

The scheduled meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69
Board of Education May 17, 2021 was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
by President, Jason Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:	Jason Hunt	Dan Mair
	Eric McAllister	Kate Williams
	Trisha Edwards	Shelli Nafziger
	Ray Baker	Maureen Braskich
	Lori Hanson	
	Justin Krager	

Members Absent: Jessi Hanks

VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT or CORRESPONDENCE

Teachers: Val Gabriel and Jodi Heflin attended. Mark Cunningham also attended and addressed the board about his dismissal.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Lori Hanson with a second by Eric McAllister to approve: the April 26, 2021 Special Session Board Meeting minutes, the Treasurer's Report, current Bills and Payroll, the April, 2021 Activity Journal, the hire of Amanda Mathisen as a Middle School paraprofessional and approve Dr. Jessi Hanks as the Germantown Hills School District representative to the WCSEA governing board.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas -E. McAllister, T. Edwards, R. Baker, L. Hanson J. Krager and J. Hunt
Motion passed with 6 votes

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by L. Hanson to terminate the employment of Mark Cunningham as a bus driver.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas - T. Edwards, R. Baker, L. Hanson, J. Krager and E. McAllister
Abstain - J. Hunt

Motion passed with 5 votes

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by T. Edwards to amend the FY21 budget

Roll Call Vote: Yeas – R. Baker, L. Hanson, J. Krager, E. McAllister, T. Edwards and J. Hunt
Motion passed with 6 votes

A motion was made by J. Krager with a second by T. Edwards to hire Jessica Schertz as a 1.0 FTE Elementary Special Education Teacher

Roll Call Vote: Yeas – L. Hanson, J. Krager, E. McAllister, T. Edwards, R. Baker and J. Hunt
Motion passed with 6 votes

OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Legislative Report – All board members received information regarding SB654, which would require districts to provide one hour of unstructured playtime for all students in grades K-8.

Principals Reports

Elementary Report

- IAR/MAP TESTING: → It's been a busy last month of student testing. Students have worked hard on their IAR state tests as well as our local MAP tests. A huge thank you goes out to Jennifer Schroeder and Erica Bucy for helping me coordinate schedules, conduct make-ups, and test remote learners.
- Virtual Parent Counseling Night: Congratulations to our school counselors, Mrs. Albrecht and Mrs. Hensley for conducting their very first virtual parent counseling sessions. They presented on topics such as: limiting screen time, helping kids cope with anxiety and keeping kids safe on the internet.
- Inclusion/Co-teaching Update: Michelle DuBois & I have been working on creating teams at each grade level consisting of a general education teacher, special education teacher, and teacher assistant for our inclusion classrooms next year. In addition we are working on creating on-going support and professional development. The teams seem to be excited and ready for this new challenge.
- Drills: We conducted a fire drill and intruder drill and the students did a great job. Before we did the intruder drill, Mrs. Albrecht and our school counselor intern, Mrs. Brosch went into every classroom to talk with the kids as to what to expect and answer any questions that they had.
- Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week: This past week, our PTO and administration worked together to provide luncheons, special treats, and notes of appreciation to celebrate all the hard work that has gone into this year.
- Illinois Principals Association Student Award: Congratulations goes out to Tessa Winemiller and Hunter Norton for being chosen Students of the Year from the IPA. The 4th grade teachers helped me choose two deserving students who represent our school district in a positive way both academically as well as in character. Both students received multiple certificates and an opportunity to go to Barnes and Noble for their accomplishments.

Upcoming Events: → After school tutoring ends May 13th → Last day of remote learning and kindergarten is May 14th → Field Days - May 17th - 19th → Last day of student attendance - May 20th → Co-teaching training - May 21st

Enrollment: → Kindergarten (4 sections) - 84 (5 Remote) → 1st Grade (4 sections) - 87 (3 Remote) → 2nd Grade (5 sections) - 86 (2 Remote) → 3rd Grade (4 sections) - 85 (8 Remote) → 4th Grade (4 sections) - 86 (8 Remote) → Enrolled Out - 6 Total = 434 (26 Remote)

