

GALATIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 28, 2023

The regular meeting of the Galatia Community Unit School District No. 1 Board was held in the boardroom at the Annex. Roll call was taken, and those present were Tim Pribble, Bryan McCabe, B.J. Pigg, Holly Murphy, Amy Richey, and Leslie Ferrell. Elaine Jackson was absent. Six (6) members present and one (1) member absent. Board President, Tim Pribble, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Also present: Superintendent, Shain Crank, HS Principal, Ashley Launius, and Recording Secretary, Michele Hankins.

President Pribble led the Board and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS:

There were no visitors.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no executive session

PRINCIPAL REPORT:

Homecoming Week: The week was fantastic! The bonfire was well attended by 70% of the high school students. Each class decorated a float for the parade. The Lion's Club donated \$500 to the high school class that had the most participation in the homecoming week activities and the Junior class won. Red & White night and the homecoming dance were well attended.

Guidance Support Specialist: Danyelle Douglass has started off strong. Students and staff have reported that she is super helpful and positive. She has planned several college representatives to come to the school, planning college/career field trips, and registered students for dual credit classes for the spring semester.

Counselor: Amy Rogers, Egyptian Counselor, has also started off well. She has a positive attitude and the students respond well to her. She is in the high school 2.5 days and a half day at the elementary each week.

Bearcat Builders: Bearcat Builders is a new group formed within the district. Adult individuals interested in supporting students when there are obstacles for student to participating in school activities. Individuals can be added to an email group that has been established and when there is a student in need, an administrator will email the group to see if anyone can make a donation to meet the students need.

Recognition Night: This year at the high school home ballgames we are going to have theme nights. We will recognize veteran's, famer's, etc.

Extracurricular Student Drug Testing Policy: Mrs. Launius presented a drug testing policy for students who participate in extracurricular activities. The policy will be located on the website after board approval.

Mrs. Launius left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Baseball fields: Everything is coming along. We are still waiting on the state grant for the field lights to be finalized.


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Hankins Property: The title work is almost completed. Mr. Crank needs authorization from the school board to be able to sign for the property, this is required by the title company.

Bus Barn: Ameren has installed the new service for the bus barn. H.E. Mitchell is working on finalizing the garage doors installation.

Basketball Goals and Pads: Sports Con the company who is installing the new basketball goals and wall pads were here on the 15th. They took additional measurements. This will not be able to be completed this ball season.

Audit: FY23 audit is completed. There were no findings in the audit and no indication of any type of fraud. We received the highest financial ranking we could receive.

High School Stage Curtains: A estimate from our measurements for new flame retardant curtains for the high school stage was \$10,000. We will have them come measure and give us the final cost.

Pediatrician on Teledoc (Dr. Reddy): Dr. Michael Shiffano and Dr. Reddy are offering to equip our school with technology that will allow Dr. Reddy, his staff, and parents to see students remotely. There was discussion to see if we could have a local clinic set up and see students. The details are not complete but we will know more at the next board meeting.

Galatia 5-year Draft Plan: There was a discussion on the next five-year upgrades to the school facilities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRANSPORTATION:

Bus #14: The bus is going to Cummins to have the injectors repaired/replaced.

Bus #16: Bus #16 is our new bus with a lift was delivered on November 21, 2023. As soon as we install a new CB radio the bus will be on a route.

Bus #11: The bus door has been replaced with a manual door opener and it works well.

Bus #9: The exhaust manifold is scheduled to be repaired.

ATHLETICS:

Basketball Season: High school boys' and girls' basketball season is underway. The junior high boys and girls basketball is halfway through their season.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solar Project: We have two companies that are working on giving us a quote for the solar project. One company is proposing a power purchase agreement with zero cost to the district. This will not eliminate our electric bills but will lock in a rate for twenty-five years for the junior high/high school building. The other company is working on a quote that includes a grant that they will write to receive forty percent back on the expense. More information will be provided at the next board meeting.


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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

1. A motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Richey to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 24, 2023. Murphy-aye, Pribble-aye, Richey-aye, Ferrell-aye, Pigg-aye, and McCabe-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Richey and seconded by Ferrell to approve the bills and payroll as presented. Pigg-aye, Ferrell-aye, Murphy-aye, Pribble-aye, McCabe-aye, and Richey-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.
3. A motion was made by McCabe and seconded by Pigg to approve the treasurer's report and co-mingled account as presented. McCabe-aye, Murphy-aye, Pigg-aye, Ferrell-aye, Pribble-aye, and Richey-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY22/23 Audit

4. A motion was made by Pribble and seconded by Murphy to approve the FY22/23 audit as presented. Ferrell-aye, Murphy-aye, McCabe-aye, Richey-aye, Pigg-aye, and Pribble-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.

