

The scheduled meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69
Board of Education May 14, 2018 was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
by President, Steve Nauman

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:	S. Nauman	D. Mair
	J. Hunt	S. Nafziger
	R. Baker	D. Almasi
	J. Hanks	M. Braskich
	E. McAllister	
	G. Weinman-7:25	

Members Absent: L. Edwards

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE

All visitors were welcomed. J. Kammell spoke on her thoughts of overreacting to various disciplinary issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by J. Hunt with a second by E. McAllister to approve the April 9, 2018 Board of Education Regular Session Minutes.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report All school board members with a copy of the March, 2018 Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by J. Hunt to approve the April, 2018 Treasurer's Report.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Bills

Bills totaling \$728,879.15 were approved for payment on a motion by E. McAllister with a second by R. Baker.

Roll call Vote: Yeas – J. Hunt, S. Nauman, R. Baker, E. McAllister and J. Hanks

Motion Passed with 5 votes.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve Hiring WCSEA Personnel: Jennifer Schottland – School Social Worker and Chenoa Tolan – Special Education Teacher

A motion was made by J. Hunt with a second by E. McAllister to approve hiring Jennifer Schottland – School Social Worker and Chenoa Tolan – Special Education Teacher.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas – S. Nauman, R. Baker, E. McAllister, J. Hanks and J. Hunt

Motion Passed with 5 votes

OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Legislative Reports – Included in all school board member packets were articles regarding pending legislation in Illinois.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS

Elementary School Report

Literacy Celebrations: Children's Book Week and D.E.A.R (Drop Everything and Read) were celebrated in April by our students and teachers. Teacher's helped me decorate our halls with posters of the book titles that children are reading or will be reading.

PTO Family Event: The PTO hosted an event, "The Taste of Germantown" with local food vendors. In addition they had live/silent auction items as well as a "Teacher-Share" event that involved teacher hosting events before and after school for children. Parents bid on these events and all-in-all our PTO raised over \$14,000 for our school. A big thank you goes out to our PTO for their time and talents as well as Mrs. Fegley, our 5-8 art instructor, who coordinated the Teacher-Share" event.

Fill-A-Crib for the Crittenton Center: Hannah Farrahar, a 4th grader, created an opportunity for 3rd and 4th graders to bring in donations to help the Crittenton Center and their students/families.

Conference: I attended a good conference held in East Peoria, titled: "Effective Conversations: Bringing Out the Best in People when they are at Their Worst."

4th Grade Rhythm Musical: Mrs. Loring, the 4th grade teachers and students, presented their talents on April 19th in front of a packed gymnasium. Mrs. Loring had the students showcase their knowledge in reading music rhythms. It was awesome!

Art Show: The Art Show was held during Grandparent's Week and Mrs. Ward did an amazing job showcasing the talents of 415 kids. Every student had at least 2 pieces of artwork and parent/grandparents enjoyed walking the halls looking at all the talented student artwork.

Grandparents Day: We hosted two days for grandparents to visit our school and their grandchild's classrooms. We had a record number of grandparents and a wonderful group of volunteers. A Big Thanks goes out to Betsy Cunningham and Mrs. Palacios for organizing this amazing event. It was our 22nd year for this special day.

Aims/MAP: We are involved in our spring testing cycle. Students are working hard to finish the school year strong.

Annual Reviews: The special education team and I are working together to determine IEP goals and educational plans for our special education students.

Teacher Appreciation Week: It's always an extra-special time in the life of a teacher when you can be recognized by parents, administration, and the community for all the dedication and time spent in educating our students. The PTO planned many special events during this special week.

Field Trips: It's that time of year when the children and their teachers get an educational opportunity outside the walls of GHES.

Literacy Summer Kick-Off: The Germantown library staff will be here on Monday, the 14th to kick-off some exciting summer reading events to our students.

Last day of Kindergarten/Kindergarten Screening: The kindergarten classes will conclude on May 21st so the "K" team can conduct screenings for the incoming kindergarten students on May 22nd and 23rd.

Field Day: Thanks to the PE department and the field day committee for hosting a field day for the kids filled with outdoor fun on May 24th.

May 25th: Teacher's Institute and Retirement Ceremony.

