

March 12, 2018

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District on March 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: Tony Cimino, Beth Fuller, Julie Lane, Kyle Lehman, Charles Tameris, Dr. Mary Geiter, and Rick Yonkin. Charles Bach was absent. Others present included Superintendent Alanna Huck, Principal Clyde Pierce, Business Manager/Board Secretary Penny Crowell, and interested community members.

Citizen Recognition: No citizens commented.

Students of the Month:

Autumn Bliss was recognized as elementary student of the month. She always gets her work done and is a true friend to all.

Lauren Cimino was recognized as secondary student of the month. She is always the first to arrive to class, gets her work done, helps other students, and goes above and beyond what is expected.

Board Education:

Mrs. Huck discussed the current state of safety in public school in relation to recent events across the country. She also informed the Board that some Galeton students have requested a walk out for 17 minutes to recognize students who lost their lives in the Parkland, FL, shooting. Students will not be protesting, it will be a silent recognition. Mrs. Huck also discussed the rights students have in these matters. Board members participated in a school safety quiz in relation to Galeton students and staff and their view points on safety.

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the minutes from the February 27, 2018, Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the minutes.

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

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

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the Field Trips, as follows:
3/22/18: Enrichment (6 students), KNEX Challenge, Smethport High School
3/23/18: 10th Grade History (19 students), WWII Museum, Eldred, PA
On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the field trips.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Citizen Recognition

Students of the Month

Board Education –
School Safety

Board Minutes

General Fund Bills List

School Lunch Fund Bill
List

Field Trip Requests

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Huck reported on the following items.

Softball Field Failure to Monitor Water – DEP has required that the District post this notice at the Softball field. It is a result of DEP not notifying the District until December that nitrates and nitrites must also be tested. The testing will be added as soon as possible.

Tennis Courts – Discussed the current condition of the tennis courts and that they may become unusable in the future. The next step would be to conduct a geologic testing in order to determine the amount of work that would be required in refurbishing. Turf, Track and Court, who conducted the feasibility study, is a Co-stars member (a state group bidding organization). This vendor could conduct the study without going out to bid or quotation.

Levee Project – Will Hunt, Potter County Planning Coordinator, contacted the Superintendent to inform the District of a requirement to raise the levees or the district would be in a flood zone. This could significantly increase the District's flood insurance. Mr. Hunt recommended that the District complete a survey. Mrs. Huck recommended that she obtain quotes from three different surveyors that could provide information to the insurance company and FEMA. The Board verbally agreed. The Board and Administration continued discussion regarding the Borough's responsibility for decision making, that the recent study is based on the 1972 flood, insurance will be quoted as if the levees did not exist, and the Centertown project would not be adversely affected by the new zoning.

Principal's Report:

Math Curriculum – Teachers and administration are considering a new math curriculum K – 8. All teachers will have an opportunity to review the 3 products—Eureka Math, GO Math, Everyday Math.

Open House – Agriculture was the theme and there were many awesome projects and a book fair. A coin challenge was held with students, which raised \$1,500 so that every elementary student could receive 1 or more free books.

SAT Testing – This year high school students could take the SAT at school, instead of having to go to another school district on a Saturday. Students appeared more comfortable taking the test this year.

STEM Grant – There is a possibility of a STEM lab project. Shell would fund the start-up costs and the District would provide continuing funds.

Mr. Pierce also reported on the following: staff and student school safety meetings, a revised special education referral process, discipline report, spring sports start-up, music and first grade classroom newsletters.

Upcoming Events: Pi Day, PreK registration, Positive Behavior Support state evaluation, SAP maintenance review, mobile Ag lab for students, NHS banquet, and spring chorus and band concert.

Superintendent's Report

Softball Field Water

Tennis Courts

Levee Project

Principal's Report

Business Manager's Report: Mrs. Crowell provided the current Treasurer's Report showing a General Fund balance of \$2,009,989 as of February 28, 2018 (EXHIBIT).

Business Manager's Report

Action Items:

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation that the Board adopt a Resolution Opposing Education Savings Account Voucher Programs—Senate Bill 2 and any other legislation that would have an effect of a tuition voucher program, and convey the importance of supporting and improving the quality of all public schools in the Commonwealth. On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the resolution (EXHIBIT).

Resolution Opposing Education Savings Account Vouchers

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to adopt the Resolution Concerning the Intermediate Unit Budget, whereby the 2018/19 Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit #9 General Operating Budget is a total of \$1,310,125, of which the Galeton Area School District's share for services will be \$50,318, an increase of \$893 from 2017/18. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the resolution (EXHIBIT).

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President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to approve the following policy action (EXHIBIT):

Board Policy:

- Revisions to Board Policy #808 Food Services to be in compliance with recent legal changes
- Revisions to Board Policy #819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response to be in compliance with recent legal changes
- First reading of new Board Policy #150 Title I Comparability of Services
- First reading of revisions to Board Policy #103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
- First Reading of revisions to Board Policy #103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
- First Reading of revisions to Board Policy #104 Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices

808, 819, 150, 103, 103.1, 104

On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the policy changes (EXHIBIT).

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to revise the 2017/18 school calendar by designating March 29, 2018, as a 1:00 PM early dismissal. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the revision.

2017/18 School Calendar Revision

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to approve the 2018/19 school calendar. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the calendar (EXHIBIT).

2018/19 School Calendar

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to approve J. C. Sunderlin as a volunteer for the 2017/18 varsity baseball program. On motion of Mr. Lehman and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the volunteer.

Volunteer – Sunderlin

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to approve a new course titled Anatomy and Physiology. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the course (EXHIBIT).

Anatomy and Physiology Course

President Stover asked for a motion to consider the Administration's recommendation to approve a new 4.0 grading scale for grades 2 through 12 effective with the 2018-2019 school year. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the new grading scale (EXHIBIT).

4.0 Grading Scale

President Stover made the following announcements:

Next Board Work Session:

March 26, 2018, 6:30 PM, Galeton Area SD Library

Next Board Meeting:

April 9, 2018, 6:30 PM, Galeton Area SD Music Room

Announcements

On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Approved as read April 9, 2018

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell
Board Secretary

