

The regular meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69
Board of Education February 13, 2017 was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
by its President, Steve Nauman

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:	S. Nauman	D. Mair
	T. Kaufman	S. Nafziger
	E. McAllister	D. Raffel
	K. Poppen	M. Sturgell
	K. Watkins	M. Braskich
	L. Edwards	

Members Absent: J. Hunt

REGOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The 7th Grade IESA State Champion Girls Basketball Team and parents and the 8th Grade IESA Girls Basketball 3rd Place State Champions and parents. 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball players, their parents and their coaches were congratulated with a GHSD #69 Board of Education Resolution.

Mrs. E. Cardin had positive comments about the district and offered to partner with the district if she could be of any help.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A motion was made by L. Edwards with a second by K. Poppen to approve the January 9, 2017 Board of Education Regular Session and Closed Session minutes and the January 21, 2017 Special Board Meeting minutes.

Voice Vote - Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer M. Sturgell gave the January Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by K. Watkins to approve the January, 2017 Treasurer's Report.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Bills

Bills totaling \$1,142,032.14 were approved for payment on a motion by E. McAllister with a second by K. Watkins.

Roll call vote; Yeas - E. McAllister, K. Poppen, K. Watkins and L. Edwards.
Abstain – T. Kaufman and S. Nauman

Motion Passed with 4 votes.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve Resolution Honoring the 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team

A motion was made by K. Poppen with a second by T. Kaufman to approve a resolution honoring the IESA Class 7-3A State Champions this year

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Motion to Approve Resolution Honoring the 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by K. Watkins to approve a resolution honoring the IESA Class 8-3A Girls Basketball 3rd Place in the State.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Motion to Set 8th Grade Promotion Date for May 18, 2017

A motion was made by T. Kaufman with a second by L. Edwards to set Thursday, May 18, 2017 as the date for the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Montion to Authorize the Superintendent to Develop the FY18 Budget

A motion was made by T. Kaufman with a second by K. Poppen to authorize the Superintendent to develop the budget for FY18.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Motion to Hire the Law Firm of Miller, Hall & Triggs to Represent Germantown Hills SD #69

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by K. Watkins to hire the law firm of Miller, Hall & Triggs to represent Germantown Hills School District #69.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas –K. Watkins, L. Edwards, T. Kaufman, S. Nauman, E. McAllister and K. Poppen

Motion Passed with 6 Votes

Motion to Approve a Resolution Regulating Expense Reimbursements and Changes to Board Policy 2:125

A motion was made by T. Kaufman with a second by L. Edwards to approve a resolution regulating expense reimbursements and changes to Board Policy 2:125.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas – E. McAllister, K. Poppen, K. Watkins, T. Kaufman, S. Nauman, and L. Edwards

Motion Passed with 6 Votes

Motion to Approve FY17 Certified Employee Seniority List

A motion was made by T. Kaufman with a second by L. Edwards to approve the FY17 Certified Teacher Seniority List.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Legislative Updates – Included in all board packets were several articles about the progress Illinois’s senate had had with the concept of the “Grand Bargain”. Board members also received an analysis from the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability on the cost of cutting higher education appropriations.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORTS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

100th Day Celebration/1st Grade Fashion Show: The first grade team hosted a 100th day fashion show to display what “100 looked like” in celebration of our 100th day of school. Other grade levels also enjoyed making necklaces, lego sets, etc., to show off their counting skills to 100.

ISU Class: The teachers who are involved in the Balance Literacy Class in LeRoy, continue to learn how to balance their literacy instruction using the workshop approach.

Kindergarten Registration: Angie Fischer and Denise Bitner hosted several “K” registration nights last week and one on Saturday morning to give our incoming K parents an opportunity to register/prepare for Kindergarten next year. I will report on the confirmed incoming K students for 2017-18 at the Monday night board meeting.

Donate a Bear Campaign: Becky Maddock worked with Taylor Larson, a student from Chillicothe, who at one point in her childhood was a patient at the Children’s Hospital of Illinois. As a result of her passion for “giving back” to the place who cared for her, she hosted a “Donate a Bear” cause at our school. She and Becky worked together, alongside our K-4 children, to give over 180 bears to the Children’s Hospital. Many thanks to Becky and Taylor for this wonderful event. The kids really loved bringing in their new bears in hope of a child loving their bear too.

Reading Recovery Live Lesson: Vicki Boone and Jodi Heflin continue to study the Reading Recovery process. This past week I transported two children to Bloomington to showcase the work they do with our two teachers. I'm very impressed with the progress our children have made in the area of reading. I'm also very pleased with the addition of Reading Recovery in our RTI system of support.

