

The scheduled meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69
Board of Education November 12, 2018 was called to order at 7:08 p.m.
by President, Steve Nauman

Pledge of Allegiance

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| Members Present: | S. Nauman | D. Mair |
| | J. Hunt | S. Nafziger |
| | J. Hanks | K. Williams |
| | E. McAllister | M. Sturgell |
| | R. Baker – 7:25 | M. Braskich |

Members Absent: L. Edwards and G. Weinman

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Visitors were welcomed. Teachers: V. West and J. Anderson

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by J. Hunt to approve the October 8, 2018 Board of Education Regular Session minutes.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report All school board members received a copy of the October, 2018 Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by J. Hanks with a second by J. Hunt to approve the October, 2018 Treasurer's Report.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Bills

Bills totaling \$1,407,224.92 were approved for payment on a motion by J. Hanks with a second by E. McAllister.

Roll call Vote: Yeas – S. Nauman, J. Hunt, J. Hanks and E. McAllister

Motion Passed with 4 votes.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve the Tentative 2018 Tax Levy

The district should inform tax payers of the success the district has had lowering the tax rate three years in a row.

A motion was made by J. Hunt with a second by E. McAllister to approve the tentative 2018 Tax Levy

Roll Call Vote: Yeas – J. Hunt, J. Hanks, E. McAllister and S. Nauman

Motion Passed with 4 votes

Motion to Approve Hiring Rob Matthews as 6th Grade Basketball Coach, Stephanie Jarrett as Assistant Track Coach, Dustin Bevard as Chess Coach, Zach Morgenstern as Kindergarten Aide and Erica Busy as Long Term Aide Sub

A motion was made by J. Hunt with a second by E. McAllister to approve the hire of: Rob Matthews as 6th Grade Basketball Coach, Stephanie Jarrett as Assistant Track Coach, Dustin Bevard as Chess Coach, Zach Morgenstern as Kindergarten Aide and Erica Busy as Long Term Aide Sub

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

Motion Passed with 5 votes

OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Legislative Reports – Included in Board members' packets is an article from the Chicago Tribune discussing the potential power dynamics between J. B. Pritzker and Michael Madigan and how those dynamics could play out in the General Assembly.

PRINCIPALS REPORTS

Germantown Hills Elementary School

End of 1st 9 weeks & P-T Conferences :

The end of the 1st 9 weeks came quickly (October 17th) and with that, our teachers prepared for p-t conferences and teachers really appreciated having time to prepare.

● Master Schedules :

Kate, Dan & I have already been working on master schedules for next year. We should be ready to share with DCT and hopefully finalize before Christmas.

- **Warrior Spirit Day & Lowell's Celebration :**

October 24th was not only a special day due to Warrior Spirit Day but it was also a day to celebrate Lowell Gropp for the relationships he builds with students and staff. We held a brief assembly to recognize his efforts.

- **Be a Buddy, Not a Bully Day :**

Stefanie Garza designed a day of activities around building relationships among our students. They paired the older children as mentors/guides to our younger students. It was a wonderful day!

- **Fire Drill (w/fire dept.) :**

Successfully completed

- **Halloween Parties :**

Our parties were a huge success other than the issue of parking. I heard several complaints from our volunteers. We will need to shorten recess in the future or hold indoor recess due to lack of parking spaces on the playground.

- **Challenge Begins :**

Our enrichment opportunity for grades 3-6 has begun thanks to Jay Kamil (leader) and Dan who has helped to analyze the data.

- **Author, Christina Cooper :**

Presented to grades 3&4 on November 8th. Many thanks to Mrs. Poole for organizing this wonderful event for our kids.

- **Veteran's Day Assembly :**

Our annual Veteran's Day Assembly was attended by many local veterans and their guests. Many thanks to Dan & Maureen for organizing this wonderful event for our veterans, their guests, and our students.

- **RTI/MTSS Student Meetings :**

We will soon be coming upon our 2nd set of RTI/MTSS meetings to determine student academic/social-emotional needs.

- **Enrollment:**

- K = 85 with 5 sections (1 enrolled out)
- 1st = 83 with 4 sections (1 enrolled out)
- 2nd = 85 with 4 sections
- 3rd = 92 with 4 sections
- 4th = 97 with 4 sections (2 enrolled out)
- **TOTAL = 442**

Germantown Hills Middle School

Curriculum/Staff

- The 8th Grade took the PSAT on October 16th. Previously, they have taken this at Metamora High School. Germantown hosted this year in an effort to allow students to take the test in an environment that is more familiar and comfortable for them. Students also took the EXPLORE test in their Science classes later that week. These tests will act as placement tests for their transition to high school.

- CareerSpark - On Tuesday, October 23rd, 8th graders attended the *Greater Peoria Area Career Spark* sponsored by Junior Achievement of Central Illinois. Students spent 30 minutes in each of 4 zones. Booths within the zones were manned by local professionals who answered questions and engaged students in hands-on activities about different careers. Zone 1- Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources, Hospitality and Tourism; Zone 2- Architecture, Engineering, & Construction, Government, Law, & Public Service; Zone 3- Health & Life Sciences Arts, Technology, & Communication;

Zone 4- Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering, Logistics, Business & Finance.

