

The scheduled meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69  
Board of Education March 8, 2021 was called to order at 7:00 p.m.  
by President, Jason Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance

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

No Members Absent

### **VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT or CORRESPONDENCE**

Teachers: R. Greer and M. Harrison attended.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by L. Hanson to approve: the February 8, 2021 Board of Education Regular Session meeting minutes, approval of the Treasurer's Report, the February, 2021 Activity Account Journal and approve the hire of Rhiannon Ingold and Melissa Domico as Co-Scholastic Bowl coaches for the 2021 - 2022 School Year.

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

A motion was made by J. Hanks with a second by T. Edwards to approve the current Bills and Payroll.

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

### **ACTION ITEMS**

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by E. McAllister to approve the FY21 Sequence of Honorable Dismissal

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

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by J. Hanks to grant tenure at the conclusion of the 2020 – 2021 school year to the following teachers: Andy Laird, Rachel Poole and Jacqueline Schwarzentraub

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

A motion was made by R. Baker with a second E. McAllister to approve the creation of a TRS sponsored 457 (b) supplemental savings plan.

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **PRINCIPALS REPORTS**

#### **Elementary Report**

##### **REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED & 3RD TRIMESTER BEGINS:**

The 2nd trimester concluded and the teachers sent home report cards. The 3rd trimester started with new students attending school for the first time.

##### **AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING SESSIONS:**

- The teachers have all worked hard to create a (T-Th) after-school tutoring session for the students in grades K-3. Students who have shown a need for these services have been identified by classroom data.
- 4th grade teachers all have remote learners that they teach and therefore will not be able to offer after-school tutoring lessons. At this time, we still have 26 remote learners.
- It has taken everyone's attention to detail and extensive planning to make this work for our students. I'm so appreciative of everyone's willingness to come together for our students.

##### **TEACHER EVALUATIONS:**

- Non-tenured teacher evaluations are complete! All non-tenured teachers were observed and given a summative conference by the required timeline set by district contract language.

##### **ANNUAL IEP MEETINGS:**

- During this month we will be meeting with parents, as an IEP Team to determine their child's progress this year and to build a plan for next year. The team works hard to create a very supportive environment for not only the child but his/her family as well.

##### **READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK:**

- Rachel Poole helped to create a very exciting week to celebrate the love of literature with our students and staff. Each day there was a dress-up opportunity, and then the contest of "guess that book." This was a way for teachers to give clues about their favorite book and then kids guessed the title. A winner was chosen at the end of each day and the child was rewarded with a book for their correct answer. It was a lot of fun!

## **Enrollment/Attendance/Discipline**

- **Enrollment:**
  - Kindergarten (4 sections) -84 (5 Remote)
  - 1st Grade (4 sections) - 88 (4 Remote)
  - 2nd Grade (5 sections) - 87 (1 Remote)
  - 3rd Grade (4 sections) - 85 (8 Remote)
  - 4th Grade (4 sections) - 86 (8 Remote)
  - Enrolled Out - 6
  - **Total = 436 (26 Remote)**

## **Middle School Report**

### **Curriculum/Staff**

- The student services team will be hosting our virtual Parent University Night in April. They will be covering anxiety in children, tips for homework frustration, the effects of screen time, and internet safety. They will be sharing their flyer with zoom links soon and all parents K-8 and community members are invited to attend. We will also share recordings of each session on the school website afterward.
- Thank you to Mr. Loring and Dr. Greer for planning and running our large group picture day on 3/12/20.
- Ms. Domico's class newspapers are available on the district website under Student Resources. Check them out!
- The 5th grade has their annual HULT Center presentation on puberty scheduled for Monday, March 8th. The HULT will be presenting via Zoom and parents are welcome to attend.
- The 5th grade ELA classes have had several guest speakers recently. Ms. Monge talked to the students about service and therapy dogs and Mrs. King spoke to the students about autism.
- During our Plant Reproduction and Growth Unit, 7th grade Life Science students designed a plant hybrid to solve a community problem (such as how to save the Cavendish banana from Panama disease), and we dissected flowers such as the White lily and the Peruvian lily to learn about the male and female reproductive parts and how flowers attract pollinators.
- The middle school will begin IAR testing on Tuesday, March 16th

## **Enrollment/Attendance/Discipline**

- Current Enrollment Numbers: 371
  - 5th - 92
  - 6th - 95
  - 7th - 89
  - 8th - 95

### **Extracurriculars/Events**

- Track season will start a little later this year. They will start after Spring Break.
- Girls basketball is gearing up for another season! We are having open gyms this week, tryouts next week before a busy month of April.
- 5th/6th chorus, 7th/8th chorus, as well as 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands are all meeting once a week during study hall. After school music offerings include drumming classes for 5th-8th grade students, show choir, and additional chorus rehearsals for 5th-8th grade students. Mr. Loring is looking to start Jazz Band for interested band students as well.

