

The scheduled meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69  
Board of Education, Monday, May 9, 2022 was called to order at 7:00 p.m.  
by President, Jason Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Jason Hunt  
Eric McAllister  
Trish Edwards  
Jessi Hanks  
Lori Hanson  
Ray Baker  
Justin Krager

Members Absent: none

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

Teacher Gail Elbert was present.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by T. Edwards to approve: the Treasurer's report, April 2022 Activity Journal, IESA membership for FY23, and approve hiring Jen Lucas as assistant softball coach.

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

### **ACTION ITEMS**

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by J. Krager to approve the April 19, 2022 Board of Education regular session minutes.

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

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by E. McAllister to approve current bills and payroll.

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

A motion was made by T. Edwards with a second by J. Krager to approve hiring Sheri Imhoff as Middle School Special Education Teacher beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

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

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by J. Hanks to approve a proposal from Heart Technologies for additional security cameras in the amount of \$9,818.17. In the last few months several blind spots have been identified, especially in the West Gym. We will be shuffling some current cameras and getting some new ones. Sixty percent of the labor will be covered by a federal grant and we can also use some sales tax revenue.

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

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by R. Baker to approve increasing student and adult lunch prices from \$2.75 and \$3.25 to \$3.00 and \$3.50 respectively beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. The USDA audited the school 3-4 years ago and told us we needed to raise prices to \$3. Metamora High School and Metamora Grade School are at these prices currently.

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

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

### **PRINCIPALS REPORT**

#### **Germantown Hills Elementary Principal's Report**

May 9, 2022

*Dr. Shelli Nafziger*

- **Curriculum/Staff:**
- **Steve Oertle:** Steve continues to support our standards-based reporting system by giving guidance to the teachers and administration.
- **Student Recognition Breakfast:** The 4th-grade teachers helped me honor two deserving students at the Illinois Principal Association breakfast on May 2nd. Ty Vaughan and Keegan Waggoner and their parents were treated to a breakfast and recognition ceremony alongside children from other schools.
- **4th Grade Showcase:** The 4th-grade showcase returned on Thursday, April 21st for the first time since 2020! The students performed demonstrations of some of the activities we do together in music class, including singing, playing a variety of instruments, moving to the form of music, and even dancing to folk music. We also invited a family member down to the floor to perform our last folk dance together. It was a great night, with lots of smiles, laughter, and music-making!

- **3rd Grade Pioneer Program:** The 3rd-grade Pioneer program will return next Tuesday, May 10th. Students are currently reading "Little House on the Prairie" and learning about this time in our country's history. This is a great opportunity for students to see that lessons carry across all subjects, as their reading, history, art (log cabins), physical education, and music all come together. Students will perform four songs and square dance for the audience, and I'm sure it will be a great performance!
- **Author Visit:** On April 28th, author Jordan Sonnenblick visited our school. Some of his books include Dodger and Me, the Boy Who Failed Show in Tell, and Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie. This particular book won the Rebecca Caudill Award for the state of Illinois. During his presentation, he spoke to our students about becoming happy adults by pursuing their dreams. He also encouraged students to find ways to help others. One special class even ate lunch with Mr. Sonnenblick. Feedback from the special day has all been very positive. Both students and teachers really enjoyed meeting and listening to Jordan and many students have purchased signed copies of his books.
- **BOGO Book Fair/Teacher-Staff Appreciation/PJ & Family Reading Night/Art Glow Show:** The first week of May is a special week because it's an opportunity to celebrate our teachers and staff for the amazing work they do with children. In addition, our PTO has created a BOGO Book Fair, PJ day to celebrate our love of literature and reading. Lastly, Amy Ward has done an amazing job creating the Art Glow Show to showcase the artwork of our students. The month of May always brings about exciting "extras" to our school days/nights and it's a fun-filled way to conclude the school year.
- **Upcoming Information:**
  - May 9th - MAP Testing - This will be our last MAP data point to show student growth and rate of progress. We look forward to seeing student data and sharing our successes with our parents.
  - May 13th
    - Laps 4 Life
    - SIP Early Dismissal
    - Erin's Law Presentation for Faculty - Mrs. Albrecht helped to set up Erin's Law presentations for our students to talk about "good touch/bad touches."
    - Angie Fischer's last day celebration - Words cannot express the gratitude I have for Mrs. Fischer's 15 years of service. She has served the children, families, and staff of GHSD #69 for 15 years with grace & integrity. Her hard work and dedication will be missed.
  - May 20th - Term 3 Ends
  - May 23rd - St. Jude Celebration
  - May 26th - Last Day of Kindergarten
  - May 27th - Field Day (1-4)/Kindergarten Screening
  - June 1st - Early Dismissal/Report Cards/Retirement Luncheon
- **Current Enrollment:**
  - ECE - 17
  - K - 84

- 1st - 81
- 2nd - 93
- 3rd - 98
- 4th - 79
- Enrolled Out - 9
- *TOTAL ECE-Grade 4 Enrollment=461 students*

- **2022-23 Kindergarten Registration:**

At this time we have **69** kiddos registered.

