

The scheduled (remote) meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69  
Board of Education May 11, 2020 was called to order at 7:01 p.m.  
by President, Jason Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance

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

No Members Absent

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Teachers: K. VandeSchraaf and M. Babcock attended the meeting.

Two letters were submitted to the Board as public comment:

- Please pass along our sincere appreciation to each and every member of the GTH #69 staff for quickly pivoting to provide remote learning, supporting students to get lunch, having caring teachers and staff, connecting with students online, and all the other work everyone did to navigate these last two months. We're proud to be a member of this community, and grateful for the kindness demonstrated by the student-focused teachers and administrators who are GTH #69. Thank you.

Erin & Nathan Thomas

- I'd like to add my comments if there's still time. Thanks for the opportunity to add our thoughts.

If there's any possibility for school to resume this fall in-person I would 100% support that. The teachers and staff have done a great job to provide content for our kids these past several weeks, but this is not a sustainable situation for our family. With two parents working from home full time, while supporting our kids (5th and 2nd grade) through their remote-learning has been a real struggle. We're doing our best to ensure that they cover the material in their core classes, but we can see a significant decline in their learning. I mean no criticism to the teachers/staff as they've certainly done their best in this situation. But for our kids, remote-learning has proven to be a poor substitute for regular school.

For us it boils down to two issues:

1. Trying to manage our own work from home while also managing/supervising our kids at home for the full day is not sustainable. Both are suffering.
2. Remote Learning for our kids has been far inferior to regular school.
  - a. I'd also question if our taxes should be adjusted down in the case our school is not able to fully perform it's functions moving forward.

Kim Roos

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by L. Hanson to approve: the April 6, 2020 regular session meeting and the May 4, 2020 special board meeting, the April treasurer's report, the current bills and payroll, IESA Membership for the 20-21 school year, the hiring of Jenny Wilke as the 6-8 Art Club sponsor for 2020-2021 and the April, 2020 Activity Journal.

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

Motion passed with 7 votes

## **ACTION ITEMS**

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by T. Edwards to hire Lisa Carbotta for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Kristy Seckler for 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

Motion passed with 7 votes

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

### **PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

#### **Elementary Report**

Interviews: Jill Goins & Joy Whisker joined me as we conducted 6 virtual interviews for the 4th grade & 2nd-grade positions for next year. We really enjoyed meeting all the candidates and watching them present lessons virtually. We are so excited to recommend Kristy Seckler for our 4th-grade position, and Lisa Carrabotta for our 2nd-grade position. They come highly recommended and we are very excited to have them on our faculty next year.

- RTI Math & Reading Interventionist: I would also like to recommend Val Gabriel for the RTI Math/Reading Interventionist for next year. This is a newly defined position left from Vicki Boone's retirement this year.
- Tenured Summative Evaluations: I met this week with all of my tenured teachers who were evaluated this year to complete their summative evaluations.
- NWEA Webinar: I recently attended a webinar to learn about potential learning loss due to COVID-19 & remote learning experiences. Most of the research and data suggest that the greatest learning loss will be in the area of mathematics. We are working together as an administrative team to construct learning experiences next Fall that will address these areas of concern.
- IPA Planning Session: I also attended a state-wide planning session with other principals to discuss potential issues with starting the school year next year. Topics included-transportation, cleaning schedules, alternative-hybrid student learning schedules, etc.
- IEP meetings: There have been a lot of year-end IEP meetings with teachers and parents preparing for next year. I am very thankful to my special education team, Lindsay Franklin (WCSEA administrator) and Kelly Albrecht for their clarity towards successful learning goals/objectives for each student on their caseloads.
- Remote Learning Motivation Plan: I am very thankful to Kelly A and all my teachers who have helped me create a motivational plan for students during our remote learning experience. Learning online can pose some interesting challenges that face-to-face learning doesn't and creating videos and fun experiences for our students was one way to "keep them going" during this unconnected time
- Aloha Survey: I want to thank Kelly Albrecht for helping me construct an "Aloha" survey to send to our faculty & staff. This survey asked several questions on how we can conclude our current school year as well as plan for our upcoming school year with respect to providing social/emotional closure for our students and staff. We have some good ideas for next Fall.
- Teacher Appreciation Week: I want to take a moment to thank each and every person within our school district for all that they have done on behalf of students and their families, especially during this remote learning time. I am so thankful and blessed to be a part of this amazing district where so many people come together for the common good of all people. We have done an amazing job during this crazy time---and for that, I thank each and every one of you!
- Incoming Kindergarten Class: We currently have 76 students registered for the 2020-21 school year. There are three more waiting to register  
Enrollment: ○ K = 93- 5 sections (1 enrolled out) ○ 1 = 81 - 5 sections (1 enrolled out) ○ 2 = 90 - 4 sections ○ 3 = 82 - 4 sections ○ 4 = 94 - 4 sections ○ Total = 440

