

The scheduled meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69
Board of Education November 8, 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
	Trish Edwards	Shelli Nafziger
	Ray Baker	Matthew Sturgell
	Jessi Hanks	Maureen Braskich
	Lori Hanson	Stacy Teller
	Justin Krager	

No Members Absent

VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT or CORRESPONDENCE

Teachers: Gretchen Scott, Renee Greer were present. Five members of the District spoke on the possible retirement of the Warrior Logo. All were in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by L. Hanson to approve: the October 12, 2021 Board of Education regular session meeting minutes, the Treasurer's report, current bills and payroll and the October, 2021 Activity Journal.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas – E. McAllister, T. Edwards, R. Baker, J. Hanks, L. Hanson 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 upgrading campus radios.

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

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by T. Edwards to approve the tentative 2021 Property Tax Levy.

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

OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Legislative Update – D. Mair included a summary of relevant legislation that passed the recent veto session in the State legislature.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Elementary School Report

Curriculum/Staff:

- MTSS/IEP/PLC Meetings: Teachers, teacher assistants, and interventionists continue to make great progress towards identifying instructional gains in student learning. They work hard to adapt their curriculum to assist kids towards their growth of key concepts and skills.
- Nurse, Larrisa Watts & Assistant, Rachel Boyle: As everyone expected, as the days continue to progress here at school, and the weather turns colder, we are beginning to see more and more “typical illnesses” in our students. Larrisa and Rachel have worked very hard to communicate to parents about their child’s illness.. This communication takes a lot of time and coordinated effort with a variety of people, especially the main office and the child’s teacher. Schedules/Meeting Dates & Agendas:

Upcoming Events:

- Veterans Day Remembrance - November 11th
- Last day of 3rd & 4th grade walkers/bikers - November 12th
- Report Cards go home - November 19th
- Parent-Teacher Conferences - November 22nd & 23rd (sign up on school website)
- Thanksgiving Break - November 24th - 26th

Student Information:

- Book Fair: Our PTO members hosted a fall book fair for our families to enjoy. It was a record turnout and the PTO helped to raise over \$16,000 in sales, the 2nd largest book fair to date. We are so thankful to event organizers, Crystal Rajtora & Jamie Bystrom.
- Halloween Fun: A big thank-you to all our parents who helped to make this year's Halloween parties extra special. The kids really seemed to enjoy playing games, having a few snacks, and just being kids

Current Enrollment:

ECE - 12

K - 86

1st - 81

2nd - 92

3rd - 95

4th - 80

Enrolled Out - 7 TOTAL

ECE-Grade 4 Enrollment=453 students

Middle School Report

Curriculum/Staff

- We will be celebrating Veterans Day virtually again this year with videotaped activities throughout the day on Friday, November 12th. This is always a very moving day for our staff and students, and we are hoping to incorporate as many of our normal activities as possible. We will also have Freedom Paws visiting us in person.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be Monday and Tuesday, November 22nd and 23rd right before Thanksgiving Break. Parents will be able to sign up online for their conferences.
- We are almost to the end of Trimester 1! The trimester ends this Friday, and final grades will be available on Friday, November 19th Enrollment

Current Enrollment Numbers:

- 5th - 89
 - 6th- 96
 - 7th- 95
 - 8th- 96
- Total – 376

Extracurriculars/Events

- Knitting Club started mid-October. There are currently 9 students participating and 3 have already completed their first project. Students are learning how to loom knit hats and scarves and could eventually move on to more complicated projects as they develop their skills.
- The 2021-22 Chess Team boasts of 17 participants, and our first event is this Saturday in Morton. The kids are super well behaved, have a great deal of fun, and are enjoying learning how to play. Thank you for your support of this activity!
- The girls basketball program is rolling once again. The 7th grade basketball team is currently 11-2 which includes a loss to Morton in our first game as well as a one-point loss recently to Washington Central. The girls have five regular season games left and then regionals will start in Eureka on November 20th . The 8th grade is 10-3. Warrior World has been resurrected and been a major part of the success of the program at home games. We partnered with the Student Council to raise awareness for a rare condition called Champ 1 which affects Mrs. Bachman from the kitchen staff's granddaughter.
- The choruses have been working hard preparing to record a patriotic song for our Veteran's Day Online Assembly. The Madrigal Singers have also been busy this Fall. They sang the National Anthem at our Cross Country Meet in early October and will also record the National Anthem for our online Veteran's Assembly.
- Boys basketball is underway. The first game was Tuesday night against Dunlap Valley. The next game for the boys will be Tuesday November 9th.
- The Student Council hosted our Halloween dance on Friday, October 29th and had the most students present ever! They also had a pumpkin painting night and donated Halloween goodies to the Children's Hospital of IL. They volunteered this past weekend to rake leaves at Snyder Village and are heading up a fundraiser for Champs 1.

- Art Club has completed oil pastel pumpkin pictures and is now working on Tim Burton portraits. After working on lettering, we had a Warrior t-shirt design competition. I'm hoping to make the winning design into t-shirts that we could possibly sell for the PTO. This week we are making a collaborative U.S. flag in honor of Veterans Day.
- The Fall Band and Chorus Concert was a great success. Mr. Loring and Mrs. Anderson are excited to be giving their students the chance to perform again and we look forward to the 5th Grade Band Progress Concert on 12/7 and the 6th-8th Grade Holiday Concert on 12/14

ESSER III Grant – Board members were given a tentative list of expenditures that D. Mair would like to include in our ESSER III grant.

CAC Meeting 10.25.2021 – All board members received a copy of the CAC Meeting agenda and a summary of the meeting.

Email from the National Congress of American Indians – D. Mair summarized his conversation of the mentioned email with the CAC and the board discussed.

- Finding a new mascot can be a social emotional learning opportunity for students to be involved with.
- All board members agree with finding a new Warriors mascot.
- D. Mair will meet with K. Williams and a few teachers on how to go about determining the new mascot.

MTCO Park Discussion – D. Mair discussed his desire to start considering the building of this park with the board. He will reach out to stakeholders, will attend Village board meetings and EDC meetings and to board members J. Krager and E. McAllister

Steps to address the Continued Sub Shortage – D. Mair discussed the sub shortage and some ways to address this shortage. He has found a substitute teacher who is new in the district and a teacher. She can sub when needed and tutor students when all absences are filled. All board members agreed this would be a good idea.

Transportation Update - D. Mair update the board with the current bus driver status. We are now fully staffed and have a new person who is renewing her license.

District and County COVID Data – D. Mair shared the most recent district and county COVID numbers. After a good period of time of very low numbers, it appears the numbers are going up.

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

- No further business was discussed

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by L. Hanson to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11). To discuss litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) at 8:39 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

A motion was made by J. Hanks with a second by L. Hanson to leave closed session at 9:36 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by L. Hanson to adjourn the board meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

President
Jason Hunt

Secretary
Trish Edwards