

The scheduled meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69
Board of Education May 13, 2019 was called to order at 7:15 p.m.
by President, Jason Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:	J. Hunt	D. Mair
	Eric McAllister	K. Williams
	R. Baker	M. Sturgell
	J. Hanks – 7:20 pm	M. Braskich
	T. Edwards	

Members Absent: G. Weinman

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Visitors were welcomed. Teachers present: M. Stivers, R. Schaffer and G. Giesler

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by R. Baker to approve the April 8, 2019 Board of Education Sine Die Meeting minutes Regular Session Meeting minutes.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Treasurer’s Report All school board members received a copy of the March, 2019 Treasurer’s Report.

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by T. Edwards to approve the March, 2019 Treasurer’s Report.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Bills

Bills totaling \$918,618.37 were approved for payment on a motion by E. McAllister with a second by T. Edwards

Roll Call Vote: Yeas – E. McAllister, J. Hanks, T. Edwards and J. Hunt
Abstain – R. Baker

Motion Passed with 4 votes

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve an Extension of the License Agreement with WCSEA for the Property Located at 110 Fandel Road

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by T. Edwards to approve an extension of the License Agreement with WCSEA for the property located at 110 Fandel Rd.

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

Motion Passed with 5 votes

Motion to Approve a Separation Agreement with WCSEA Employee Robin Roberts

A motion was made by R. Baker with a second by E. McAllister to approve a Separation Agreement with WCSEA employee Robin Roberts.

Voice Vote - Motion Passed

Motion to Approve WCSEA Administrator Contracts for Kristen Fehr, Lindsay Franklin, Andrea Hartnett, Kelli Peterson, Shawn Joraanstad and Maureen Whalen

A motion was made by R. Baker with a second by E. McAllister to approve WCSEA administrator contracts for: Kristen Fehr, Lindsay Franklin, Andrea Hartnett, Kelli Peterson, Shawn Joraanstad and Maureen Whalen.

Voice Vote - Motion Passed

Motion to Approve Hiring Gretchen Giesler as a Special Education Teacher for the 2019 – 2020 School Year.

A motion was made by J. Hanks with a second by R. Baker to approve the hire of Gretchen Giesler as a Special Education Teacher for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

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

Motion Passed with 5 votes

Motion to Approve Hiring the Following Stipend Positions for the 2019 – 2020 School Year: Alysha Hartley-Art Club Sponsor, Stef McAllister-Chess Club Sponsor, Rob Matthews-Head Girls Track Coach and Victoria West-Assistant Girls Track Coach

A motion was made by J. Hanks with a second by T. Edwards to approve hiring the following stipend positions for the 2019 – 2020 school year: Alysha Hartley-Art Club sponsor, Stef McAllister-Chess Club sponsor, Rob Matthews-Head Girls Track and Victoria West-Assistant Girls Track

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

Motion Passed with 5 votes.

Motion to Approve the FY20 Consolidated District Plan

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by T. Edwards to approve the FY20 Consolidated District Plan

Voice Vote - Motion Passed

Motion to Approve Hiring Gorenz and Associates for the FY19 District Audit

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by J. Hanks to approve hiring Gorenz & Associates to conduct the FY19 Audit

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

Motion Passed with 5 Votes

Motion to Appoint an Ad Hoc Committee for the Purpose of Interviewing Candidates for the Vacant Board Position and Making a Recommendation for Appointment

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Legislative Reports – D. Mair included a couple of articles referring to the graduated income tax and some riders that have been added to that legislation and the legislation regarding district consolidation.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS

Elementary School

- **IAR Testing:**
Congratulations to the 3rd and 4th-grade students and their teachers for successfully concluding their state tests. They worked hard and took their tests very seriously. I wish to thank Mike Dexheimer and Kate for helping us through their support with technical issues, etc. I also wish to thank Joy Whisker and Heidi O'Shea for working with me on testing accommodations for our students with IEP's and 504's.
- **Kindergarten Screening for 2019-2020 School Year:**
The kindergarten team, Mrs. Geiler and Mrs. Vaughn screened the incoming K students for their readiness skills and social-emotional skill set. It was a busy time, yet very productive time.
- **WCSEA Parent Group Meeting:**
I had the pleasure of meeting Bradley Davis, our WCSEA parent advisory board representative. He wanted to learn more about our special education needs as a district and how he could be a support to us and our initiatives.
- **Grade 1 & 2 Day w/Julie Eckberg:**
The 1st & 2nd-grade teams & I worked with Julie to help tighten our phonics scope & sequence using a blend of intensive phonics & Fountas Pinnell. It was a productive two days.
- **Children's Book Week / BOGO Book Fair / Grandparents Day / Art Show:**
The last week of April was a busy, yet exciting one. We hosted nearly 1900 breakfast guests, Grandparents, as they spent time at our school, visiting their grandchild's classroom, enjoying the book fair, the art show, etc. It's always a special week for our community.
- **Reading Recovery Lesson:**
I had the opportunity to take two first graders to Bloomington to watch them showcase their reading talents as they received instruction from their RR teachers, Mrs. Boone & Mrs. Heflin. I was very proud of their efforts!
- **May 6-10:**
This was another special week at our school. We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week with many special events for our teachers. We also celebrated St. Jude with a host of dress-up days for our students and staff.
- **3rd Grade Pioneer Days & Jeans Day for MGS:**
Thursday, May 9th our 3rd-grade students came together to showcase their singing and dancing talent during our Pioneer Days program. They have been busy learning the art of square dancing, quilting & building pioneer homes. This is a result of concentrated curriculum coordination of the literacy unit The Little House on the Prairie.
- **Enrollment:**
 - K = 86- 5 sections (1 enrolled out), 1 = 82 - 4 sections, 2 = 85 - 4 sections, 3 = 92 - 4 sections
 - 4 = 97 - 4 sections (3 enrolled out) **Total = 442**
- **Current Incoming K Enrollment:**
Registrations are continuing to trickle in for kindergarten. We are currently at 88 which includes 6 KDG retentions.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Field trips
 - RTI meetings - 5/15
 - Laps for Life - 5/16
 - Warrior Spirit Day - 5/22
 - 8th Grade Graduation 5/23
 - Principal of the Day - 5/24
 - End of 4th 9 weeks - 5/24
 - Field Day - 5/30
 - Teacher's Institute/Retirement Luncheon - 5/31

