

The scheduled meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69
Board of Education September 11, 2017 was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
by President, Steve Nauman

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:	S. Nauman	D. Mair
	L. Edwards	D. Raffel
	J. Hunt – 8:35 p.m.	S. Nafziger
	E. McAllister	M. Sturgell
	R. Baker	M. Braskich
	J. Hanks	
	G. Weinman	

No Members Absent

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE

All visitors were welcomed.

Mrs. Couri spoke on her unhappiness with ELA/History, Teaching Time and the Block Schedule. She has taken her children out of Germantown Hills School.

Mrs. Taylor spoke on the importance of recess time for all children. She quoted studies that encouraged more recess time and she questioned the ability teachers have to keep students inside from recess to finish school work.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FY18 BUDGET

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by L. Edwards to approve the FY 18 Budget.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by L. Edwards with a second by E. McAllister to approve the August 7, 2017 Board of Education Regular Session Minutes & Closed Session Minutes.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report Treasurer M. Sturgell provided all school board members with a copy of the July, 2017 Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by G. Weinman to approve the August, 2017 Treasurer's Report.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Bills

Bills totaling \$870,932.23 were approved for payment on a motion by L. Edwards with a second by J. Hanks

Roll call Vote: Yeas - L. Edwards, R. Baker, J. Hanks, G. Weinman and S. Nauman
Abstain – E. McAllister

Motion Passed with 5 votes.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve the FY17 Annual Financial Report

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by L. Edwards to approve the FY17 Annual Financial Report.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Motion to Approve the Application for Recognition of Schools

No motion was made

Motion to Approve the District Goals and Objectives

A motion was made by L. Edwards with a second by J. Hanks to approve the district goals and objectives.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Motion to Approve the District Title 1 Plan

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by L. Edwards to approve the District Title 1 Plan

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

Motion to Approve the Purchase of a Used Maintenance Truck and Snow Blade

Motion was tabled

Motion to Approve the Hire of Andrew Laird as 6th Grade Science Teacher

A motion was made by R. Baker with a second by G. Weinman to approve the hire of Andrew Laird as a 6th grade science teacher.

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

Motion Passed with 7 Votes

OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Legislative Updates – All board members received a summary of SB1947 and a summary of the research of the 27 points of evidence in which schools will now be funded.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

- **Heartland Class:** Seven teachers, Dimitri and I are attending balanced literacy classes at Heartland Community College in Bloomington this year. We have a great group of learners and they are not only anxious to make changes in our classrooms but our literacy/assessment system as well.
- **Kindergarten Orientation:** This was a great night for kids and their families as the kindergarten teachers created a wonderful experience to get a “preview” of what coming to school on that first day would be like. I received many compliments about the evening.
- **Teacher’s Institute/First Week of School:** August 15 & 16 were our institute days with teachers and we not only got reacquainted after our summer break, but learned a lot about our literacy system, google classroom, and planbookedu.
- **Boot Camp/Bus Evacuation and Fire Drills:** Boot camp was held the entire first full week of school for the K-4 students. It was a great time to acclimate them back to school by establishing routines and procedures for our community. We also completed our mandatory bus evacuation drill and our first fire drill.

- **School Carnival:** A big thank you is extended to Nikki Luddeke and the PTO for their wonderful “back to school carnival” held on the evening of August 25th. It was a very enjoyable night and the kids appeared to really enjoy themselves.
- **Parent Curriculum Night:** On August 29th, we hosted our parent night for grades 1-4. It was a good night; however, our attendance was low. There have been good discussions about why that might have been and hopefully we can work on avoiding those conflicts next year.
- **Principal Pal Picnic:** I hosted my first two picnic luncheons with students. It was very enjoyable.
- **Gingerbread Man:** Every year the Kindergarten team prepares a “find the gingerbread man” to acclimate the children to the various places in the building that they will be attending. We always have so much fun seeing the kids and their excitement.
- **PTO Meeting:** The PTO met this past week and discussed many events that they have planned for this year. In addition, they read through teacher requests for classroom items needing funding.
- **AimsWeb/MAP Testing:** We are getting ready to begin our testing process of reading/math. I want to thank my RTI team for preparing the materials and creating a schedule to test our students. The teachers are a great help as they also provide great flexibility towards the process.
- **Agriculture in the Classroom:** The fourth graders will soon be getting a visit from farmer from Woodford County to discuss all the ways agriculture can shape our lives.
- **Current Enrollment:**
 - K = 72
 - 1 = 78
 - 2 = 86
 - 3 = 92
 - 4 = 72
 - TOTAL-407

JR. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Building and Grounds

- Thank you to the maintenance crew for taking down the dead trees by our entrance.
- The staff has adjusted well to being under one roof. A big thank you to all the teachers for helping our students learn the new procedures.