Middle School Report

Curriculum/Staff/Events

- Mrs. Hensley and I, along with our Boot Camp team, are working on updating our Boot Camp format for next year to help better transition students back to a full school day.
- The 8th grade teachers, in conjunction with Mrs. Hensley, Ms. Russell and I delivered graduation signs to all of our 8th graders last week. Students seemed excited to receive this recognition.
- Our Parent University night was hosted by the Student Services Team on April 15th virtually. All four sessions were successful! We had about 10-15 families attend each session. We have shared each of our recorded sessions to our counseling corner section of the district webpage. We are excited to plan for next year and are hoping to host at least two in-person Parent University nights next school year.
- 8th graders participated in our first annual Service Day on Monday, May 10th. Students helped to clean the buildings and grounds at Great Oaks Church, Snyder Village and Willow Hills Church. This was a great success and I hope to do it every year! They also had fun at Field Day and our class trip. Congratulations to our graduates!
- 5th Grade has been reading *Britfield & the Lost Crown* this year for a class read-aloud. Last week they had a Zoom webinar with the author, Chad Stewart. There is the opportunity to preorder his second book in the series and both Book 1 and 2 signed copies.
- Students in 7th grade Life Science have been studying ecosystems around the world and creating food web projects to go with these ecosystems about diverse places such as: the Cloud forest of Costa Rica and Sonoran desert of Arizona to the Westland temperate forest of New Zealand and the Atchafalaya swamp of Louisiana. Students gave detailed information in their projects about producers, consumers, decomposers, keystone species, matter, and energy in each of their ecosystems.
- Mrs. Olsen taught 10 students how to loom knit and all students successfully completed at least one project of a hat. Several students completed additional projects of hats and scarves throughout the year. They will continue this activity next year with a loom knitting club. Mrs. Olsen plans to use the club as an opportunity for kids to learn new skills, make items for themselves or others, and donate hats and scarves to those in need. Click on the below Google photo album link for the finished projects!
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZKhkmmDzDaBAvtUw8>

Enrollment

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

Extracurriculars/Events

- 7th Grade Girls Basketball was co-champion of the Tazwood Conference. 8th Grade Girls Basketball won the Tazwood Conference. Ella Russell, Mackenzie Beccue, Liv Vaughan, and Nora Johnson were selected to play in the All-State Classic. Mr. Davis got to coach the team, and they took 3rd place. The 8th Grade team was selected to play in the Unofficial State Tournament, but due to other commitments declined the offer.
- Art Club finishes up for the year this week. Their work has been on display at the main entrance by Mr. Mair's office.
- The 5th/6th Grade Chorus and 7th/8th grade chorus finished the year with great performances at our Spring Showcase Concert! The 8th grade Madrigal Singers finished their middle school singing career with an excellent performance as well. And the 2021 Show Choir made a huge splash with their 80's Medley - complete with costumes and choreography! To be able to present a concert was a wonderful way to end this year!
- The track team competed in 5 meets including our Sectional. We were also able to host one meet in Metamora. It was a short season, but all of our athletes were dedicated and they were all able to improve their personal best times and distances. I'd like to add a public "thank you" to the many parents who volunteered at our home meet. We had the most volunteers of any school that hosted a meet we participated in this season.
- 5th-7th grade students will participate in grade-level Field Days this week.

Considerations for next School Year – D. Mair would like to communicate with parents about plans for next school year in May and then communicate the District’s official plans in July.

FY22 Insurance Renewal Rates from Unland and Companies – School board members received a comparison of this year’s rates and those for next year.

Bus Driver Shortage – Because of the great shortage of bus drivers, the district would like to invest in a routing and mapping program called Transfinder that may be able to schedule our routes in a more efficient way.

SOPPA Update – All board members received a flyer explaining the requirements all districts in Illinois must meet by July 1st. This will be a daunting yet it will be completed.

Staff Resignations – Included in all board packets were resignations for: Jill Goins – 4th grade teacher (3 year notice) and Marcy Babcock – Co-Student Council sponsor.

Board Attendance at the 2021 Joint Annual Conference November 19-21st – D. Mair would like to know the board’s interest in attending this conference.

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Krager with a second by T. Edwards to adjourn the board meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

President
Jason Hunt

Secretary
Trisha Edwards