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell
Board Secretary

