

Board of Education Regular Meeting

February 16, 2021 6:00 PM

Wallace Central Office Building

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett

Mr. Hargis Davis

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent

Mrs. Sonya Giles

Mr. Chuck Toler

I. WELCOME and ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Order #2021-1963 - Motion Passed: Motion made to approve Agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
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Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
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Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
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Mrs. Sonya Giles	Yes
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Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes
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III. STUDENT RECOGNITION and PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Ms.Amanda Carroll, Upper Elementary Principal

Discussion:

Ms. Carroll updated the Board with the following:

Blue/White program allows for social distancing and stability for the kids, no disruptions, and more time for teachers to teach one on one.

The teachers are ready for our four-day plan on March 8th.

We are always attempting to reach out to parents; after trying to make contact with parent, with no success, we turn to Mr. Booher or Ms. Conte Flowers.

If parents have issues, we give them help on virtual learning, like walking them through Google Classroom. We have a website and we have started a newsletter, but that wasn't kept up due to kids going in and out, so we had to stop. We will begin again next year.

Teacher are working on vertical alignment, with more intense work in small groups. The students do get assignments on the two days that they are not with us. We are keeping all students on same lesson for the week, to help close the gap.

We are currently working on Summer School.

The students staying after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, ESS, RTI groups, Ameri-Corp worker, virtual small groups, Edgenuity students, get help every day and are given a report to parents each week.

Some teachers have classes live and some not. This is a decision with grade levels, we look at where the students are and how they are performing. Some classes don't work well with a live setting. Not every class learns the same way. She advised they decided that it wasn't possible to be live every day.

Board Member, Rebecca Burgett asked if parents think the virtual learning is not enough?

Mr. Carroll replied that she advises these parents to speak to the teacher to see where they are in their academics. Some are performing above their grade level, so we try to provide hands on material. Ms. Carroll said working on a computer all the time, is not what most students need. So, we try to find out what other type of instructions they need.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Discussion:

Board Member Rebecca Burgett asked about parts of the parking lots not being cleaned;

Superintendent Hammond advised with the bad weather, and no school, it wasn't a major concern. Becky replied that she just wanted to make sure the staff could get into their rooms, if needed.

Board Member Sonya Giles said she was sorry about missing the meeting in January, due to having shingles.

V. STAFF/SCHOOL REPORTS

V.A. Enrollment/Attendance Report - Mr. Jeremy Booher

Discussion:

Mr. Booher advised the Board that the attendance is measured by Middle School and High School participation, by clicking into the portal.

Upper Elementary School actually have to do work online. If students don't have internet or no electricity, it is a concern.

He added that the Lower Elementary has a seven-day window to take attendance. We are currently waiting to see those numbers, once entered.

V.B. CIA Report - Mr. Tony Jury

Discussion:

Mr. Jury advised the Board of what was going on currently with the state testing.

He added that the tests have been made shorter this year because of all that's going on.

V.C. *Superintendent's Report - Mr. Larry Hammond

Discussion:

Mr. Hammond's report is attached.

V.D. SBDM Agenda/Minutes

V.E. Human Resource Actions

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Order #2021-1964 - Motion Passed: Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of VI.a, due to Member Sonya Giles being absent. passed with a motion by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Yes
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

VI.A. Approve Minutes from the January 19th, 2021 Board of Education Regular Board Meeting

Order #2021-1965 - Subsidiary Motion Passed: Second motion was made by Member, Hargis Davis to approve VI.a with Sonya Giles abstaining due to absence passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mr. Chuck Toler.

4 Yeas - 1 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	No
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

VI.B. Review/Approve Minutes of the February 6th Special Board Meeting of the Gallatin Board of Education

VI.C. Approve Monthly Financial Reports

VI.D. *Approve Activity Fund Report and Bills

VI.E. *Approve Monthly Bills

VI.F. Approve Out of District Application for School Year 2020-21

VI.G. Approve Non-Resident Contract for Covington Independent Public Schools with Gallatin County Schools for School Year 2021-2022

VI.H. Approve Donation Request from High School Sponsors, Ms. Kelsey Gognat and Ms. Katie Howell to accept donations from businesses/individuals for door prizes at the 2021 Jr./Sr. Prom

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

VII.A. Review/Approve Proposed 2020-2021 Calendar change with May 13th last day for students and May 14th Closing Day

Order #2021-1966 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve Proposed 2020-2021 Calendar change with May 13th last day for students and May 14th Closing Day passed with a motion by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett and a second by Mrs. Sonya Giles.

