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Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School Board of Education

Regular Meeting

18 October 2017

Board Room D131

Members present at the start of the meeting were President, Jeremy Pain, Vice-President, Larry Smith, Patricia Dunham, Barbara Hill, Mark Muller, and Zachary Proskine.

Member Ethan Eberly was absent.

Others present were Superintendent, Annette Hammond, District Treasurer, Dorothy Iannello, District Clerk, Amber Birdsall, Acting PK-12 Principal, Heather Wilcox and five guests.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Pain, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. ORDER

The Superintendent and Acting PK-12 Principal provided the following Positive Highlights: POSITIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- September 30 we had a homecoming dance and games. Thank you to the GMU Booster Club for all of their amazing preparations, Upstate Construction for the lights and fireworks, and to John Morris for allowing the fireworks to be let off on his property. It was a great turnout by community members and families.
- Our new literacy program that the district is implementing is going well.
- Open House was well attended.
- GMU Science Teacher, Mark Seigers was approved to receive a drone through the Master Teacher Program that he is a part of.
- Fire Prevention Week went well.
- Thank you to the Morris Rotary Club for hosting a remarkable New Teacher's Dinner.
- The refinancing of serial bonds for the district has closed. This was a cost savings of \$109,000 to the school district.
- District staff participated in a dress down day on Friday. Anyone who dressed down had to donate \$5.00 that would be put toward a Backpack Program. \$280.00 was raised. This program will provide weekend meals to families in need in our school district. A big thank you to Raquel Norton for getting this program up and running.
- Thank you to all of the community members who came out and voted on October 5th.
- October 23rd is School Board Appreciation Week. Thank you to our GMU School Board for their dedication and commitment to our staff and students.

The board received information on the following: Board Emails, Board Policies, Legislative Breakfast-Save the Date, School Board Operating Procedures Manual.

INFO FOR MEMBERS

No topics raised from the floor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

C&S Companies, Natalie Niles updated the Board and Administration that the current capital project is over 95% complete. Exterior door hardware will be completed over Christmas Recess in December.

REPORTS, Capital Project Update

GMU student, Sydney Swift, presented on a Gay Straight Alliance Club proposal for students in grades 9-12. The board was in consent with approving this club proposal.

GSA Club Proposal

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The board convened in executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss Technology Personnel with the Superintendent, District Treasurer, Acting PK-12 Principal, and District Clerk present on a motion by Proskine, seconded by Smith and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 7:04 p.m. on a motion by Muller, seconded by Hill and passed unanimously.

Superintendent, Annette Hammond, provided the board with our current Non-Resident Student Policy, draft policy of what it would look like if the District decided not to accept any non-resident students in the future, and financial information on non-resident tuition rates for the board to review.

BOARD DISCUSSION,
Non-Resident Student
Policy

Superintendent, Annette Hammond, provided district goals/focuses for the 2017-18 school year. More automated calls to get information out to parents/community members was added to these goals.

District Goals for 2017-18

The District Clerk discussed options for a board activity calendar. The board would like a calendar put into place to keep track of trainings, board meeting dates and workshops. A calendar will be implemented through Outlook for this.

Board Activity Calendar

The board discussed the pros and cons of hosting the summer recreation program at the district. The board has decided not to hold it at the school due to the summers being so busy with trying to get the building, classrooms, and grounds cleaned and maintained for the upcoming school year.

Summer Recreation
Program

The board reviewed information that was provided by Transportation Supervisor, Joseph Zaczek, containing data that specified the number of buses we have along with how many students ride the buses in the morning as well as students who ride the buses home in the afternoon.

Bus/Student Attendance

Minutes from the 20 September 2017 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Muller, seconded by Proskine.

MINUTES

The proposed 18 October 2017 Regular Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted *as amended* on a motion by Muller, seconded by Proskine.

AGENDA

Board Member Proskine made the motion, seconded by Board Member Hill, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 18 October 2017 CSE/CPSE Consent Agenda. The meeting dates include 22, 25 September and 05 October 2017. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

CSE/CPSE CONSENT
AGENDA

Board Member Muller made the motion, seconded by Board Member Proskine, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 18 October 2017, Financial Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL CONSENT
AGENDA

Financial Reports

To accept the financial reports for September 2017.