2018-2019 Kindergarten Update: Our current enrollment numbers at the time of this writing are 77.

Enrollment/Attendance/Discipline:

K = 75 with 4 sections, 1st = 77 with 4 sections, 2nd = 89 with 4 sections, 3rd = 94 with 4 sections
4th = 77 with 4 sections TOTAL = 412

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Curriculum/Staff

- A big thank you to Mrs. Vaughn and Ms. Garza for coordinating Career Day on April 20th. We had 18 guest speakers, and students rotated to four different sessions.
- Dr. McAllister and Mrs. Keys have coordinated the Enriched Math tests and will be finalizing class numbers.
- Mr. Davis has resigned from the 6th grade boys basketball position. Mr. Laird will be replacing him.
- Mrs. Marks has resigned from her position as yearbook coordinator and assistant boys track coach.
- Ms. West has been in to shadow Mrs. Keys to help with the transition into her new position. She is very excited to get started!
- I was able to attend the IPA student recognition breakfast with Ryan Russell and Sydney Beccque. Both students are great examples of the excellent leaders we have in our eighth grade class.

Enrollment/Attendance/Discipline

- Current Enrollment Numbers: 395
 - 5th - 91
 - 6th- 103
 - 7th- 90
 - 8th- 111

Extracurriculars/Events

- Congratulations to the cast of "Murder at the Goon Show," Mrs. Ballard, and Mr. Genders on a great performance! A special thank you to Great Oaks Community Church for allowing us to use their building.
- A phenomenal job by our fine arts students, Mr. Loring, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs Fegley for their performances this spring. It was great to see our students showcase their talents.
- Track Sectionals are on Saturday, May, 12th. I will update the board on their progress.
- 8th Grade students will have their Six Flags class trip on May 11th.
- 5th Grade DARE graduation will be May 15th in the JDS.
- Music Department awards night will be on May 15th at 6:00 pm.
- 8th Grade graduation will be May 17th at 7:00 pm.

Middle School Principal Search Update – Applications have been received and interviews will be conducted on May 15th and 16th. There will be a special board meeting later this month (Thursday, May 31st) to choose a finalist.

Update on Lighting Upgrades – New LED lights replaced all 41 fixtures in the JDS Gym. The Ameren Instant Incentive kept the price low.

Kindergarten Enrollment and Possibility of a 5th Section – The board discussed the possibility of a 5th K section. S. Nafziger stated that the numbers are 77 right now with typically 10 – 15 registering every summer.

FY19 Insurance Renewal Quote from Unland – All board members were given a renewal quote from Unland. Our overall rate has dropped.

MTCO Park and Pedestrian/Bike Bridge Discussion – Mr. Mair has been in communication with the members of an informal steering committee that he had previously met with. Mr. Mair discussed some long-term thoughts on how to develop and maintain MTCO Park and a pedestrian bridge.

Update on Single Start and End Time – Mr. Mair met with Joe Phillips, who is one of the leaders at Great Oaks Community Church, about accessing their property for an eastern exit. Mr. Mair has also been in contact with IDOT about the possibility of a right in/right out access.

Staff Resignations – All school board members were given copies of resignation letters from Dimitri Almasi (MS Principal), Jan Marks (Coaching Positions) and Ryan Davis (Coaching Position).

Press Plus Policy Updates Issue 97 – All board members discussed Issue 97 of the Policy Updates.

Draft Crisis Response Plan – All board members were given a draft of the District Crisis Response Plan. This plan has been shared with law enforcement. Mr. Mair is awaiting their feedback.

School Resource Officer Update – Mr. Mair sent a survey to Superintendents who have SRO's. All board members received a copy of their responses. Mr. Mair is also in talks with WCSEA and the ROE about sharing a SRO with Black Partridge.

Activity Account Journal – All board members were given an updated Activity Account Journal.

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD OR ADMINISTRATION

- D. Mair has been speaking with Jason Hawksworth about alternative energy sources. He will come to the June Board meeting to discuss solar panels and energy.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by G. Weinman to go in to closed session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by G. Weinman to leave closed session at 8:07 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Hunt with a second by J. Hanks to adjourn the board meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

President
Steve Nauman

Secretary
Jason Hunt

