

**Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools**  
1076 N. 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Galesburg, MI 49053 \* 269-484-2000

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

December 21, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center

Next Regular Board Meeting: January 18, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center

**MINUTES**

**Superintendent:** Tim Vagts  
**Board Trustees:** Curt Case, President; Bob Kinas, Vice-President;  
Beth Wilson, Secretary; Lynne Wells, Treasurer;  
Sandra Noteboom-Wood, Trustee; LaRae Richardson, Trustee;  
Karen Rutherford, Trustee

Number of people in audience 57.

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Case at 7:03 p.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**C. Roll Call.**

**Members Present:**

Curt Case  
Bob Kinas  
Beth Wilson  
Lynne Wells  
Sandra Noteboom-Wood  
LaRae Richardson  
Karen Rutherford

**Administrators Present:**

Tim Vagts, Superintendent  
Greg Vlietstra, Business Manager  
Chris Hurley, Primary School Principal  
Martha Hymer, Intermediate School Principal  
Jeremy Mansfield, Middle School Principal  
Todd Reynolds, High School Principal

**D. Agenda Approval.** A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by B. Kinas to approve the December 21, 2009 GACS Board of Education regular meeting agenda.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

**E. Secretary's Report.** Recommend approval of:  
Minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2009.  
Minutes of the special meeting of November 24, 2009.  
Minutes of the special meeting of November 30, 2009  
Minutes of the special meeting of December 14, 2009

**F. Accounts Payable Report.** Recommend approval of accounts payable in the amount of: \$902,407.46 for November 13, 2009 and \$129,946.21 for November 20, 2009.

**Grand Total: \$1,032,353.67**

**G. Treasurer's Report.** Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2009, showing a balance of \$666,002.56.

**H. Personnel.** We have no personnel recommendations this month.

A motion was made by B. Wilson and supported by L. Richardson to approve agenda items E through H with a correction to the November 30, 2009 Special Board Meeting minutes to reflect all administrators present. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Richardson	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes
Rutherford	yes
Wilson	yes
Wells	yes
Kinas	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      Motion Carried.**

**II. REPORTS**

**A. Second Grade *Community Presentation* - Lisa Collier**

Lisa Collier, second grade teacher, spoke about the community project her class has been working on for the past few months. A few of Ms. Collier's students presented and shared things they had learned about the history of Galesburg.

**B. Community Input – Agenda Items Only**

Harvey Beatty shared his concern about the mid-year budget reductions and feels that everyone should take a cut in pay to save the programs and teachers. Donna Beatty stated her concerns about the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position cuts. Bill Farmer, AFSCME Union Representative for custodians and maintenance workers, stated that custodians and maintenance workers are willing to work with the administrators and Board during this budget crisis.

**III. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION**

**A. Mid-year Budget Reductions**

Superintendent Vagts highlighted the mid-year budget reduction process and presented the December 17, 2009 revised mid-year budget reduction list.

**B. Avanelle Hutchings Powell Scholarship meeting date for 2009-10.**

A discussion took place in regards to setting a meeting date for the Avanelle Hutchings Powell meeting.

**C. MiPHY(Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth)**

Jeremy Mansfield, district Health and Wellness administrator, gave a power point presentation on MiPHY. MiPHY is an online data collection program available to all Michigan school districts used to assess risk factors among youth associated with alcohol, tobacco, other drug use, violence, sexual behavior, physical activity and nutrition that could jeopardize their future. The results will be used to help protect youth, prevent risky behavior and also improve programming funded by Title IV Safe and Drug-Free Schools as well as other health promotion programming.

**IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION**

**A. Mid-Year Budget Reductions.**

A motion was made by B. Kinas, supported by L. Richardson, to approve the mid-year budget reductions. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Richardson	yes
Noteboom-Wood	no
Rutherford	no
Wilson	no
Wells	no
Kinas	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 3    NAYS: 4** Motion failed.

A motion was made by B. Kinas supported by S. Noteboom-Wood to approve the mid-year budget reductions with the exception of the second grade teaching position. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Richardson	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes
Rutherford	yes
Wilson	yes
Wells	yes
Kinas	yes
Case	no

**AYES: 6    NAYS: 1** Motion carried.

**B. Avanelle Hutchings Powell Scholarship Meeting date for 2009-2010.**

A motion was made by B. Wilson supported by S. Noteboom-Wood to approve the Avanelle Hutchings Powell Scholarship meeting date of February 1, 2010. Roll Call Vote

**Members:**

Richardson	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes
Rutherford	yes
Wilson	yes
Wells	yes
Kinas	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 7    NAYS: 0** Motion carried.

**C. Food Service Employment Contract**

A motion was made by L. Richardson supported by L. Wells to approve the Food Service Employment Contract for 2009-2012. Roll Call Vote.

**Members:**

Richardson	yes
Noteboom-Wood	yes
Rutherford	yes
Wilson	yes
Wells	yes
Kinas	yes
Case	yes

**AYES: 7    NAYS: 0** Motion carried.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Public Participation**

Ardis Cook stated that twelve juniors and one mid-year senior were inducted into the National Honor Society last week at their Induction Ceremony. Eric Curtiss, GAEA President, thanked the Board for all of their discussion during this budget reduction process and hopes to continue to work together as the district continues to work through this process. Pam Adams thanked the Board for reinstating the second grade teaching position but felt that the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position should also be reinstated. Bill Farmer stated that he is disappointed with the State funding structure for schools. Kris Wirgau thanked the Board for approving the Food Service contract. Ms. Wirgau also stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position should have been reinstated by the Board. Steve Washburn asked the Board if they had any estimates on how many students will be lost due to the loss of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

**B. Board Comments**

LaRae Richardson stated that she would not be running again for a seat on the Board of Education when her term expires on June 30, 2010. Lynne Wells stated that she was sorry that she was unable to attend the NHS induction ceremony last week.

**C. Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Vagts spoke about the Race to the Top. He stated that it will be difficult to meet the deadline since it is so close and that there is a large amount of information needed to complete the application. Mr. Vagts stated that he has received a bid for work on the retention pond and will bring this back to the Board in January. Mr. Vagts informed the Board that he has received some information on release time for students and is asking the Board for their support. Mr. Vagts also informed the Board that the district saved \$9,000.00 in November under the energy management program.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The December 21, 2009 regular meeting adjourned at 9:43p.m.

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Curt Case, Board President

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Beth Wilson, Board Secretary

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Brenda Sutherland, Recording Secretary