

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

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

October 19, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center

Next Regular Board Meeting: November 16, 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: 20.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Call Meeting to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Case at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call.

Members Present:

Curt Case
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

Member Absent:

Bob Kinas

D. Agenda Approval. A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by L. Richardson to approve the October 19, 2009 GACS Board of Education regular meeting agenda.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

E. Secretary's Report. Recommend approval of:
Minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2009

- F. Accounts Payable Report.** Recommend approval of accounts payable in the amount of: \$719,339.18. **Grand Total: \$719,339.18**
- G. Treasurer's Report.** Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2009, showing a balance of \$1,294,468.68.
- H. Personnel.** We have no personnel recommendations this month.

A motion was made by S. Noteboom-Wood and supported by L. Wells to approve agenda items E through H.

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Richardson	yes
Mrs. Noteboom-Wood	yes
Ms. Rutherford	yes
Mrs. Wilson	yes
Mrs. Wells	yes
Mr. Case	yes

AYES: 6 **NAYS:** 0 Motion carried.

II. REPORTS

A. Community Input – Agenda Items Only

Lindsey Owen, high school National Honor Society member, announced that there will be a blood drive on Friday, November 6, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. Ms. Owen also stated that any GACS high school senior who donates blood three times will get to wear a red cord at graduation.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS – DISCUSSION

A. Assign Board member to G-A Education Foundation

A discussion took place among board members as to who would serve on the G-A Education Foundation board.

B. Plan Test for Sophomores

Todd Reynolds discussed the new *Plan Test* for Sophomores. This is a test that would be administered to sophomores to help prepare them to become more successful on the ACT.

C. Athletics on non-school days

A discussion took place on giving the superintendent the authority to decide if sporting events will be held on non-school days.

D. Finance Update

Greg Vlietstra presented the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools finance update via a power point presentation. Mr. Vlietstra reviewed state economic data as well as district data and how it is

impacting the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools' budget. Mr. Vlietstra concluded his presentation reviewing the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools' tentative budget timeline.

IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

A. Assign Board member to G-A Education Foundation

A motion was made by L. Richardson, supported by K. Rutherford, to assign Lynne Wells as a member of the Galesburg-Augusta Education Foundation.

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Richardson	yes
Mrs. Noteboom-Wood	yes
Ms. Rutherford	yes
Mrs. Wilson	yes
Mrs. Wells	yes
Mr. Case	yes

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

B. Athletics on non-school days

A motion was made by K. Rutherford supported by B. Wilson to allow Superintendent Vagts the authority to decide if sporting events will be held on non-school days.

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Richardson	yes
Mrs. Noteboom-Wood	yes
Ms. Rutherford	yes
Mrs. Wilson	yes
Mrs. Wells	yes
Mr. Case	yes

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Participation

Eric Curtiss, GAEA president, stated that the GAEA worked hard over the summer to resolve grievances which led to a savings for the district. Mr. Curtiss also mentioned that there has been a substantial savings to the district with the retirement of two veteran teachers last year.

B. Board Comments

Ms. Rutherford stated that she had a good time visiting Mrs. Cook's class during the Strong Minds and Strong Voices program. Mrs. Noteboom-Wood recognized the G-A employees in the audience this evening and applauded their efforts in coming up with cost savings ideas for the district.

C. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Vagts stated that the Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2009 has been canceled due to the school closing. The first session will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. Mr. Vagts also thanked the board for their support in sending him and four other board members to the MASB conference at the end of this week. Mr. Vagts extended his appreciation to the administrative team for their efforts in helping with the school closure today.

VI. Following the regular meeting the Board of Education will recess to closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The October 19, 2009 regular meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Curt Case, President

Beth Wilson, Secretary

Brenda Sutherland, Recording Secretary