

The scheduled meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69
Board of Education September 14, 2020 was called to order at 7:06 p.m.
by President, Jason Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:	J. Hunt	D. Mair
	G. Weinman	K. Williams
	E. McAllister	S. Nafziger
	T. Edwards	M. Braskich
	L. Hanson	
	R. Baker	
	J. Hanks	

No Members Absent

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Teachers: M. Babcock and A. Theiler attended.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by E. McAllister to approve: the July 20, 2020 Special Board Meeting minutes, the August 10, 2020 Regular Session Board Meeting minutes, the August 19, 2020 Special Board Meeting minutes, the Treasurer's Report, Current Bills and Payroll and the August Activity Account Journal.

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

Motion passed with 7 votes

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by J. Hanks to table the approval of the FY20 Audit until the October School Board Meeting.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by J. Hanks to approve the FY21 Germantown Hills School District #69 Budget.

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

A motion was made by J. Hanks with a second by T. Edwards to approve the FY21 WCSEA Budget

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

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by J. Hanks to approve a resolution suspending Board Policies through October 12, 2020 in accordance with Board Policy 2:240 and 4:180

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

A motion was made by R. Baker with a second by T. Edwards to approve Press Plus Issue 104 Board Policy Updates: 2:20, 4:50, 4:180, 7:40, 7:130, 7:190, 7:325, 7:340, 7:345 and 8:80

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

OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

PRINCIPALS REPORTS

Elementary Report:

☐ Remote Learning: The teachers are doing an amazing job, transitioning from in-person to full remote. When the decision was made to go full remote last week, EVERYONE came together to get packets and chromebooks ready for students and their families. Teachers are creating instructional videos for all students to view as well as conducting google meets so that they can see students as well as work with them on their instructional needs. My faculty and staff have never worked harder, and I couldn't be more proud of how they have come together during this time.

❑ Thank-you's: Go out to everyone during this challenging time. A special thanks to our teaching assistants who have worked so hard to be the backbone of our systems: temperature checks, lunch supervision, after-care supervision, morning and afternoon transportation support, remote learning tutoring, etc. It takes EVERYONE to get through this time and EVERYONE has stepped up and then some to the various tasks, duties, that are before us.

❑ Meetings: We have held various meetings to continue to discuss how things are going as well as to brainstorm various ways to make subtle changes. Many good things have resulted from these conversations to help improve on our current systems.

❑ Enrollment: ❑ Kindergarten (4 sections) -86 (15 Remote) ❑ 1st Grade (4 sections) -89 (13 Remote) ❑ 2nd Grade (5 sections) -81 (6 Remote) ❑ 3rd Grade (4 sections) -87 (17 Remote) ❑ 4th Grade (4 sections) -84 (14 Remote) ❑ Enrolled Out - 6 ❑ Total = 433 (65 Remote) ❑ New to the district - 28

Middle School Report

Curriculum/Staff

- We are having grade level problem-solving meetings this week. We are working creatively to meet the needs of those students, both in-person and remote, who are struggling this year. We are looking into solutions for both academic and social emotional needs.
- Teachers are doing a great job adapting to our changing schedules, class rosters, and learning styles. We had six teachers who taught their lessons from home over Google Meets these past two weeks. It was amazing to see them projected here at school for our in-person learners before we went remote. Kudos to our teachers for rolling with the punches and staying positive through a strange and challenging school year!
- I also wanted to give a shout-out to Sarah Light, who has been our software technology guru, guiding our teachers through new apps and software programs to create more engaging lessons for our students on both platforms. We couldn't have started this year without her!
- Mr. Loring and Mrs. Anderson are reaching out to band and chorus students to set up individual and group lessons in the afternoons after the school day so that we can continue with Fine Arts in some fashion.