Middle School Report

Curriculum/Staff

- Mr. Bevard has accepted an administrative position in Creve Coeur, so we will be hiring for a new middle school ELA teacher. We should be able to start those interviews in a week or two. Mr. Bevard will be greatly missed and we thank him for his years of service!
- We will have a combined Exploratory period for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders next year. Students qualifying for RtI will receive those services during that time. The remaining students will take interest surveys to be placed in an Exploratory. Options include Spanish, Current Events, Coding/3-D Printing, STEM, Financial Literacy and much more!
- 5th Grade will incorporate Positive Action into our social-emotional curriculum next year, with the hope that the rest of middle school will follow during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Mrs. Hensley and I, along with our Boot Camp team, are working at changing our Boot Camp format for next year to make it more engaging for our students. I will keep you updated.
- We have found a way to continue our art program for all middle school students using current resources. Amy Ward will teach 5th grade; Jean Wilmarth will teach a combination art and technology section; and Ryan Davis will teach 7th/8th grade art.
- IAR testing has been completed and went well. Now we will anxiously await our results. Next year, we are considering testing ELA before Spring Break, and Math after to break up testing for our students.
- We also completed our Spring MAP tests. Thank you to Mrs. Wilmarth and Mrs. VandeSchraaf for coordinating these sessions.
- On Wednesday, May 1st, we had the honor of welcoming Mr. Steen Metz, a Holocaust survivor, to speak with our students. His story was extremely moving and our students were very lucky to hear him speak.

Enrollment/Attendance/Discipline

- Current Enrollment Numbers: Total 369 5th – 80, 6th- 94, 7th- 105, 8th- 90
- We had one suspension since our last meeting. I will pass around the suspension binder.

Extracurriculars/Events

- Track season is almost over. Sadly, it has been filled with a lot of rain! Athletes are headed to Sectionals this weekend, with State the following week. I will keep you updated with results.
- We have had many great events over the last few weeks. I have many thank yous to give. Thank you to Mrs. Cunningham for her work with Grandparents Day, Mr. Loring and Mrs. Anderson for their amazing band and choir concerts, Mrs. Ballard for putting on a great spring play, and Ms. Jarrett for her work with the Art Show. Awesome job!
- Upcoming Events:
 - Our Laps for Life event will take place on Thursday, May 16th.
 - The State Track Tournament will be Friday and Saturday, May 17th and 18th. We hope to have at least a few athletes attending.
 - Our 8th Graders will head to the HULT Center on Tuesday, May 21st. In addition, our 5th graders will have their DARE graduation that afternoon.
 - Wednesday, May 22nd will be our annual 8th grade trip to 6th Flags. I will get to go on roller coasters for the first time in at least a decade!
 - Thursday, May 23rd at 7pm is 8th grade graduation.
 - On Friday, May 24th, Mrs. King's class will go on their field trip to Blue Ridge Community Farm.
 - Our 5-7 grade Awards Assembly is Tuesday, May 28th at 1pm.
 - Our 6th graders will head to Wildlife Prairie Park on Wednesday, May 29th.
 - Field Day is Thursday, May 30th and the last day of school!

Update on Potential Solar Panel Project – Jason from Hawk-Attollo presented where we are with the potential solar panel project. Board members were also given a FAQ sheet on Illinois Shines and the Adjustable Block Program.

Unland Insurance Renewal – Board members were given a comparison to our current insurance costs and the renewal for next year. The district has experienced a drop in cost.

Hiring of a K-4 Instructional Coach for the 2019 – 2020 School Year – D. Mair updated the board on the intention of hiring an Instructional Coach for K-4 next school year.

Consideration of Moving to Trimesters for the 2019 – 2020 School Year – The District Curriculum Team has discussed the benefits of going from a quarter grading system to trimesters. Board policy will be adjusted.

School Resource Officer Update – D. Mair updated the board on his meeting with the Under Sheriff, Dennis Tipsword and Chairman of the County Public Safety Committee to finalize costs for contracting a deputy as a SRO for next year. Board members were also given a job description.

Update on Single Arrival/Dismissal Time for the 2020 – 2021 School Year – D. Mair updated the board on the status of a single arrival/dismissal time for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

Staff Resignations – Staff resignations have been presented to the board. Dustin Bevard – 7th grade ELA teacher, Chess Club and Head Track Coach and Stephanie Jarrett – Assistant Track Coach.

Discussion of Press Plus Policy Updates Issue 100 – Discussion was postponed one month.

Activity Account Journal – All board members received a copy of the most recent Activity Account Journal.

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

- E. McAllister spoke on the overall condition of the Softball field leading to game cancellations.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Hunt with a second by E. McAllister to adjourn the board meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

President
Jason Hunt

Secretary
Greg Weinman

