

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
GALESBURG-AUGUSTA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS JUNE 22, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Curt Case at 7:00 p.m. in the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools, High School Media Center.

Present: Mr. Curt Case, Mr. Michael Way, Mr. Chuck Whitman, Mr. Jeff McCubbin,
 Mr. Bob Kinas, Mrs. Beth Wilson and Mrs. Lynne Wells

Also

Present: Mr. Doug Newington and Mr. Chris Hurley

Twenty-nine people were in the audience.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

Agenda Approval

A motion was made by Mr. Way and supported by Mr. Whitman to approve the June 22, 2009 regular meeting agenda.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

E. Secretary's Report

Recommend approval of:

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2009;

Minutes of the special meeting of May 20, 2009.

F. Accounts Payable Report

Recommend approval of Accounts Payable:

\$124,672.10 dated May 13, 2009;

\$ 10,414.00 dated May 29, 2009;

\$740,279.72 dated June 2, 2009.

G. Treasurer's Report

Recommend approval of Treasurer's Report for May 31, 2009, showing a balance of \$1,083,793.79.

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H. Personnel

Recommend approval of the following:

Staff Retirement:

1. Kevin R. Smith
2. George Fiala

Staff Resignation:

1. Jennifer VanKersen

Approval of Primary School's Learning Center Director:

1. Brenda Westra

Resignation of Administrative Staff:

1. Douglas P. Newington

A motion was made by Mr. McCubbin and supported by Mr. Kinas to approve agenda items E through H.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Reports

Community Input on Agenda Items – None

Business Items – Discussion

The GACS Board of Education has scheduled a Public Hearing and Budget Meeting for Monday, June 29, 2009 - 6:30 p.m. for the Public Hearing and 7:00 p.m. for the Budget Meeting in the High School Media Center.

The GACS Board of Education has scheduled the 2009-2010 Organizational Meeting for 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 6, 2009 in Board Conference Room #240.

During the May Board of Education meeting Phylis Reed presented a 6th – 12th grade math textbook recommendation for Board approval.

The GACS Board of Education must approve annually the Michigan High School Athletic Association 2009-2010 Membership Resolution.

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Business Items – Decision

1) A motion was made by Mr. Kinas and supported by Mr. McCubbin that the Board of Education schedule a Public Hearing and Budget Meeting for Monday, June 29, 2009 - 6:30 p.m. for the Public Hearing and 7:00 p.m. for the Budget Meeting in the High School Media Center.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

2) A motion was made by Mr. Whitman and supported by Mr. Kinas that the Board of Education schedule the 2009-2010 GACS Board of Education Organizational Meeting for 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 6, 2009 in Board Conference Room #240.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3) A motion was made by Mr. Way and supported by Mr. Kinas that the Board of Education adopt the following 6th – 12th grade math textbooks, as presented by Phylis Reed at the May Board meeting.

6th – 8th Grade Integrated Math = Prentice Hall: Connected Math 2

6th Grade Math Exploratory = Prentice Hall: Connected Math 2 (3 dimensional geometry)

8th Grade Math Exploratory = Glencoe: Mathscape (activity based geometry)

Algebra I (for high school credit if the exam is passed) Glencoe/McGraw Hill: Algebra I

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4) A motion was made by Mr. McCubbin and supported by Mr. Kinas that the Board of Education adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association 2009-2010 Membership Resolution.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5) A motion was made by Mr. Whitman and supported by Mrs. Wells that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's Employment Contract for Mr. Tim Vagts.

The motion passed on the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Whitman

Mrs. Wilson

Mr. Kinas

Mrs. Wells

Mr. McCubbin

Mr. Case

NAYS: Mr. Way

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Communications

Public Participation

Mrs. Sandra Noteboom-Wood addressed the Board of Education questioning if calculators were included in the math textbook adoption. Mrs. Noteboom-Wood also questioned when the Board Finance Committee is scheduled to meet and when the budget will be available for public review.

Board Comments

Trustee Wells discussed the *Michigan Association of School Boards* Intro to School Board conference, stating that it was very informative.

Trustee Kinas gave praise to Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools graduate, Jackie Bowe for her outstanding leadership as a student and an athlete. Miss Bowe will be attending the University of Notre Dame on a softball scholarship and was GA's Class of 2009 valedictorian. He also gave thanks to Doug Newington for his service to District serving as Business Manager and Superintendent. Mr. Kinas extended his appreciation to Jeff McCubbin, Chuck Whitman and Michael Way for their service to the District as Board of Education Trustees, stating that it has been a pleasure to work with his fellow colleagues.

Trustee Way expressed his gratitude to Doug Newington for a job well done and to those students who worked during the *Galesburg Days*.

Trustee Case extended his appreciation to Doug Newington and to the three outgoing Board of Education trustees. He welcomed the three new trustees who will begin their services to the District on July 1, 2009.

Superintendent's Update

Doug Newington gave thanks to the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools.

There being no further business, the June regular meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Curt Case, President

Chuck Whitman, Secretary

Carolyn Meyers, Recording Secretary