Tax Levy

5. A motion was made by Pribble and seconded by McCabe to approve the FY24 tax levy as presented during the tax levy hearing on November 28, 2023. McCabe-aye, Murphy-aye, Richey-aye, Pigg-aye, Ferrell-aye, and Pribble-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.

Press Policy-1st Reading

6. A motion was made by Richey and seconded by Murphy to approve the first reading of Press Policy draft updates of 2:20; 2:80; 2:120; 2:150; 2:200; 2:220; 2:250, 2:220-E2; 2:220-E6; 4:10; 4:30; 4:60; 4:130; 4:160; 4:130-E; 5:30; 5:190; 5:200; 5:120; 5:220; 5:250; 5:330; 6:15; 6:30; 6:50; 6:60; 6:130; 6:210; 6:230; 7:60; 7:70; 7:160; 7:190; 7:270; 7:285; 7:290; 8:25; 8:30, review and monitoring 3:80-E; 3:10; 4:40; 4:55; 5:170; 5:285; 6:10; 6:190; 6:240; 6:270; 7:275; 7:330; 7:10-E; 8:70; 8:95, and draft update rewritten 3:40-E. Pribble-aye, Pigg-aye, Richey-aye, Ferrell-aye, Murphy-aye, and McCabe-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.

Working Cash Resolution


There will need to be an inter-fund transfer from working cash fund to the bonds and interest fund of \$15,000 to cover the bond and interest payment of \$238,013.75. The working cash fund will be paid back with the collection of real estate taxes. The bond payment is due December 1st, 2023.

7. A motion was made by Pribble and seconded by Murphy to approve a resolution to transfer \$15,000 from the working cash fund to the bonds & interest fund. Funds are to be paid back with the collection of real estate taxes. Ferrell-aye, Murphy-aye, Pigg-aye, McCabe-aye, Richey-aye, and Pribble-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.

Authorized Signer for Land Purchase

8. A motion was made by Richey and seconded by Murphy to approve Mr. Shain Crank to be the authorized signer for the J Hankins land purchase. Pigg-aye, McCabe-aye, Murphy-aye, Richey-aye, Ferrell-aye, and Pribble-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.


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Drug Testing Policy

9. A motion was made by Pigg and seconded by Pribble to adopt the Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy as presented. Richey-aye, Pigg-aye, Ferrell-aye, Pribble-aye, Murphy-aye, and McCabe-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.

Resignation

10. A motion was made by McCabe and seconded by Pigg to accept Nyla Ruccia's resignation as the 2023/2024 junior high cheerleading coach effective September 26, 2023. Murphy-aye, McCabe-aye, Ferrell-aye, Richey-aye, Pigg-aye, and Pribble-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.

JH Cheerleading Coach

11. A motion was made by Pigg and seconded by McCabe to employ Andrea Vinson as the 2023/2024 junior high cheerleading coach effective October 5, 2023. McCabe-aye, Ferrell-aye, Murphy-aye, Richey-aye, Pigg-aye, and Pribble-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.

Assistant JH Cheerleading Coach

12. A motion was made by Pigg and seconded by McCabe to approve Jessica Whittaker as the 2023/2024 junior high assistant cheerleading coach effective October 5, 2023. Ferrell-aye, Richey-aye, Pribble-aye, Murphy-aye, Pigg-aye, and McCabe-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.

Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional Aide

13. A motion was made by Pigg and seconded by McCabe to employ Denise Bourland as an elementary special education paraprofessional aide for the 2023/2024 school year. Murphy-aye, McCabe-aye, Ferrell-aye, Richey-aye, Pigg-aye, and Pribble-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.

High School Special Education Paraprofessional Aide

14. A motion was made by Pigg and seconded by Murphy to employ Scott Lambert as a high school special education paraprofessional aide for the 2023/2024 school year. McCabe-aye, Ferrell-aye, Murphy-aye, Richey-aye, Pigg-aye, and Pribble-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.

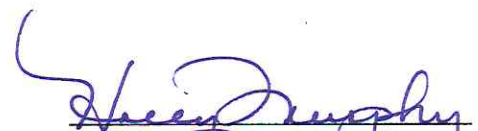
Honorable Discharge-Individual Aide

15. A motion was made by McCabe and seconded by Richey to honorably discharge Crystal Holbrook as an individual aide effective November 28, 2023. Ferrell-aye, Richey-aye, Pribble-aye, Murphy-aye, Pigg-aye, and McCabe-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

16. A motion was made by Richey and seconded by Ferrell to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Ferrell-aye, Murphy-aye, Pribble-aye, Richey-aye, Pigg-aye, and McCabe-aye. Six (6) ayes, motion carried.


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