Standard Workday for Employees

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton CSD, location code 73609, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body:

Building and Grounds Supervisor- 8 hours

Bus Driver- 6 hours

Bus Mechanic- 8 hours

Bus Monitor- 6 hours

Business Clerk- 6 hours

Cleaner- 8 hours

Food Service Helper- 6.25 hours

Head Bus Driver- 8 hours

Occupational Therapist- 8 hours

Recess Monitor- 6 hours

School Meals Manager- 8 hours

School Nurse- 8 hours

Secretary- 8 hours

Substitute Health Aide- 6 hours

Substitute Cleaner- 6 hours

Teacher Aide- 7 hours

Transportation Supervisor- 8 hours

Keyboard Specialist- 6.5 hours

Attendance Clerk- 7.5 hours

Standard Workday Reporting Form for Elected and Appointed Officials

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District, location code 73609, hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities:

Amber Birdsall, Superintendent's Secretary/Board Clerk- 8 hours

Dorothy Iannello, District Treasurer- 8 hours

Cindy Ketchum, Deputy Treasurer- 6 hours

Board Member Proskine made the motion, seconded by Board Member Muller, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 18 October 2017, Personnel Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL CONSENT
AGENDA

Resignation

To accept the resignation of aide, Susan Beach effective September 25, 2017.

.5 Art Teacher

To rescind the appointment of Barbara Dwyer's probationary appointment as .5 Art Teacher.

To appoint Barbara Dwyer as 0.5 PK-12 Art Teacher, effective 01 September 2017, beginning at a Step 4 of the current GMUTA contract.

Girls Modified Basketball Coach

To approve Nicole Conway as girls modified basketball coach for the 2017-18 school year.

Aide

To appoint Shawna Hardy as full-time classroom aide effective October 19, 2017. Compensation and benefits are according to the current CSEA contract.

Substitute

To appoint Heather Covington as non-certified substitute Pk-12 for the 2017-18 school year.

Drama Club Advisor

To appoint Winifred Sortman as Drama Club Advisor for the 2017-18 school year.

Mock Trial Advisor

To appoint Raquel Norton as Mock Trial Advisor for the 2017-18 school year.

Aide

To appoint Chelsi Page as full-time classroom aide effective October 19, 2017. Compensation and benefits are according to the current CSEA contract.

Board Member Proskine made the motion, seconded by Board Member Muller, RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the 18 October 2017 New Items Consent Agenda. For the motion six, opposed none. Motion carried.

NEW ITEMS CONSENT
AGENDA

Change Orders

To approve the following change order:

Change Order #GC-7 for 2016 Capital Project #100374:

Contract: General Construction

Contractor: Murnane Building Contractors, Inc.

Change Amount: \$2,552.00

Addition

Alternate: Provide door hardware changes and additional keys.

Change Order #PC-3 for 2016 Capital Project #100374:

Contract: Plumbing Construction

Contractor: H.J. Brandeles Corp.

Change Amount: \$15,316.00

Addition

Description: Additional electrical wiring at fuel dispensing system.

Meal Charge Policy

To approve the proposed Meal Charge Policy for the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton CSD.

Results of the School Based Health Center Capital Reserve Vote

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Board of Education be authorized to withdraw an amount not to exceed \$300,000 from the District's Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of reconfiguring a portion of office space for a School Based Health Clinic and related purposes of the District?

144 YES and 25 NO; proposition passed.

Professional Development Plan

To approve the Professional Development Plan for the 2017-18 school year.

Safety Plan Updates

To approve the District-Wide and the Building Level Safety Plan updates for the 2017-18 school year.

RESOLVED, to approve the proposed updated Non-Residency Board Policy (BP7131).
Dunham-No, Proskine-Yes, Smith-abstained, Pain-No, Hill-No, Muller-No
The proposal was denied and the current board policy will stay in place.

No topics raised from the floor.

The board convened in executive session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss Superintendent's Contract with the Superintendent, District Treasurer, Acting PK-12 Principal, and District Clerk present on a motion by Hill, seconded by Muller and passed unanimously.

The board reconvened in open session at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by Proskine, seconded by Hill and passed unanimously.

The board was in consent with an amendment to the Superintendent's contract.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. on a motion by Hill, seconded by Muller, and passed unanimously.

NEW ITEMS PROPOSAL
AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SUPERINTENDENT'S
CONTRACT

ADJOURNMENT