3 Yeas - 2 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	No
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Yes
Mr. Chuck Toler	No

VII.B. Review/Approve adding Full Time Substitute Teacher Position - 175 Days, back to the 2020-21 Salary Schedule

Order #2021-1967 - Motion Passed: Motion to Approve adding Full Time Substitute Position - 175 Days, back to the 2020-21 Salary Schedule passed with a motion by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett and a second by Mrs. Sonya Giles.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Yes
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

VII.C. Review/Approve Creation of District School Social Worker position with corresponding salary based on the certified salary schedule for 185 days per year. (position to be paid by CARES funds and with sustainability being evaluated annually by Director of Finance and Director of Student Services)

Order #2021-1968 - Motion Passed: Motion to Approve Creation of District School Social Worker position with corresponding salary based on the certified salary schedule for 185 days per year. (position to be paid by CARES funds and with sustainability being evaluated annually by Director of Finance and Director of Student Services) passed with a motion by Mrs. Sonya Giles and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Yes
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

Order #2021-1969 - Motion Passed: Motion to Approve Creation of District School Social Worker position with corresponding salary based on the certified salary schedule for 185 days per year. (position to be paid by CARES funds and with sustainability being evaluated annually by Director of Finance and Director of Student Services) passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Yes
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

VII.D. Review/Approve Declaring Items Listed on Attachment as Junk to be Recycled

Order #2021-1970 - Motion Passed: Motion to Approve Declaring Items Listed on Attachment as Junk to be Recycled passed with a motion by Mrs. Sonya Giles and a second by Mr. Chuck Toler.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Yes
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

VII.E. Review/Approve Additional Usage Option on Facilities Request- Request for Rental/Use of Facilities Application 05.31 AP.21

Order #2021-1971 - Motion Passed: Motion to Approve Additional Usage Option on Facilities Request - Request for Rental/Use of Facilities Application 05.31 AP.21 passed with a motion by Mrs. Sonya Giles and a second by Mr. Chuck Toler.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Yes
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

VII.F. Review/Approve expense reimbursement for board member to include revised Mileage Reimbursement Sheet 03.125 AP.22 (discuss submission annually at the June Board Meeting)

Order #2021-1972 - Motion Passed: Motion to Approve expense reimbursement for board member to include revised Mileage Reimbursement Sheet 03.125 AP.22 (discuss submission annually at the June Board Meeting) passed with a motion by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent and a second by Mr. Hargis Davis.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Yes
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

VII.G. Review/approve appointment of RSA Advisors, LLC ("RSA") as the Gallatin County School District's Fiscal Advisor for capital project funding, including the issuance of municipal bonds as needed

Order #2021-1973 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve appointment of RSA Advisors, LLC ("RSA") as the Gallatin County School District's Fiscal Advisor for capital project funding, including the issuance of municipal bonds as needed. passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mrs. Sonya Giles.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Yes
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

VII.H. *Review/Approve Return to School Plan (return in-person, 4 days a week on Monday, March 8th)

Order #2021-1974 - Motion Passed: Motion to Approve Return to School Plan(return in-person, 4 days a week on Monday, March 8th) passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Yes
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

VII.I. *Review/approve authorizing the employment and payment of teachers and all other staff necessary to operate the 2021 summer school as presented, at rate equal to that employee's current salary scale position on a per diem basis

Discussion:

Member Amanda Dunavent asked to go on record asking about the classified staff members working 10 days during Summer School.

Superintendent Hammond advised the board of his confidence in the equitable treatment of certified and classified staff. He also discussed the necessity of having a signed time sheet for each employee to substantiate payment for services rendered.

Middle School Principal, Ms. Holli Hunt advised that all make-up hours of her classified staff, are logged in a separate sign-in sheet

Order #2021-1975 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve authorizing the employment and payment of teachers and all other staff necessary to operate the 2021 summer school as presented, at rate equal to that employee's current salary scale position on a per diem basis passed with a motion by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett and a second by Mrs. Sonya Giles.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Yes
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

VIII. ADJOURN

Order #2021-1976 - Motion Passed: Motion made to adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Chuck Toler and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Yes
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

Chairperson

Superintendent