

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools
1076 N. 37th Street * Galesburg, MI 49053 * 269-484-2000

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 15, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. – High School
Next Regular Board Meeting: January 19, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. – High School

Minutes

Superintendent: Douglas P. Newington
Board Members: Jerry VanderWeele, President; Curt Case, Vice-President; Chuck Whitman, Secretary; Jeff McCubbin, Treasurer; Bob Kinas, Trustee; Beth Wilson, Trustee; Michael Way, Trustee

Number of people present 10.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Board President VanderWeele at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President VanderWeele.
- C. Roll Call.**

Members Present:

Jerry VanderWeele
Curt Case
Chuck Whitman
Bob Kinas
Beth Wilson
Jeff McCubbin
Michael Way

Administrators Present

Doug Newington, Superintendent
Chris Hurley, Primary School Principal
Jeremy Mansfield, Assistant MS Principal

- D. Agenda Approval.** A motion was made by C. Whitman supported by B. Kinas to approve the agenda of the December 15, 2008 regular meeting of the G-A Board of Education.
Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion carried.
- E. Secretary's Report.** Recommend approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting November 17, 2008.
- F. Accounts Payable Report.** Recommend paying of the bills in the amount of \$73,613.60 for November 21, 2008, \$703,196.68 for December 1, 2008 and \$57,012.60 for December 8, 2008.
- G. Treasurer's Report.** Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2008, showing a balance of \$987,444.37.
- H. Personnel.** Recommend hiring Kathy Adkins as bus driver. Recommend approval of the following volunteer wrestling coaches; Travis Osteen, Justin Johnson and Brian Osterling.

A motion was made by M. Way, supported by J. McCubbin to approve Agenda item E. through H.

Roll Call Vote:

Members:

Whitman	yes
Way	yes
Case	yes
Wilson	yes
Kinas	yes
McCubbin	yes
VanderWeele	yes

Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion carried.

II. REPORTS

A. Community Input – agenda items only
None

III. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION

A. Pinnacle Software Presentation
Matt Ayotte with Excelsior Software gave a presentation to the board on the new solution of Pinnacle Software which will cover assessment, curriculum and tutoring.

B. Michigan Leadership Institute Presentation
Craig Misner of Michigan Leadership Institute gave an overview of their business and how the superintendent search process will work.

IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

A. Superintendent Search
A motion was made by M. Way supported by C. Case to hire Michigan Leadership Institute for the superintendent search.

Roll Call Vote:

Members:

Whitman	yes
Way	yes
Case	yes
Wilson	yes
Kinas	yes
McCubbin	yes
VanderWeele	yes

Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion carried

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Community Input
Jean Thompson asked if there could be a community forum where community members would meet for a question and answer session with the board regarding current school issues. Eric Curtiss asked when the 403b letter of agreement would be signed for the teachers. Mr. Curtiss also stated his concerns about the AESOP substitute system and not having enough substitute teachers to fill vacancies. Mr. Curtiss asked when the teacher layoffs would be reinstated and he also asked when the 2007-08 audit would be available.

B. Board Input

Michael Way stated that the next Community Relations meeting will be held on December 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Bob Kinas commended Pat Sexton for putting together the Community Forum last Tuesday, December 9, 2008, which consisted of different agencies in the area and the services that they provide to families.

C. Superintendent's Input

Doug Newington stated that the district will be asking for a renewal of the 18 mill operating millage which will be on the May 5, 2009 ballot. Mr. Newington also reported that G-A High School was listed in the bronze category of top performing high schools in the nation in the recent US News and World Report School Matters.com which recognized 21,000 high schools across the nation.

VI. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by M. Way supported by C. Case to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion carried.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Negotiations

VIII. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by B. Kinas supported by B. Wilson to adjourn closed session at 9:34 p.m. Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion carried.

School Board President

School Board Secretary

Recording Secretary