

**Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools**  
1076 N. 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Galesburg, MI 49053 \* 269-484-2000

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

September 21, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center

Next Regular Board Meeting: October 19, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Media Center

**MINUTES**

**Superintendent:** Tim Vagts  
**Board Trustees:** Curt Case, President; Bob Kinas, Vice-President;  
Beth Wilson, Secretary; Lynne Wells, Treasurer;  
Sandra Noteboom-Wood, Trustee; LaRae Richardson, Trustee;  
Karen Rutherford, Trustee

Number of people in audience

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Case at 7:00 p.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**C. Roll Call.**

**Members Present:**

Curt Case  
Bob Kinas  
Beth Wilson  
Lynne Wells  
Sandra Noteboom-Wood  
LaRae Richardson  
Karen Rutherford

**Administrators Present:**

Tim Vagts, Superintendent  
Greg Vlietstra, Business Manager  
Chris Hurley, Primary School Principal  
Martha Hymer, Intermediate School Principal  
Jeremy Mansfield, Middle School Principal

**D. Agenda Approval.** A motion was made by Noteboom Wood and supported by Richardson to approve the September 21, 2009 GACS Board of Education regular meeting agenda.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.

**E. Secretary's Report.** Recommend approval of:  
Minutes of the special meeting of August 17, 2009;  
Minutes of the regular meeting of August 17, 2009;  
Minutes of the special meeting of August 27, 2009.



#### IV. BUSINESS ITEMS – DECISION

None

#### V. COMMUNICATIONS

##### A. Public Participation

Eric Curtiss addressed the board stating that he felt that there should be a joint effort in regards to the proposed State/District budget cuts. Mr. Curtiss also stated that the GAEA is encouraging State Representatives to note “no” on proposed budget cuts at the State level.

##### B. Board Comments

Sandra Noteboom-Wood commended the effort in getting the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools Employee Handbook completed and disseminated to the GACS staff. Mrs. Noteboom-Wood also stated that budget cuts must not affect the classroom or GACS students as mandated by NCLB, but without funding. Bob Kinas thanked the High School staff for a smooth compliance today with the lockdown situation. Curt Case stated that the District is facing tough financial times ahead and that we must all work together.

##### C. Superintendent’s Update

1. **Proposed Board of Education Retreat** - Superintendent Vagts is seeking dates for a proposed Board of Education Retreat.
2. **Student Count** - Superintendent Vagts reported that the district is down approximately 30 students from last year.
3. **Energy Management Update** - Superintendent Vagts stated that he is excited to see staff in compliance with the energy savings plan. He also stated that the district had a 22% savings in July and August of this year.
4. **Strategic Plan Meeting** - Superintendent Vagts will contact Nick Ceglarek to try and schedule a meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

VI. Following the regular meeting the Board of Education will recess to closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

The September 21, 2009 regular meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.