Curriculum/Staff

- Welcome Mr. Andrew Laird to the Germantown Hills family! Mr. Laird is our new 6th grade science teacher and chess club sponsor. He has done a great job thus far, and I am confident he will be a great addition to our staff.
- Thank you to our staff and Hilary Vaughn for planning and facilitating a successful boot camp during our first two days with students. We have built a solid foundation for a great school year.
- Mrs. Anderson has been hired as our Scholastic Bowl coach.
- Mrs. Vaughn has been hired as our Student Council sponsor.
- I am in the process of selecting a new Girls’ Track head coach.
- MAP testing will be finished tomorrow, and we will begin to utilize the new data to promote academic growth in our students.
- Nine week exploratory classes have finalized. Our students will be able to engage in valuable learning experiences the core classes would not facilitate. (Class schedule attached)

Enrollment/Attendance/Discipline

- Current Enrollment Numbers: 392
 - 5th - 90
 - 6th- 103
 - 7th- 89
 - 8th- 110
- “Shout-Out of the Week”
 - On Fridays, I will be announcing students who have gone the extra mile to make GHMS a better place and reward them with a treat at lunch. Myself/staff/students will be on the look-out for students who make our school a better place.

Extracurriculars/Events

- 6th Grade Orientation was on August 16th. We had most of our 6th grade families attend. It is a great chance to have our students meet their teachers and become acclimated to their new classes.
- On August 28th, we hosted our Curriculum Night for grades 5-8. I received positive feedback from parents, and will continue to reflect on ways to improve for next year.
- A big thank you to our extra-curricular coaches and parents! All our Warrior teams have had successful rewarding seasons thus far. I am very excited to see how the seasons conclude.
- We hosted the girl’s golf sectional at Metamora Fields on September 5th. Congratulations to Kari Troutt who will be representing our school at state!
- Softball is 21-3 and has earned the #1 seed in regionals, won their first game and play tonight for the regional championship. Good luck!
- Baseball is 13-4. Regionals start on September 12th. The team has worked hard and I am excited to see how their post-season shapes up.
- Cross Country has had a great season. We host our annual Warrior Invitational tomorrow, good luck runners.
- Girls’ basketball has started their season. Mark your calendars for September 21st when we host our first home game and unveil our state banners!
- PTO is hosting their 6th annual Strides for School 5k and Fun Run on September 23rd . I will be starting the race; come out and support our PTO.

Exploratory Classes					
6th Grade		7th Grade		8th Grade	
Geography	Mrs. Anderson	Current Events	Mr. Vaughan	Career Exploration	Mrs. Babcock
STEM Sports	Mr. Laird	Foundational Writing	Mr. Bevard	STEM	Dr. Greer
Spanish	Mrs. Weekley	Spanish	Mrs. Ganson	Speech & Drama	Mrs. Ballard
Keyboarding	Mrs. Wilmarth	Coding	Mrs. Wilmarth	Social Studies Through the Arts	Mrs. Fegley

Update on the Start of School – The start of school with all grade levels under one roof has gone extremely well. Several tweaks have been made but the kinds were worked out before the Labor Day weekend. Mr. Mair complimented every employee of the district and could not be prouder.

6th Day Enrollment Figures – Mr. Mair included a copy of our district 6th Day Enrollment report.

Construction Update – The final bill from CORE Construction has been received.

Old Germantown Hills Library Updates – The old library contained asbestos that needs to be removed. An abatement estimate was received from Ideal Environmental. This would raise the price of the district buying the old library.

Press Plus Policy Updates – All board members received a copy of the most recent policy updates. The updates will be discussed next month.

Health Insurance Committee Update – United Health Care raised renewal rates so our Insurance Committee met to look at different health plans to offer our staff. Four of the five plans were changed and an enrollment meeting was held on September 7th.

Setting Dates for the Board Retreat and State of the District- The State of the District will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 and the School Board Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018. The board can review the District Goals and Objectives after hearing from the community.

Date for Board Training on the Levy Process – Mr. Mair has arranged with Dr. Bill Phillips of the Illinois Association of School Administrators to discuss the levy process at a special board meeting on Monday, October 2, 2017.

Board Mentors – Mr. Mair asked school board members if they would be willing to mentor our newest school board members. J. Hunt will mentor R. Baker, L. Edwards will mentor J. Hanks and E. McAllister will mentor G. Weinman. .

Activity Account Journal – All board members were given an updated Activity Account Journal.

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

- J. Hanks asked how we respond/address issues that parents bring to school board meetings?

Board members may discuss issues brought to them by parents as an agenda item.

CLOSED SESSION – Was postponed

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by L. Edwards with a second by J. Hunt to adjourn the board meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

President
Steve Nauman

Secretary
Jason Hunt