

The scheduled meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69
Board of Education September 13, 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 Tellor
	Justin Krager	

No Members Absent

VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT or CORRESPONDENCE

Cory Cowan, CPA from Gorenz and Associates attended and teachers: Samantha Bennett, Robin Schaffer and Mindy Stivers also attended.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by T. Edwards to approve: the August 9, 2021 Board of Education regular session meeting minutes, the August, 2021 Treasurer's Report, the current bills and payroll and the August, 2021 Activity Account 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 T. Edwards to approve the FY22 Germantown Hills School District #69 budget.

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

Cory Cowan CPA from Gorenz and Associates, presented the finding from our FY21 School Audit

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by J. Krager to approve the FY21 Financial Audit.

Voice Vote – Motion passed with 7 votes

A motion was made by T. Edwards with a second by R. Baker to approve the FY22 Consolidated Grant Application.

Voice Vote – Motion passed with 7 votes

A motion was made by J. Krager with a second by L. Hanson to approve the FY22 WCSEA Budget.

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

Motion passed with 7 votes

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by J. Krager to approve an increase in Baseball and Softball umpire pay to \$50 per game.

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

Motion passed with 7 votes

A motion was made by L. Hanson with a second by E. McAllister to approve the hire of: Evan Johnson as a part-time Night Custodian and Rachel Boyle as a Nurse's Assistant.

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

Motion passed with 7 votes

OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Elementary School Report

Curriculum/Staff:

- The transition back to full, in-person instruction has been a bit challenging for teachers and staff. The children seem to be adjusting well, due in part to the concerted efforts of our staff; however, due to busing issues, and new transitions within the school, it's proven, overall, to be a bit difficult to adjust. Things seem to be settling down now and I'm thankful for the efforts of all the faculty and staff to help make this transition a bit smoother.

- The district hosted Steve Oertle, an expert in the field of standards-based reporting on August 18th, 2021. He was able to work with our faculty on progressing our strategic plans towards a more guaranteed viable curriculum for all students. The staff is working hard to align grade-level standards as our 1st step towards achieving this goal.
- **Newsletter:** A big thank you goes out to [Kelly Albrecht](#) for her coordination efforts towards our very 1st monthly newsletter for parents. It's been a goal of mine for years to create a newsletter that not only informs parents but also showcases all the wonderful things we do in school on a daily basis. I will have a copy of the newsletter for your viewing pleasure at the meeting.
- **Office Staff:** [Angie Fischer](#) and [Denise Bitner](#) have gone above and beyond to help make parents, students and staff feel welcomed back to school. From answering questions to assisting parents with late bus arrivals, Angie and Denise have put in long hours to make sure everyone is accounted for and taken care of. I can't thank them enough for all they do and continue to do for our children and our school district.

Schedules/Meeting Dates & Agendas:

- We have had multiple meetings to begin the school year. Next week we will be starting our grade-level data meetings to analyze and discuss MAP data and what we plan to do to assist our neediest students in their weakest areas.
- MAP: A big thank you to [Jennifer Schroeder](#) and Erica Bucy for their hard work and dedication in creating a MAP testing schedule around everyone's schedules. Children have done a nice job taking these tests and preliminary results do indicate that we have our work cut out for us, especially at the younger grades.

Student Information:

- We are fortunate to have a new family who recently moved to the USA from Japan. These two students have limited English proficiency. I've been in contact with an ELL expert from Dunlap to help guide us in this uncharted territory. Val Gabriel, Jodi Heflin and their classroom teachers have been most helpful acclimating and accommodating these students to our school. We have ordered interpreter devices to help them translate Japanese to English and vice-versa.

Current Enrollment:

- ECE - 12
- K - 85
- 1st - 81
- 2nd - 92
- 3rd - 94
- 4th - 81
- Enrolled Out - 6
- *TOTAL ECE-Grade 4 Enrollment=451 students*

Middle School Report

Curriculum/Staff

- We had grade level data meetings last week. We used our fall MAP data to place students in RtI interventions, as needed. We will complete final rosters this week, and then begin RtI and Exploratory sessions at midterm. Those students who do not need an intervention will participate in Exploratory. We have some really cool Exploratory sessions this year, including Spanish, Forensic Science, Mysteries of History, Mock Trials, and Public Speaking. Thank you to our teachers for providing these exciting experiences for our students!