●The Scholastic Bowl team has been busy practicing. The A team and the B team have competed in two matches each. The A team won both of their matches, and the B team won their match last week. What a great group of students make up both teams! We are facing Morton on Thursday, March 4th. As their coach it has been wonderful to see them enjoying themselves as they practice and compete. Since we have fewer matches this year due to some schools' decisions not to compete, we are hoping to schedule some untraditional matches. We are looking forward to the kids playing a match against the parents. Any takers from the school board? Administration?

●The sixth grade boys basketball team completed their season Wednesday night. Coach Matthews wanted to say that he is very proud of them and had a lot of fun coaching them. It was a short, wild season, but the boys learned a lot and were able to play two games in front of fans. They played hard and showed a lot of improvement in a short time.

●The 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams have identical 9-1 records. The 6th grade is 4-0. Our last regular season game is 3/2 and then we begin postseason play.

● The Student Council was busy in the month of February hosting three different fun events for the GHMS student body! First of all, a "Craft Luncheon" was sponsored with two different projects offered. Students could paint a "Valentine's Hedgehog" canvas or a "Warrior Head" on a wood slice. The projects all turned out great, and the students who attended had fun. Student Council also sponsored a "Crush for Valentine's Day." Students could send their friends a can of orange crush to celebrate the holiday. Finally, Student Council sponsored 4 Snyder Village residents for Valentine's Day and sent them bouquets of flowers. In order to involve the student body, students were allowed to wear hats if they brought in a dollar to help sponsor the residents. Overall, February was a whirlwind for Student Council!

●This year's speech contest took place on March 2nd. This virtual contest was judged by Chris Genders. Our students received 6 first-place ratings and two second-place ratings! Mrs. Ballard was very proud of how hard her students worked and how they stuck with it!

●Art Club plans to have an exhibition of their work for the parents sometime towards the end of April. They have been working hard on a variety of skills, including digital art and perspective.

●Coach DocM would like to congratulate the 2020-2021 GHMS Chess Team for their adaptability, flexibility, and willingness to overcome and adapt as they were able to compete in the only two events available to them this season. Team members include: Nathan Alonso, Jaxson Dingleline, Joseph Doyle, Derek Hover, Jacob Hunt, Callum McGrane, Evie Morris, Aurelia Slape, Oliver Truelove, Austin Wagner, and Grayson Richards.

- **Event 1: December 12: GPCF Winter Invitational:** Evie Morris, Jaxson Dingleline, Oliver Truelove and Aurelia Slape participated and I am proud to say that each member walked away with points and that Evie Morris earned 2.5 pts out of 4 possible points~
- **Event 2: Illinois Middle School Championship** Aurelia Slape, Joseph Doyle, Jaxson Dingleline, Austin Wagner, Evie Morris, Grayson Richards, Oliver Truelove and Jacob Hunt participated in the Illinois Middle School Championship on February 27. Aurelia and Joe each had a great day as Aurelia had 1 pt and Joe had 3 amazing victories! Jaxson was our sleeper with an amazing 4 wins and a 6th place finish that comes with hardware! Evie, Austin, and Grayson all played well and earned points for our 7th grade team. Oliver finished 12th overall with 3 points and Jacob finished 25th with 2 pts. I am sad to see Oliver and Jacob go, but they will do great at MTHS!

**Review of Internal and External COVID Data** - D. Mair updated the board on the internal and external COVID data for the county and the school. The District 69 Weekly Covid Dashboard is updated weekly (on Fridays) on the school website.

**Future Options for Chromebook Management** – K. Williams and D. Mair discussed the options for mitigating our costs for chromebooks. Some possible solutions: students purchasing chromebooks or instituting a technology fee.

**Civil Rights Unit of Study** – All board members received the Civil Rights Unit of Study (written by 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies teacher Dave Wiles) to be taught in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies. This unit will meet the Inclusive Curriculum Law which mandates that by the time students finish 8<sup>th</sup> grade, public schools must teach them about contributions to state and U.S. History made by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

**Recent 4-Year Compliance Review** – The Regional Office of Education recently conducted a 4-year compliance review. It was quite extensive and the district looks very good.

**Discussion Regarding the Next State of the District Presentation Date** – the board discussed how to proceed with the next State of the District presentation. Mr. Mair will send correspondence to all parents of the district this Spring. The next State of the District presentation will be held during the 2021 – 2022 school year.

**Draft Sexual Abuse and Molestation Prevention Manual** – Included in board packets was a draft of the Sexual Abuse and Molestation Prevention Manual.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by J. Hanks to move into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) at 7:47 p.m.

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by E. McAllister to leave closed session at 7:51 p.m.

### **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 7:52 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

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President  
Jason Hunt

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Secretary  
Greg Weinman