- Girls at STEM - On Wednesday, November 7th, Dr. Greer and nine girls (grades 6-8) traveled to Caterpillar's Technical Center in Mossville for "Introduce a Girl to STEM". Throughout the day, the girls experienced several STEM opportunities that relate to today's society. Our keynote speaker, Jackie Heinricher, founder of Booshoot Technology, shared her experience starting her own biotechnology company using bamboo and her love of racing for Caterpillar. The girls had the opportunity to sign one of her cars, which they thought was awesome! The girls experienced several teamwork activities making DNA strands, marshmallow towers, and elephant toothpaste. The girls also worked with 3D pens and toured a section of Caterpillar's plant where they make 3D parts. Last, they were able to try their hand at using some of Caterpillar's computer technology experiencing how virtual imaging plays a part in the manufacturing industry.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences - These conferences were well-attended and went well. The schedule was great!
- Veteran's Day Assembly - This assembly was incredibly moving and our students were very well-behaved.
- Spirit Week - Mrs. Hensley did a great job planning our first Spirit Week of the year. On Monday, we kicked off the week with Red Ribbon Day and a "Donut do Drugs" party. Students also participated in a door-decorating contest with this theme. On Tuesday, students participated in Buddy Day. Middle school students paired up with elementary children for a fun scavenger hunt. On Wednesday, students participated in Mix-It-Up Day. We had a DJ for lunch and students got the opportunity to change seats and sit with people they wouldn't normally get a chance to talk with. We ended the day with a moving assembly and tribute to Lowell Gropp!

Enrollment/Attendance/Discipline

- Current Enrollment Numbers: 366
 - 5th - 79
 - 6th- 92
 - 7th- 105
 - 8th- 90

Extracurriculars/Events

- Girls Basketball - 7th grade is currently 14-3 with a 4-0 record in the conference. We should be the #1 seed in the regional which we are hosting. 8th Grade Girls Basketball is 17-0 on the season. 8th Grade Night is Tuesday.
- Dance - The dance team has participated in the MTHS Homecoming Parade and Steps of Joy. They are getting ready to start their competition season; their first competition is December 8th in Dunlap. Check out their website at <http://ghmsdanceteam.weebly.com/> for more information.
- Cheer - They have been participating in our girls and boys basketball games, as well as preparing for their first cheer competition scheduled on December 15th. The girls are working hard and have raised funds for their new cheer mats.
- Speech - This year's speech team has 28 students participating in 17 events. Their first contest was at Dunlap M.S. where they brought home 14 first place medals, 2 second place ribbons and 1 3rd place ribbon. We hosted the state contest on Friday evening where over 200 students performed in 167 events.
- Choir - They have a very talented group of singers who have worked hard to prepare music for their Fall Concert and are now preparing for the Holiday Season with our annual Holiday Concert and performances at Snyder Village and our All School Holiday Program. They also sang for our annual Veteran's Day program and did a great job.

Our talented Madrigal Singers sang the National Anthem at several Cross Country meets and for the Veteran's Day program. The Madrigal Singers are planning on singing the National Anthem at a GHMS PTO Riverman game in January.

- Band - 5th grade band has been rehearsing since the week of September 10th. Students are playing such band classics as "Hot Cross Buns" and "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Their first performance will be at the Progress Concert on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00 in the JDS Gym. 6th grade band and 7th/8th grade band spent the first nine weeks preparing for the Fall Band and Chorus Concert. Since then, 6th grade band is continuing to develop new skills on their instruments and prepare for the Holiday Concert which will be Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 in the JDS gym. 7th/8th grade band quickly prepared to play the Armed Forces Marches for the Veterans Day assembly. They'll also be playing for 8th grade night for the girls basketball team. Finally, two band students were selected to participate in various Illinois Music Education Association District 3 Junior High Honor Bands. Alexander Schroff made it into the Honor Junior Jazz Band and Audrey Heil made it into the Honor Junior Jazz Band and Honor Junior Concert Band.

- Boys Basketball - The boys basketball season is in full swing and have 4 games under their belt. The togetherness, toughness and hard work the boys are displaying is outstanding. The 7th and 8th grade teams have records of 3 wins and 1 loss.

School ESSA Designations – Included in board packets is a letter from ISBE explaining our two school's Essa designations. GHSD #69 was designated: Elementary School Exemplary and Middle School Commendable. D. Mair explained how those designations are determined and he also shared the District's Report Card.

2018 Veterans Day Assembly and Luncheon – Record numbers attended as we had over 80 Veterans and guests at the Veterans Day Assembly. 70 of those attended the luncheon afterwards.

WCSEA as a Legal Entity – Over the last several weeks WCSEA has been looking at becoming its own legal entity and to remove Germantown Hills as the administrative district. D. Mair requested this change and it was the unanimous consensus to move forward with this beginning in FY20. One of our board members would then sit on the Governing Board.

October 29th CAC Meeting – All board members received a copy of the minutes from the October 29th meeting. The group is smaller this year but positive and very involved.

MTCO Park and Pedestrian Bridge Update – All board members received the MTCO Park Development Plan that was shared with a newly formed steering committee at a meeting held on October 22nd. Next meeting will be held on December 5th to continue to work on the Development Plan.

January 24th State of the District Dinner and Presentation – D. Mair and the board discussed possible content for this year's presentation.

6th – 8th Grade ELA/Social Studies – D. Mair met with the 6th – 8th grade ELA/SS teachers and Kate to share that he will look at adding three social studies teachers for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

Exploring the Possibility of Hiring a School Nurse Beginning Next Year – D. Mair plans on presenting a proposal to the board next month about either hiring a nurse or contracting for nursing services. This need is due to the continued increase in students with moderate to severe health issues.

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

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD OR ADMINISTRATION

- E. McAllister – Activity Account extra funds could possibly be put toward a new LED Scoreboard
- S. Nauman – The old library could possibly be used as a storage facility or even a work shop

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by J. Hunt to adjourn the board meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

President
Steve Nauman

Secretary
Jason Hunt

