

**January 22, 2018**

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District on January 22, 2018.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board President Bonita Stover at 6:32 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:

Attendance

Charles Bach, Tony Cimino, Beth Fuller, Julie Lane (by phone), and Charles Tameris.

Dr. Mary Geiter and Rick Yonkin were absent. 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.

**Citizen Recognition:** No citizens commented.

Citizen Recognition

**Board Recognition Month:** Mrs. Huck recognized the Board for their service to the District and appreciation for their time.

**Students of the Month:**

Students of the Month

Seth Succowich was recognized as secondary student of the month. He is a pleasure to have in class and is always ready to help out and do new things.

Sophia Cizek was recognized as elementary student of the month for her hard working, dependable and infectious personality.

**Board Education:** Dave DiTanna, Auditor from BWB, presented the 2016/17 audit. He highlighted the Management Discussion and Analysis, which details the District's position and financial condition for the year. Financial statements are in accord with the accounting principles generally accepted in the US. The audit provided an unmodified clean opinion with no exceptions. The final document shows \$231,964 in excess, which increases the general fund balance. This was mainly due to a reduction in cyber charter tuition, a reduction of approximately \$90,000 in general fund expenditures, and the completion of the finance/PlanCon process for the last bond issue.

Board Education –  
2016/17 Audit

President Stover asked for a motion to accept the 2016/17 audit. On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mr. Bach, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the audit.

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2017, Board Reorganization Meeting. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the minutes.

Minutes

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2017, business Board Meeting. On motion of Mrs. Fuller and second of Mr. Bach, 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. Bach and second of Mr. Cimino the Board voted 6 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 Mrs. Fuller and second of Mr. Bach, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the bill list (EXHIBIT).

School Lunch Fund Bill List

President Stover informed the Board of the following verbal resignations:

Bob Williams, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball coach

Matt Stover, Varsity Baseball Coach

On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mrs. Fuller the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the resignations.

**Superintendent's Report:**

**Audit:** Mrs. Huck referred to coming on board with a fund balance of \$600,000, which was a little scary—but now we are closer to \$1,000,000. She thanked the staff and Business Manager for their work on spending reductions and the audit.

Superintendent's Report

**Early Dismissal:** Due to the ice jam in town and possible flooding last Friday, school dismissed with very quickly. Special thanks to the staff and responsiveness of the bus contractors that made it possible.

**Tennis Court Study:** A written report from the formal feasibility study was provided to the Board. The Rotary and community members have approached the Superintendent about improving the courts. Also, the courts will probably not be playable next year. The Board asked the Superintendent to talk with the persons interested and consider the full renovation. The funding will be the main issue (EXHIBIT).

**UGI Bore Testing:** UGI has approached the District regarding a right of way to test their lines on District property. The Board was in favor of this, pending the final lease document. UGI will obtain the permits and focus on a summer schedule, avoiding July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

**Outdoor Concession Stand:** JKLM is interested in providing funding for a stand, but the district will have to pay for permits and work with the Army Corps requirements. The Board was in favor of this direction. Mrs. Huck will continue to obtain additional information.

**Negotiations with Teachers:** This has begun. A formal session is needed by the end of January. The Board Negotiations Committee would need to meet.

**Board Vacancy:** The vacancy has been advertised for several weeks with no applicants as of yet.

**State Budget:** There have been no updates on the budget yet; however, it looks like we should have a budget on time this year since it is an election year.

**Principal's Report:**

**Talent Show:** This annual program before Christmas Break was a success again with wonderful student acts. Representatives of the VFW also attended and presented essay contest awards as well.

Principal's Report

**End of the Marking Period:** The marking period ends in mid-January and report cards will be issued. Mid-year teacher meetings will also be held.

**Potter County Conservation District Interviews:** The Guidance office coordinated an interview day with members of this office to interview students as if they were seeking a job as an adult. The process went well and students learned a lot about themselves.

**Curriculum Mapping:** Teachers have completed their portion of the mapping. Administration hopes to have the review step complete by mid-summer.

**Classroom Newsletter/Events/Other items:** Mr. Pierce reported on student discipline, athletics, announced upcoming events and presented classroom newsletters from third grade and the technology education department.

**Business Manager's Report:** Mrs. Crowell provided the current Treasurer's Report showing a General Fund balance of \$2,312,009 as of December 31, 2017 (EXHIBIT).

**Action Items:**

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to enter into a supplemental contract with Dustin Smith as 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Elementary Basketball Coach for the 2017/18 school year in the amount of \$630.00. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the contract.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to enter into an agreement with NRG Controls North, Inc., providing predictive and preventative maintenance visits and preferred labor and materials rates in the amount of \$9,300 from January 22, 2018, through January 20, 2019. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the agreement (EXHIBIT).

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to enter into an Agreement with Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit 9 for internet services from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023. On motion of Mrs. Fuller and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the agreement.

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 the School Board will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the Galeton Area School District for the 2018-19 fiscal year by more than the index of 2.4% established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the District. On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the Resolution.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to enter into an In Lieu of Expulsion Hearing Agreement effective December 20, 2017, through December 20, 2018, for student #000170461. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the agreement.

Business Manager's Report

Elementary Boys' Basketball Coach

Boiler Maintenance Agreement

Internet Consortium 2018 - 2023

Act 1 Resolution for 2018/19

In Lieu of Expulsion Agreement

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to employ the following persons as part-time cafeteria employees at an hourly rate of \$7.50 as per the Conditions of Employment for Support Staff effective January 23, 2018.

Margo Germino, 3 hours/school day, cafeteria monitor

Lore Pifer, 5 ¾ hours/school day, cook

Elverna Hillyard, 5 hours/school day, dishwasher

On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mrs. Fuller the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the employees.

Cafeteria Employment

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to employ Erin Jackson as PreK Aide effective January 23, 2018. Mrs. Jackson will be employed at an annual salary of \$18,500, to be pro-rated for the 2017/18 school year, plus benefits as defined by the Conditions of Employment for Support Staff. On motion of Mrs. Fuller and second of Mr. Tameris the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the employee.

PreK Aide Employment

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to add the following persons to the 2017/18 Day-To-Day Substitute Employees List: Jenna Rinehart, Mathematics Teacher effective January 17, 2018, and Donna Leschander, Emergency Certified Teacher effective January 11, 2018. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mrs. Fuller the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the substitutes.

Day-to-Day Substitutes

**President Stover made the following announcements:**

Announcements

**Executive Session:**

January 22, 2018, 6:15 PM, Galeton Area School District Library

**Next Board Meeting:**

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

**Next Board Work Session:**

The January 22, 2018, work session was changed to a board meeting.

Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mrs. Stover, the Board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

Approved as read February 12, 2018

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell  
Board Secretary

