

The scheduled meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69
Board of Education February 8, 2021 was called to order at 7:06 p.m.
by President, Jason Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:	J. Hunt	D. Mair
	G. Weinman	K. Williams
	E. McAllister	S. Nafziger
	T. Edwards	M. Sturgell
	L. Hanson	M. Braskich
	R. Baker	
	J. Hanks	

No Members Absent

VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT or CORRESPONDENCE

S. McAllister spoke to the board on the great and thorough cleaning that our custodial staff has been doing in the building. Their work is much appreciated.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by J. Hanks to approve: the January 11, 2021 Board of Education regular session minutes and the January 23, 2021 Special Board of Education meeting minutes, the Treasurer's Report, Current Bills and Payroll, the January, 2021 Activity Account Journal and the hiring of Lindsey Davis as head Cross Country Coach and Melissa Domico as Assistant Cross Country Coach.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas –E. McAllister, G. Weinman, R. Baker, J. Hanks, T. Edwards, L. Hanson and J. Hunt
Motion passed with 7 votes

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by T. Edwards to approve the 2021 – 2022 School Calendar.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Legislative Update – Every board member received a copy of the language for the proposed Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leading standard, which would require a teacher preparation program to implement. This is directed to the collegiate and university levels of teacher preparedness.

PRINCIPALS REPORTS

Elementary Report

MTSS Meetings

Grade-level teachers, Content & SEL interventionists have been meeting weekly to determine educational plans for Tier 2 & Tier 3 students. Everyone is working very hard to cross-reference classroom-based data to determine student growth.

MAP Testing

To help us further determine the student growth of our older students, 3rd & 4th graders took the MAP test this past week. A special thank you goes out to Jennifer Schroeder & Erica Bucy for proctoring MAP for our remote learners.

Evaluations

I've been working with all of our non-tenured teachers through formal observations & conversations as we prepare for the end of the month summative conferences.

BLT/Full Faculty Discussions

Dan and I met with BLT members on our last remote learning day to discuss factors that may lead us to consider a full-day schedule. Many viewpoints were shared. I then conducted a full faculty meeting later that afternoon to discuss the viewpoints of the BLT so everyone was well informed on the topic. We have a plan for remediating our Tier 2,3, IEP students who are struggling if we go back to a full-day schedule.

Administrations Academy

I took my required Administrator Academy on February 4th, titled: Women in Leadership: Learning, Leading, Living.

Valentines Day/Cuddles 4 Kids

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with our kids by safely distributing cards. In addition, we participated in the annual Cuddles 4 Kids drive for the Children's Hospital of Illinois.

Enrollment:

- Kindergarten (4 sections) - 85 (13 Remote)
- 1st Grade (4 sections) - 89 (7 Remote)
- 2nd Grade (5 sections) - 88 (4 Remote)
- 3rd Grade (4 sections) - 84 (11 Remote)
- 4th Grade (4 sections) - 86 (12 Remote)

Enrolled Out - 6

Total = 438 (47 Remote)

Middle School Report

Curriculum:

- We have started our annual review meetings for IEP students. Thank you to Michelle Dubois and our special education teachers for all of their hard work!
- We have finished MAP testing all 5th-8th graders. We will use this for our grade level data meetings and to determine our RtI needs.
- The all-school Spelling Bee will be held on Monday, February 8th. 6th, 7th and 8th graders will compete. Unfortunately, we cannot have spectators due to Covid, but we will be sending our winners on to a virtual Conference Bee.
- 5th Grade is having a Zoom meeting with the author, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, who wrote their current class novel, *Shiloh*. We are excited for this opportunity!

Enrollment:

- Current Enrollment Numbers: 375
 - 5th - 93
 - 6th- 98
 - 7th- 89
 - 8th- 95

Extracurriculars/Events:

- STEAM (remote) class is going strong with around 12-15 participants ranging from 5th-8th grade, who meet remotely M-Th with Mrs. Wilmarth. 2 days per week are devoted to drawing basics including one & two point perspective, shading, and proportion. The other 2 days are devoted to learning Tinkercad, the software we use for 3D printing. As the rest of this year unfolds, the group will explore additional art techniques & more complex 3D printing design. Coding online is available for any interested student as well.
- Band and chorus ensembles are now meeting during study hall. Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Loring also continue to offer some after school ensembles such as show choir, drumming, class, and extra chorus rehearsals
- All middle school students now have the opportunity to sing twice a week in chorus. **7th/8th grade chorus students** are meeting during study hall on Mondays and after school on Wednesdays. **5th/6th grade chorus** is meeting during study hall on Wednesdays and after school on Mondays. **Show Choir** rehearsals have begun and they are rehearsing after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students are seated 6 feet apart and are wearing masks at all times.
- Art Club has opened up to include 5th Grade students. We are currently working on digital mosaics using Google Draw.
- Scholastic Bowl practices have begun. There are currently eleven 6th, 7th, and 8th graders on the team. It is so great to see the kids laughing and having fun. Mrs. Andreson recently attended a Zoom roundtable meeting with some of the coaches from the area to brainstorm how we can conduct our matches. We are navigating uncharted territory, and all of the coaches who attended are trying to make this an enjoyable and productive season despite the limitations we are facing during these wacky times. We are hoping that we can go ahead with in-person matches that are as close to normal as possible as we continue to observe Covid 19 social guidelines. Some schools that we normally compete against are not yet scheduling matches, but I am hoping that will change as time goes on. We currently have 5 matches scheduled, and the students are enjoying the practices each Tuesday and Thursday
- Volleyball and boys basketball seasons have started and each team is off to a great start! Cheer and dance will also begin attending games to perform.

Winter MAP Assessment Results - D. Mair shared the district's winter MAP testing grades. Overall very happy with the results with where our students are.

Review of Internal and External COVID Data and Impact on School Day – D. Mair shared the internal and external COVID data.

- The numbers are all headed in a positive direction. At school we have 7 in Isolation, 26 in Quarantine and 0 Positive cases.
- He also update the board on remote learner numbers. The third trimester will have about 5% of our students choosing to remain in Remote Learning situations.
- Student learning: MAP test scores were very good, core content is still happening but specials are not happening during our shortened school day.
- MASH after school homework program at the Middle School

Because of the above and because our teachers have to teach in-school learners and remote-learners every day, we will continue with our shortened school day.

Exploring the Possibility of Housing our own Early Childhood Education Program – D. Mair shared the trend data of our WCSEA costs for the last five years. The district has seen a 79% increase in costs. Creating our own ECE Program could lower our costs.

Meeting with County Board Members Regarding Property Assessments and EAV – On January 26th D. Mair met with four area superintendents and three County Board members including the County Board President. The purpose of the call was to express concern over the manner in which property is being assessed in Woodford County.

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by T. Edwards to adjourn the board meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

President
Jason Hunt

Secretary
Greg Weinman