## **Middle School Report**

### **Curriculum/Staff/Events**

- We will have a combined Exploratory period for all grade levels next year. Students qualifying for RtI will receive those services during that time. We will also offer services to any students who struggled during Remote Learning.
- We have been busy cleaning out lockers and setting up for our parent pickup days. 8th grade will pick up their belongings and return all school materials on Monday, May 11th. They will also be able to pick up their class t-shirts, yearbooks, and all graduation materials at that time. The rest of the middle school will have their pickup days staggered the week of May 18th.
- Mrs. Hensley and I, along with our Boot Camp team, are working on changing our Boot Camp format for next year to help better transition students back to school. We have made some tentative plans, but are still waiting to hear about how Covid-19 guidelines might affect the process.
- The 8th grade teachers, in conjunction with student council, Mrs. Hensley, Ms. Russell and I delivered graduation signs to all of our 8th graders last week. Students seemed excited to receive this recognition.
- I finished all tenured summative evaluations, and we are finishing up all of our final IEP meetings for the year. I have also been working through scheduling for next year and posting daily announcement videos for students and parents.
- I am working on putting together our Virtual Graduation Ceremony. Students will be sending me their graduation pictures and graduation speeches by the end of the week, and I will be putting everything together. I'm hoping to be able to share out this video on YouTube and our website by Monday, May 18th. Enrollment
- Current Enrollment Numbers: 377 ○ 5th - 96 ○ 6th- 86 ○ 7th- 95 ○ 8th- 100

**COVID-19 Closure Update** – D. Mair, K. Williams and S. Nafziger updated the board on what has transpired since the April 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and preliminary planning for the next school year.

**Consideration of Use of Facilities for Summer Athletics** - Several groups have asked for the use of our facilities and grounds for local athletic programs as well as our own camps etc. The campus is currently closed but we are monitoring this and if social distancing requirements are relaxed and after consulting with the Health Department the district will consider a plan to open them up.

**Staff Resignations** – Lindsey Davis submitted her resignation as Athletic Director. K. Williams will add these responsibilities to her job duties.

**Renewal of Insurance Policies from Unland** – Each board member received a summary of the renewal for our different insurance policies. The overall increase was 1.6% and a decrease in Workman's comp.

**Report on Potential Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on School Funding** – Included in all board packets was a report from Dr. Robert Grossi, a CFO in a large suburban district, about the potential impact of COVID-19 on school funding.

**Press Plus Policy Updates Issue 103** – All board members received Issue 103 of the Press Plus Policy Updates. The updates will be discussed in June and voted on in July.

**OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION**

L. Hanson:

- Spoken with parents who are interested in making masks. D. Mair has obtained information from the Health Department on how children should use masks.

J. Hunt:

- Thank you to all for the hard work that you are doing for the students and the school.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by T. Edwards to adjourn the board meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

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President

Jason Hunt

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Secretary

Greg Weinman