Germantown Hills Middle School Principal's Report

May 9, 2022

Ms. Kate Williams

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

- Our 7th and 8th graders will participate in Service Day on Friday, May 13th. Students will help to clean the buildings and grounds at Great Oaks Church, Snyder Village, Mended Hearts and the Peoria Riverfront. This is a great opportunity for our students to give back to the community.
- We will be adding a 6th grade enrichment math class to our curriculum next year. In the past, we have only offered this for 7th and 8th grade, so we are excited to expand the program!
- We will complete our Spring MAP testing this week. These are our last state tests for the year!
- Do we have any interest in 5th grade students participating in extracurricular activities next year? We typically don't allow this until 6th grade, but have been discussing the possibility.
- We will have Erin's Law presentations on May 16th and 17th. Erin's Law requires that all public schools implement a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program that teaches students age-appropriate techniques to recognize child sexual abuse and tell a trusted adult.
- We will be kicking off our Laps for Life fundraising event with an assembly on May 13th. Students will raise money to then participate in our Laps for Life event on May 23rd. Kona Ice will be here and there will be tons of fun outside activities for the students to participate in.
- Congratulations to our graduates! Next week is their final week here at GHMS.

### **Enrollment**

- Current Enrollment Numbers: 377
  - 5th - 89
  - 6th- 96
  - 7th- 96
  - 8th- 94

### **Extracurriculars/Events**

- Art Club has some of their art work from this year displayed in the main entrance near Mr. Mair's office. We are currently working on some digital landscapes. Mrs. Rajtora is going to be working with me on a special class where they will have the chance to print their own t-shirt using one of our winning designs from earlier in the year. We are just fine tuning details on this. 6th Grade Art Club students will be attending the Fine Art Exhibition at the Courthouse on May 11th.
- Our Spring Chorus Concert will take place at MTHS on Monday evening, May 9th. The 5th Grade Chorus, 6th Grade Cadet Chorus, 7th/8th Grade Concert Chorus and Show Choir are working hard and looking forward to their performance! The bands and choruses will also be

performing at the Spring Festival of the Arts on Wednesday, May 11th and our annual Music Awards night will be Thursday, May 12th.

- The Scholastic Bowl team ended their season with a record of 11-3. They lost in the final round to regional champs, Washington Middle. Both coaches are looking forward to another season next school year!
- The track team is gearing up for the sectional track meet and, hopefully, state! The team has brought home many medals and ribbons, as well as two team trophies in the past couple of weeks from the Conference Track Meet at Tremont and St. Mary's Relays at Metamora. The coaches are proud, hopeful, and confident in our athletes as they near the end of their season. Go Warriors!
- Cheer and dance have both had their tryouts for next year and fielded great teams. They will practice over the summer and be ready for our basketball seasons next year.
- Knitting Club will meet a couple more times before we wrap up for the year. We ended with 13 members and every student was able to complete at least one project, with many completing multiple projects. We look forward to next year and plan to make projects to donate to charity. We also ask for donations of yarn and other knitting supplies to continue our efforts next year.
- Upcoming Events:

- 5th Grade Field Trip to see the Chief's - May 11th
- Floor Hockey Championship Assembly - May 16th
- Graduation - May 19th
- 8th Grade Field Trip to Six Flags - May 20th
- Laps for Life - May 23rd
- 7th Grade Field Day - May 25th
- 6th Grade Field Day - May 26th
- 7th Grade Field Trip to the Lincoln Museum - May 26th
- 5th Grade Field Day - May 27th
- 6th Grade Field Trip to Wildlife Prairie - May 27th
- Honors Assemblies and Last Day of School - June 1st

**Thank you to our PTO for Family Reading Night** – On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the PTO hosted a Family Reading Night that ended up being a huge success. The turnout was amazing! D. Mair wanted to give a huge shout out to our PTO and the teachers and staff who volunteered that evening.

**Update on School Mascot** – Unfortunately, the plan that was developed has not turned out as everyone had hoped. K. Williams and D. Mair updated the Board on what they would like to do moving forward. They will bring a new plan to the board in June or July. The Board would like to replace the signs out front with only the school name and no mascot sooner rather than later.

**Transfinder Update** – D. Mair updated the board on what has been accomplished so far with the implementation of the Transfinder program and what still needs to be accomplished in order for it to be operational. D. Mair will update the board next month about where we are.

**Update on Germantown Hills Athletic Complex** – Included in the Board packet are the minutes from the May 2<sup>nd</sup> steering committee meeting. The closing for the Engineer RFQ's is Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. J. Krager, E. McAllister, Chris Tyra and D. Mair are meeting at 4:00 p.m. on that date to narrow down the bids or possibly select one to recommend for Board approval. D. Mair also included in your board packets the funding schedule for \$6.5M as requested as well as what it would look like for \$7M.

**Insurance Renewal Rates** – Included in the board packets are the renewal rates for our different insurances as provided by Unland and Co. They will not be able to get our Cyber renewal until later.

**Board Attendance at the 2022 Joint Annual Conference** –The conference is Nov. 18-20 and registration opens June 6<sup>th</sup>. D. Mair would like to get an idea of who would like to attend this year. D. Mair will ask again at June meeting.

**Staff Resignations** – D. Mair included in the board packet three staff resignations that were received.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board would like the scrolling school calendar on the website to be kept up-to-date. You can sync it with your phone and therefore it is a nice reference, especially if something gets added or canceled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by J. Krager with a second by E. McAllister to adjourn the board meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

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President  
Jason Hunt

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Secretary  
Trish Edwards