- Our first school Service Learning Day is scheduled for Friday, September 24th. Our focus for this day is on cleaning up the community. We are hoping to give students various learning opportunities, including information on recycling and the environment. Our plan is to have a Service Learning Day every month. If you have any suggestions on ways our students can be of service, please let me know.

- Band and Chorus are up and running. We've had several rehearsals and the students are playing well. We're so happy rehearsing again and making music in the band and chorus rooms. The Madrigal Singers will be performing the National Anthem at upcoming sporting events. All 6th-8th grade band and chorus students will perform on the Fall Concert on 10/18. Art has also started back up during our Specials period.

Enrollment/Attendance/Discipline

- Current Enrollment Numbers: 370

- 5th - 92

- 6th- 95

- 7th- 89

- 8th- 94

Extracurriculars/Events

- Golf: Gillian Tyra shot a 117 in Sectionals at Madison Golf Course on Wednesday, September 7th. She tied for 13th place and will advance to compete in State next Thursday at Metamora Fields. Jackson Bevard placed 3rd in Sectionals and will also compete this week. Go Warriors!

- The cross country team is running 40 strong this season. Runners have been working hard at practice building team atmosphere and dropping personal best times. Tuesday, September 14th will see the Running Warriors hosting a 22 team invitational. Warriors will also be hosting a very competitive 16 team sectional on Saturday, October 9th.

- Despite starting only two eighth graders and being extremely young, the Lady Warrior Softball team finished their regular season with a combined record of 14 and 10 and were able to secure the two seed in their regional. The girls have shown tremendous growth throughout the season and worked really hard to improve. Ms. Williams and Coach Vaughan stepped up to host this year's regional when the IESA threatened to cancel due to not having a host. The program was also gifted with some great signage and a windscreen from City-Blue to help inspire our girls.

- Dance team is in practice mode. We're getting ready to start performing at girls' basketball games at the beginning of October (in our new uniforms). We'll also be in the MTHS Homecoming Parade.

- GHMS Cheer recently attended their competition choreography camp and are continuing to practice in hopes of a great basketball season. They also recently held a little kids cheer clinic and it was great to see so many happy faces!

- Art Club is getting ready to start soon! The start date is September 21st.

- The baseball team is 12-3 on the season and secured a 1st place seed at our regional tournament. They begin regional play this Saturday, September 18th.

6th Day Enrollment Numbers – D. Mair presented the 6th Day Enrollment numbers that we report and the comparison sheet that includes the last 25 school years.

Update on the Start of the 2021 – 2022 School Year – D. Mair updated the board on how the school year has started. “We have happy kids, great teaching and learning with the regular school day hours”.

Update on the District’s Responses to the Governor’s Executive Orders – J. Hunt updated the board on his communications with elected officials (State Representative Ryan Spain and State Senator Win Stoller) and encouraged everyone to visit their websites for information. His conversations with IASB, ISBE and our elected officials was not about masks but the takeover of power and to dictate how we will fashion this with little to no direction.

T. Edwards thanked J. Hunt for following up on this matter.

District and County COVID Data – D. Mair shared the most recent district and county COVID data.

Progress Toward Implementing a “Test-to-Stay” Program and Quarantining of Close Contacts – D. Mair updated the board on his progress toward securing BinaxNow rapid antigen tests in order to keep asymptomatic, close contacts in school. He has also included an email from the district’s attorney regarding quarantining healthy, close contacts.

Update on Transportation – D. Mair updated the board on our Transportation status. Some retired bus drivers agreed to help us until the new bus drivers are trained and certified.

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

- J. Krager addressed the possibility of taking a very close look at the budget at the School Board retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by J. Krager to adjourn the board meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

President
Jason Hunt

Secretary
Trish Edwards