

September 18, 2017

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District on September 18, 2017.

Call to Order

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

The following School Board Members were also present, as confirmed by roll call: Charles Bach, Tony Cimino, Dr. Mary Geiter, Michael Hoza, Rick Yonkin, Beth Fuller, Julie Lane, and Charles Tameris.

Attendance

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

Student(s) of the Month: Mrs. Huck announced that Joel Brelo, high school student, is being recognized this month for his many math and science awards, for his many talents, and teachers say he is a pleasure to have in class.

Student of the Month

Travel Club: Students Chris Mashula, Jessica Evans, Erin Cimino, and Katelyn Pagano presented information about a trip they would like to take to Spain and four other countries for eleven days in June. A professional group will provide the organization and transportation for the trip. Faculty advisors are also participating. The students asked permission to continue fundraising. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 9 to 0 for the students to continue raising the funds and take the trip.

Travel Club

Board Education:

Mrs. Huck introduced English Teachers Laurel Ripple and Sarah Graber. She also recognized Ms. Ripple for being selected to serve on a panel regarding critical disciplinary literacy at the National English Teachers' Convention.

Board Education –
English Curriculum

The teachers presented information on the high school English curriculum and resources since the 2014/15 school year. They also presented information about a text book series that would support the curriculum, aligned with state standards, and provide additional resources for students at school and at home.

Dr. Geiter requested that in the future when textbooks are presented to the Board, additional time is provided for review and consideration. Mrs. Huck concurred that future recommendations will be presented differently.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the adoption of an English textbook titled My Perspectives English Language Arts, Grades 7 & 8, published by Prentice Hall. On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mrs. Lane, the Board voted 7 to 2, with Mr. Bach and Mr. Yonkin voting no, to approve the motion.

English Textbooks

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the minutes from the August 14, 2017 Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the minutes.

Minutes

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

School Lunch Fund Bill List

President Stover read the following correspondence from employees recently resigning: Heather Jones, part-time cafeteria employee – effective August 22, 2017
Cassandra Emery, part-time cafeteria employee – effective August 22, 2017

Correspondence

Superintendent Alanna Huck reported on the following:

Right to Know Request (RTK): Simon Campbell has made RTK requests to all district across the state on a variety of topics related to fair share union fees and PSBA. He has sent requests to some Board Members in other districts. If you receive any requests or have questions please let Mrs. Crowell or myself know.

Superintendent's Report

Third Day Enrollment: 2017/18 – 361 and 2016/17 – 360. For cyber programs we have 11 student in the District cyber program, which are included in third day enrollment, and 15 in cyber charter schools, which are not included in the third day enrollment.

State Funding: The state approved a spending plan in June but has yet to approve the funding plan. The House approved a plan last week; however, the Senate and Governor are not expected to approve it.

Cyber Charter Schools: A new study shows that cyber schools are not as effective and the cost impact to small districts generally has a higher impact per pupil than larger districts.

October 9 Inservice: The District will host Potter County school districts and Port Allegheny School District for inservice this year.

Tennis Courts: The courts are in need of repair and the administration is obtaining cost data to discuss where to go from here. Mr. Tameris suggested looking into a matching grant like Wellsboro School District did for athletic resources or asking the Booster Club for help.

Principal Clyde Pierce reported on the following:

ROAR Student Assemblies: During the first week of school, every student participated in an assembly that taught expectations for school-wide behavior.

Principal's Report

Act 80 Day: A two hour delay for students was held last week, as scheduled in the calendar, to provide time for teachers to work with student data and program direction. Soldiers + Sailors Memorial Hospital also provided a short first aid program for staff.

Security Cameras: A grant has been submitted to the state to fund upgrades to the district security cameras and entry system.

Athletics Update: girls tennis, soccer and volleyball records were presented.

Math and Science Program updates were provided.

ROAR: The school is working toward the State Fidelity recognition for this year.

Business Manager Penny Crowell reported on the following:

PSBA Voting: Candidate information will be provided to Board members in the October packet for those interested.

Business Manager's Report

Treasurers Report: The August ending balance was \$813,303 in general fund, with \$864,419 in revenue and \$887,152 in expenditures occurring during the month of August.

State Budget: State subsidy due at the end of September has been scheduled for disbursement and real estate tax revenue has been coming in as expected and will support the District for several months while the state works on the budget.

Action Items:

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration’s recommendation to continue Board Policy #249 Bullying/Cyberbullying as written. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Bach, the Board voted 9 to 0, to approve the policy (EXHIBIT).

Bullying/Cyberbullying
Policy Review

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration’s recommendation to continue the After School Program for Galeton students under the auspices of the Galeton Area School District. Staffing will be provided by AmeriCorps under the supervision of District Administration. Funding will be in cooperation with AmeriCorps, the Gale Foundation and other community partners. On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve Program.

After School Program

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration’s recommendation to enter into the following pupil transportation contracts effective August 25, 2017, through June 30, 2023, at a status quo rate for 2017/18 and a 2% annual increase through the end of the contract. Contracts will be subject to annual review with subsequent daily rate changes and/or termination based on student entry and withdrawals.

Daily Transportation
Contracts

- Pine Creek Services – Gaines - \$232.52/day
- Pine Creek Services – Germania - \$263.07/day
- Pine Creek Services – CTC - \$236.36/day
- Ronald Tarabori West Pike - \$186.26/day
- Ronald Tarabori – West Branch - \$200.64/day
- Ronald Tarabori - Sunderlinville - \$208.78/day

On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the contracts.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration’s recommendation to enter into the following extra-curricular student transportation contracts for the 2017/18 school year at \$2.50/mile. All other contract language remains from the 2016/17 school year.

Extra-Curricular
Transportation
Contracts

- Pine Creek Services – Extra-curricular – Soccer, Softball
- Ronald Tarabori – Extra-curricular – Tennis, Jr. High Basketball, Jr. High Volleyball
- JV/Varsity Basketball, JV/Varsity Volleyball, Baseball – *to be determined between Pine Creek Services and Ronald Tarabori*

On motion of Mr. Tameris and second of Mrs. Fuller, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the contracts.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration’s recommendation to enter into the following student transportation contracts for the 2017/18 school year.

- Victor Canniere, Supplemental Van Route, 78.6 miles/day @ \$.98/mile (\$77.03/day)
- Lisa Quinn, Supplemental Route, 382 miles/trip @ \$.54/mile (\$206.28/trip)
- Additional feeder routes as needed at the current IRS mileage rate for miles greater than 1.5 beyond the regular bus route stop.

Supplemental and
Feeder Route
Transportation
Contracts

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

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration’s recommendation to approve the exhibited school bus and van driver list for the 2017/18 school year. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Tameris, the Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the listing (EXHIBIT).

School Bus Driver’s List

President Stover made the following announcements:

Executive Sessions:

September 18, 2017, 6:00 PM, Galeton Area SD Library, RE: Personnel

Announcements

Next Board Meeting:

October 9, 2017, 6:30 PM, Galeton Area SD Music Room

On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Yonkin, the Board voted 9 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Approved as read October 9, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny L. Crowell
Board Secretary