Enrollment/Attendance/Discipline

- Current Enrollment Numbers: 374 ○ 5th - 94 ○ 6th- 98 ○ 7th- 88 ○ 8th- 94

Extracurriculars/Events

- The baseball team's current record is 3 wins and 3 losses. They have been hit hard by rolling quarantines for both coaches and players, but they continue to stay positive and work through it!
- The softball is currently 4-0 and have outscored their opponents by a combined total of 37-0! This team could be one of the best SB team the school has ever had but won't get the chance to showcase their hard work and talents due to COVID-19.
- The Warriors cross country team has had their season start and stop several times this year. Kudos to the 46 runners who have preserved during these usual and difficult times. The running Warriors were finally able to participate in their first meet on Sept. 8th. The girls team finished in 1st place with 20 points behind a strong showing from 8th place overall from Ella Russell, in 5th place Cassidy Mullins, in 4th place Megan Wolf, in second place overall was Tabitha VandeSchraaf, and in 1st place in a time of 13:30 was Callie Sturgell. The boys team had a near perfect score of 17 points. Wyatt Baker placed 6th overall, Max Russell was in 5th place, Ryley Claudin finished in 3rd place, Oliver Truelove in 2nd place, and in first place with a time of 12:46 Yishak Weinman. The top five boys finished within a blistering 24 seconds of each other. The Warriors will have two more away meets and host 4 more meets including sectionals.

- FYI - Girls basketball has been moved to March.
- We are working on getting Art Club started in the next couple of weeks. Jenny Wilke, our new 5th grade teacher, will sponsor this club.
- Dance team is off to a great start. We're very appreciative to be able to have a dance season this year! We've been practicing and getting a couple of new routines learned while maintaining social distancing and wearing our masks. Our team is small this year, but this is a great year for team building, and we've been having lots of fun!
- The GHMS Cheer team is currently meeting and practicing twice a week. While we might not be able to do any stunting, per COVID restrictions, we are focusing on building our personal strength and mobility through exercise and conditioning. We are also focusing on improving our cheer motions and technique. But most importantly, we are building teamwork, accountability, trust and friendship

Update on Start of School, the Recent Decision to Temporarily go to Full Remote Learning and Changes Moving Forward – D. Mair updated the board on all of the positives we have had on the start of school and all of the changes we have made. He also explained all of the factors that went in to the decision to go full remote for 5 days.

Changes:

- During Remote Learning Days and Times, the teachers and staff are all asked to come to school and work. No child care will be provided.
- If cases and numbers are unsustainable the whole district will not necessarily be put on full remote. It could possibly be a classroom, a grade level, the Elementary or the Middle School could be put on full remote. The last choice would be to put the entire district on full remote.
- Updates Weekly – the district wants to be fully transparent so weekly Covid -19 updates will be posted on the website.
- A survey will be mailed in early to mid-October to parents regarding the decision to send their students back for in-school learning during the second trimester.

Solar Project Update – The solar panels that were damaged in the wind storm a few weeks ago have all been repaired. The final walk-through will be in the next few days and we will be fully on-line by October 1st.

Update on Air Purifier Installation – D. Cupples and A. Hursch have installed 21 air purifiers and \$7,900 has been raised. A few rooms are partially funded.

Changing Board Policy Update Approval Process from 3 to 2 Months – The IASB has made stricter requirements on the dates to submit approved policies.

Press Plus Policy Updates Issue 104- All board members discussed Issue 104. Including the questions on policies 4:180, 7:190 and 7:195.

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

- R. Baker asked for information about the solar panels and how they are working for the school.
- E. McAllister asked about a monitoring dashboard for the solar panels. This dashboard would be used to showcase the energy savings (of solar) to the district and community.
- D. Mair mentioned that he would like to ask IDOT's help with the Enhancement Grants
- J. Hunt wanted to express his support for Dan, Kate, Shelli and the teachers for their abilities in making sure the best learning is happening at the school and their ability to pivot when needed. Please let the teachers know you are appreciative of what they are doing.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Hanks with a second by T. Edwards to adjourn the board meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

President
Jason Hunt

Secretary
Greg Weinman