

November 14, 2016

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District on November 14, 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:

Tony Cimino, Dr. Mary Geiter, Michael Hoza, Beth Fuller, Rick Yonkin, Julie Lane and Charles Tameris. Charles Bach was absent.

Others present included Superintendent Alanna Huck, 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 October 11, 2016, Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mrs. Fuller, 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. Mrs. Huck reported that the computers will be partially paid for with REAP federal grant funds. We are hoping these computers last for five years. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mrs. Lane, 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 Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the bill list (EXHIBIT)

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the Field Trip Requests, as follows:

- 10/28/16 – Primary Tigers Reading Club, 100 students, Train Station, Packer Park, Wellsboro, PA
 - 5/25/17 – 5/26/17 – 5th & 6th Grades, 50 students, Annual Grade Level Trip, Cleveland, Ohio
- On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the field trips.

Superintendent Alanna Huck reported on the following:

Students of the Month:

Erin Cimino and Katelyn Pagano, High School Students, were nominated for being helpful to other students and for assisting the elementary band.

Cadence Orr, Elementary Student, was nominated for being kind and caring. She is also responsible in all that she does.

Varsity Volleyball Team was recognized for their district championship. We are very proud of their championship run.

Bus Radio Repeater: The radio was reviewed at the tower site and it was found to be working at 80%. The Administration will be submitting a repair request and the billing will be included in a future Board meeting bill list.

Gas Lease: UGI reported an opportunity to lock in rates for next year at a 20¢ savings, which was accepted by the administration.

PreK Grant Review: The evaluator conducted the review and all portions of the program were approved.

Special Education Monitoring: Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Carleton are doing a great job with the evaluator. The state representative has been complimentary of our program.

2017 Board Meeting Calendar: Mrs. Huck proposed a calendar for next year with a second Monday business meeting and a end of the month work session during certain months in the library.

Fair Funding Formula: The state is discussing this new formula as a possible way to distribute all

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Minutes

General Fund Bill List

School Lunch Fund Bill List

Field Trip Requests

Superintendent's Report

funds, not just new monies. It is not fair. Just in IU 9, district's would lose over \$31 million. Mrs. Huck plans to attend state level meetings and advocate for the needs of the District.

Principal Clyde Pierce reported on the following:

Special Education Cyclical Monitoring: Mr. Pierce presented a power point regarding the district special education program, which will be presented to the state representative and his team as part of the review process. Mrs. Plummer commented positively on the presentation and appreciated the district's commitment to special education.

Gale Pride Speakers: The District continue to host speakers from GASD alumni to highlight careers after graduation.

Classroom Newsletter: The music and first grade programs were highlighted.

Donors Choose: Staff continue to find new ways to provide support for their educational program. Miss McManus obtained five ipads for her classroom through the Donors Choose website.

STEM Day: This program will bring all-day STEM activities for students in grades 9 through 12 and includes an evening parent training. The program was provided by Shell Appalachia.

Business Manager Penny Crowell reported on the following:

A Treasurer's Report was reviewed, showing an ending October cash balance of \$2,100,444 (EXHIBIT).

Citizen Recognition:

Mike Plummer, Galeton resident, asked if the school district had been informed that the Borough will be increasing sewer and water rates in 2017. Mrs. Crowell replied no. Mr. Plummer recommended contacting Mrs. Blass at the Borough office for the new rates.

Action Items:

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to revise Board Policies #336, #436, and #536 Personal Necessity Leave, as per Act 86 of 2016. On motion of Mrs. Lane and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the first reading (EXHIBIT).

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to enter into a Use of Facilities Agreement with Gale Pride. Mr. Plummer asked to comment on the agenda item and President Stover agreed. He recommended that a specific dollar amount of minimum insurance coverage with Keystone Smiles as primary and the district secondary would be preferred. Mrs. Huck replied that Board Policy #707 does include those requirements. On motion of Mrs. Fuller and second of Mrs. Lane the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the agreement (EXHIBIT).

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to add the following persons to the daily substitute employee's list for the 2016/17 school year: Margo Germino, support staff, effective October 19, 2016; and Rob Templar, emergency certified teacher, effective November 7, 2016. On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the substitutes.

Principal's Report

Business Manager's Report

Citizen Recognition

Board Policy Revision – 1st Reading

Gale Pride Use of Facilities Agreement

Substitute List Additions

President Stover made the following announcements:

Executive Session:

November 14, 2016, 6:00 PM, Galeton Area SD Library, RE: personnel

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

Next Board Meeting:

December 5, 2016, 6:30 PM, Board Reorganization Meeting

December 5, 2016, *following the Reorganization Meeting*, Regular Board Meeting

both to be held in the 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 8 to 0.

Approved as read December 5, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell, Board Secretary

Announcements

Adjournment