

January 13, 2025

Regular Board Meeting

The Schaller-Crestland Board of Education, along with the Galva-Holstein Board of Education, met in regular session on January 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the media center of the Galva-Holstein School, Holstein, IA. The following board members were present: Matt Cress, Blake Woodke, Steve Mason, Kory Blum, and Cory Tiefenthaler. Others present: members of the Galva-Holstein board, Supt. Bisenius, Brd. Sec'ry Wandrey, AD Brus, and various members of the public.

Call to order at 7:00 pm by President Matt Cress.

Motion by Mason, second by Tiefenthaler to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments:

Dale Tokheim addressed the boards in regards to a process of dismissing a coach. The entire coaching staff should know the process.

Nora Pickhinke spoke to the board about a new process that was put in place for seniors on how many classes they are able to take their senior year. Some seniors may have up to three or four study halls when you factor in their college courses taken. Nora suggested maybe allowing students to have an open campus during study halls or moving to a 7 period day.

Lance Ploeger was present to speak to the boards on the current coaching situation. The lack of high school officials and coaches is becoming a big issue. The decrease in the number of athletes participating in sports is troubling. More athletes are electing to participate in travel leagues, meaning that school sports could be a thing of the past in the next 10-15 years.

Kathy Jochims, the high school therapist, spoke to the board on what she is currently providing the district for service. She gave the board great data on what she has been doing. She is currently seeing students 2 days a week and she is very thankful the district has allowed her the opportunity to serve the students.

Motion by Blum, second by Tiefenthaler to approve the December 9, 2024 meeting minutes as published. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Woodke, second by Mason to approve the payment of district bills as presented. (Tiefenthaler reviewed the bills prior to the meeting.) Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Blum, second by Mason to approve the December 2024 financial report as presented by Brd. Sec'ry Wandrey. Motion carried 5-0.

The principals were not present but did provide their current building information in the board packet. No questions or concerns were had by board members.

Motion by Blum, second by Woodke to accept the following resignations: Katie Tesch, JH track, Katie Calcutt, elm spec ed aide, and Emily Kollasch, middle school spec education teacher at the end of the current contract year. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:34 pm the Schaller-Crestland Board was invited into a closed session by the Galva-Holstein Board: Iowa Code 21.5(i) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when a closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. The individual is not an employee of Schaller-Crestland. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cress, Mason, Woodke, Blum, and Tiefenthaler. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

At 8:29 pm, a motion by Woodke, second by Blum to come out of closed session. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cress, Mason, Woodke, Blum, and Tiefenthaler. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Blum, second by Tiefenthaler to approve the hiring of the following individuals: Austin Ehrp, elm aide at \$12.50/hr, Katie Tesch, JH Cross Country coach, and April Palmer JH Archery coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Blum, second by Mason to approve the Abstract of Votes for the Revenue Purpose Statement election held on September 10, 2024. 93 votes were in favor and 74 votes were against. The public measure "To adopt a revenue purpose statement to allow the use of money from the penny sales and service tax for schools received by the Schaller-Crestland Community School District for the purpose described in school infrastructure as described in the Code of Iowa" is adopted. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cress, Mason, Woodke, Blum, and Tiefenthaler. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Woodke, second by Mason to approve Board President Cress and Board Secretary Wandrey as authorized signers on the districts warrants: Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Woodke, second by Mason to approve Board President Cress and Board Secretary Wandrey as authorized signers on all electronic signatures. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Woodke, second by Blum to approve the Modified Supplemental Amount for the at-risk/dropout prevention application for \$137,903. This application for at risk/dropout prevention is for expenditures necessary to implement the 2025-2026 at risk and dropout prevention plans. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cress, Mason, Woodke, Blum, and Tiefenthaler. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

In board reports, Director Blum would like AD Joel Brus to look at the possibility of sharing bowling with neighboring district OABCIG. The district reached out years ago but was denied.

In other discussion, Supt. Bisenius spoke to the boards on a meeting he recently had with State Representative Steve Holt on topics that will be top priority for this legislative season.

With nothing further to discuss, President Matt Cress adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be held on February 10th, in Schaller.