Can-Do: The junior high students continue to do an excellent job of helping the younger children learn good character and how they can continue to express themselves using the 4 be's.

RTI Meetings/Social-Emotional Mtgs: We recently finished our winter benchmarking using Aims/MAP as our diagnostic tools. We held meetings at each grade level to discuss the data and to determine what system of supports need to be in place to help each child who might be struggling in the area of Math/and or Reading.

PTO Meeting: The PTO met the other night to go over current fundraising efforts for the year. They are busy working on the Gala experience, Feb. 25th. Currently, we have a low-number turnout, but they hope that in the next week, things will pick up.

→ Current Enrollment: K-87, First-89, Second-89 Total=265

JR. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Building and Grounds

On February 3rd we had our Health, Life, Safety visit from the Regional Office of Education and the State Fire Marshall. Doug Cupples and I walked around with the two inspectors. Everything went very well.

Curriculum/Staff

January 18th I attended the ROE's Principal Meeting. The focus of the morning was the new SAT testing for the State. There was information about the SAT 8/9 test as well. I sat with Pete List and we have discussed the possibility of this test taking over for Explore Test the 8th Graders currently take. We will discuss this in further detail moving forward.

The Jr High conducted their MAP Testing on January 24, 25, and 26.

The 5th Graders had their Matthew and Michelle Presentation put on by the Hult Health Center on Friday, January 27th.

I attended a webinar for District PARCC Coordinators on February 8th. We have begun the process of preparing for this State test.

I went through some seizure training with staff in the WCSEA Life Skills classrooms put on by the Epilepsy Foundation on February 9th.

Discipline/Attendance/Enrollment

Current Enrollment Numbers: 6th- 91, 7th- 112, 8th- 100 Total: 303 Students

I had a bus suspension this month. Mr. Mair had to suspend a 5th Grader as well. See the Behavior Binder for more details.

Miscellaneous

On January 19th, Rob Epperson from Joston's came and measured the 8th Graders for their gowns. All orders have been collected and sent in. The 8th Grade Behavior Plan for the trip to Six Flags will start before the end of the month.

We had our school-wide Spelling Bee on January 20th. Our 2nd Place finisher was Tegan Roberts (8th) and our Champion was Meg Ciko (7th).

On January 21st, our Cheer Team competed in the IESA State Cheer Competition. The girls were awarded 2nd Place. Later that afternoon, we were notified of a mistake and that we finished 4th and must return the trophy. After multiple meetings with the leadership of IESA, we came to a resolution and Steve Endsley and Leslie Alappattu came to address the parents and cheerleaders. It was a difficult week for all. I disagree with the way IESA handled this situation and they are aware of it. I have attached a copy of Mr. Endsley's apology speech.

On January 27th we hosted our Geography Bee. The top finishers were: 3rd Place- Joss Kamell (7th), 2nd Place- Karli Blevins (7th), and 1st Place- Katie Meyer (8th). Katie will take a test and try to qualify for the State Geography Bee next month.

The 6th grade Volleyball Team were Champions at the GHMS 2017 6th Grade Volleyball Tournament which took place on Saturday, January 28th.

Construction Update – D. Mair reported that the construction project was nearing completion. We should have an arrival and dismissal plan by the end of the month. D. Mair also shared brochures created by Easter Seals and Black Partridge Public Day Program (WCSEA) that both groups are using to announce their programs to the public.

ROE Interest in Renting Three Rooms for the RSSP – The Woodford, Tazewell, Mason ROE Superintendents, Pat Durley has approached Mr. Mair about the possibility of renting three classrooms in the EL basement for a satellite site for the Regional Safe School Program.

Lead Testing Requirement – New legislation went into effect January 1st regarding testing for lead in drinking water sources at schools. The district will have to test before specific deadlines.

Follow Up to January 21st Board Retreat – Board members received the documents that Reatha Owen provided based on our work on January 21st. The administration will work to develop the district goals based on this information.

Tentative Agenda for New Board Member Orientation – D. Mair included (in all board member packets) a tentative agenda for the new board member orientation.

Germantown Hills Library Branch Opening - E. McAllister spoke about the new Germantown Hills Library.

Activity Account Journal – All school board members were provided with a copy of the updated Activity Account Journal.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by T. Kaufman with a second by L. Edwards to enter closed session at 8:30 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 L. Edwards with a second by S. Nauman to leave closed session at 8:41 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

Discussion of CIV Dinner Meeting (March 24th).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by K. Poppen with a second by T. Kaufman to adjourn the board meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

President
Steve Nauman

Secretary
Eric McAllister