

**October 15, 2018**

A meeting of the Galeton Area School Board was held in the Music Room of the Galeton Area School District on October 15, 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: Kyle Lehman, Dr. Mary Geiter, Rick Yonkin, Charles Bach, and Tony Cimino. Beth Fuller, Julie Lane and Charles Tameris were absent. Others present included Superintendent Alanna Huck, Principal Clyde Pierce, and Business Manager/Board Secretary Penny Crowell.

**Students of the Month:** The following students of the month were recognized. **Videl Egolf**, elementary student, was recognized for always helping the teacher, being a good student and a good friend to other students.

**Matthew Smith**, secondary student, was recognized for his superior academic performance.

**Siddha Mikulski**, secondary student, was recognized for her superior academic performance.

**Board Education**

Mrs. Huck updated the board on cooperative sports agreements. There are two agreements in place currently with Coudersport Area School District. One is for track at Coudersport and the second is for tennis at Galeton. Northern Potter School District approached the Galeton Superintendent about a possible cooperative sports agreement for baseball and softball. Currently Galeton needs baseball participants but not softball. Individual board members shared information: it has been a struggle to field a baseball team in recent years due to low numbers, softball had 26 players last year, there have been enough baseball players to start the season but some get injured or become ineligible to play. Board members expressed interest that Galeton should be the home team and all Galeton players need to play.

Mr. Andy Hyde, Northern Potter Softball Coach, asked to be heard. He said there was a rumor that Northern Potter was looking to make softball a coop. sport as well. Last year Northern Potter had 10 girls sign-up for the 18/19 season. The 17/18 season started with 13 and ended up with 9. He asked who would provide transportation and would practice times consider travel time.

Mrs. Huck responded that parents would be responsible for transportation to practices and practice times would consider time issues. Transportation to games would be provided from Galeton High School. There would be no fee to play. Mrs. Huck recommended that Mr. Hyde discuss his concerns with Northern Potter Administration. She also indicated that she will be discussing this further with Northern Potter's Superintendent tomorrow.

It was discussed that there is no deadline to apply to PIAA, only that Agreements have to be signed by both school boards and District 9 for Northern Potter and District IV for Galeton.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Students of the Month

Board Education –  
Cooperative Sports

## Tennis

Mr. Dan Brelo asked if Galeton could offer tennis to Northern Potter. Mrs. Huck said not since the District has an agreement with Coudersport. He also discussed summer tennis. This program was started in the mid-60's. He relayed that three years ago the Board said we don't support this any longer. There are other sports that have a jr. high program, so maybe we should have this for tennis. Summer is mainly for younger students—about 25 usually. Mr. Lounsbury, who started the tennis program in Galeton, raised money through the Moose, then paid my salary himself last year. In response to a board members question, Mr. Brelo said his salary is \$1,600. President Stover also indicated that the District does not know what will happen with the tennis courts, which are in great need of repair.

## Visitors Comments:

**Tanisha Monroe**, Galeton Area School District resident, asked what happened with the daycare bus stop request. Mrs. Huck said it was approved for elementary students only. The daycare has a letter that they were asked to hand out to parents with school children. Parents should then inform the District if they want their child picked-up at the daycare stop. She also asked about the letterman's jacket changes. Why does the school pay for this. Mr. Pierce said that the district has always paid for the jackets of students who earned enough participation points. If they don't earn enough points, they may pay for one.

President Stover asked for a motion to consider approval of the minutes from the August 27, 2018, Board Meeting. On motion of Dr. Geiter and second of Mr. Yonkin, 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 Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 6 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. Bach and second of Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the bill list (EXHIBIT).

President Stover read a resignation letter from Board Member Julie Lane. On motion of Mr. Bach and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 6 to 0 to accept the letter of resignation.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the following field trip requests:

- 9/21/18 – College Day at Mansfield University – 20 11<sup>th</sup> grade students (bus: district)
- 10/18/18 – Farmland Animal Park, Chemung, NY, Primary Tigers Reading Club – 39 Students Grades K, 1 (bus: Primary Tigers Account)
- 10/19/18 – Penn York Camp, Ulysses – 30 senior students (bus: district)
- 10/19/18 – Teen Conference, Northern Potter High School, Ulysses – 54 students, Grades 7 & 8 (bus: district)
- 10/24/18 - Farmland Animal Park, Chemung, NY, Primary Tigers Reading Club – 34 Students Grades PreK & K (bus: Primary Tigers Account)
- 11/22/18 – Sr. Theatre Students, Rochester Broadway Theatre League (van: district)

On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Bach, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the requests.

## Visitors Comments

## Board Minutes

## General Fund Bills List

## School Lunch Fund Bills List

## Correspondence

## Field Trip Requests

### Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Huck reported on the following:

**Employee Portal** – This paperless absence, paystub and employee data portal is now fully functional and employees are utilizing it.

**Sports Boosters** – Mrs. Huck has been in conversation with the Boosters about building a concession stand. She indicated anything that we do should include water, sewer and electric connections—which may mean the concession would have to be by the gym. If it stays where it is the high water table may limit options for a sanitary system. Mr. Ruef has suggested having it right in the building at the back entrance. The Booster Club will be getting back to the District regarding the status and location of the project.

**Comprehensive Plan** – The new plan for the District is due November 2019. There are many steps including community and staff input.

**Technology Meeting** – We have started monthly meetings with District & IU technology staff. A new on-line help desk has helped track issues and provided feedback to employees with technology needs. So far we have had 81 tickets and there are only 14 outstanding.

**Maintenance** – An on-line help desk has been started for maintenance as well. So far we have had 42 work orders and only 8 are outstanding—big ticket items.

**Education Law Day** – Administration attended this conference. There were a lot of things discussed about school safety.

**Federal Programs** – The District will not be audited this year.

**Galeton Development Corporation** – Mrs. Huck has become the interim chairperson of this organization.

### Principal's Report:

Mr. Pierce reported on the following:

**Gym** – We are going to start a new program with air rifles. This is similar to the archery program which we already have. Physical Education teachers have participated in training and students will receive strict training and safety rules. If they don't pass the safety test they will not be allowed to participate.

**Benchmarking** – Various testing—CDT, Dibels, Phonics—are complete for the fall. This will occur again in January and March to help track students' progress.

**Sr. Class Project** – A senior is creating a video called A Day in the Life to compare our school to a school in Puerto Rico. They have already identified that the school needs equipment and other resources, which our students will help them obtain.

**PSAT** – This was offered at our school last week—traditionally students had to travel to a larger school a distance away to take the SAT tests. It seems a better setting and opportunity for our students to offer the test on-site during the school day.

**GoMath** – Our new elementary and middle school Math program has had some speed bumps, but is proving to be a much more rigorous program. Thus far it seems there is almost a 1 year gap from our past curriculum. We are working through any problems and staff training will continue on inservice day.

**Reader's Workshop** – Every student in the high school are being asked to read for enjoyment and discussion once a month on every Thursday. The intent is to just get students interested in reading.

**Halloween Parade** – The parade will continue, but due to several concerns, it will no longer be through town. The parade will be through the school hallways and in the driveway circle, weather permitting.

**Homecoming** – This was a great program again this year. Candidates for homecoming court were interviewed during an assembly, the band performed on the field and at the pep rally. The game was also well attended by the community.

**Other items:** senior progress letters have gone out, a discipline report was provided, and the fall sports record was announced. Volleyball 9 -7 and Soccer 12 -4. Both teams are expected to participate in District play-offs. Classroom newsletters for this month were 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade World Geography, 9<sup>th</sup> grade American History and 10<sup>th</sup> grade World History.

**Autistic Support Review** will be held on October 24 – 26 by PATTAN.

Superintendent's  
Report

Principal's Report

### **Business Manager's Report**

Mrs. Crowell reported on the following:

**Day Care Bus Stop** – After on-site reviews, completing the PennDOT application, and consulting with a PennDOT engineer, the Administration received approval to designate 35 W Main Street, the Tiny Treasures Day Care, as a hazardous route for elementary students only. So far there are 8 students participating in this bus stop.

**State Audit** – The state auditor general is reviewing District records from 2013 – 2018. It has been a more rigorous audit than in the past. The focus is more on analysis of the past five years data and comparing financial information than just on state reporting compliance. If data fluctuates over a certain percentage, then a narrative is required to explain the reason. Even though it requires more work, Mrs. Crowell believes it will help to bring small school financial problems to light at the state level.

**Treasure's Report** – The general fund balance as of September 30, 2018, was \$1,418,345.

### **Action Items**

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to approve Kyle Lehman as volunteer JV Boys Basketball Coach for the 2018/19 school year. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Mr. Bach, the Board voted 5 to 0 to 1, with Mr. Lehman abstaining, approving the volunteer.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to add the following person to the 2018/19 daily substitute list:

Lorie Card, Emergency Certified Teacher, effective September 10, 2018

Jeffrey Mashula, maintenance employee, effective October 9, 2018

On motion of Mr. Cimino and second of Mr. Lehman, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the substitutes.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation to employ Tyler Ruef as full-time maintenance/custodial employee. Mr. Ruef will be employed at an hourly rate of \$11.50 plus benefits as defined by the Conditions of Employment for Support Staff. On motion of Mr. Yonkin and second of Dr. Geiter, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the employment.

President Stover asked for a motion to approve the Administration's request to obtain bids for garbage disposal services. On motion of Dr. Geiter and second of Mr. Cimino, the Board voted 6 to 0 to approve the request.

### **President Stover made the following announcements:**

**Executive Session:** October 15, 2018, 6:00 PM, Galeton Area SD Library, RE: Personnel

**Next Board Meeting:** November 12, 2018, 6:30 PM, Galeton Area SD Music Room

**Board Work Session:** There are no work sessions scheduled at this time.

**Citizen Recognition:** *There was no citizen recognition at this time in the agenda.*

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

Approved as read November 12, 2018

Respectfully submitted by:

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Penny L. Crowell  
Board Secretary

Business Manager's  
Report

JV Boys Basketball  
Coach

Substitute Employees

Maintenance/Custodial  
Employee

Obtain Garbage  
Disposal Bids

Announcements

Adjournment

