

Gallipolis City School District Board of Education  
Organizational Meeting  
January 11, 2024

The Gallipolis City School District Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m. on January 11, 2024 at Gallia Academy High School located at 2855 Centenary Road, Gallipolis, OH 45631. The purpose of the meeting was to organize for the new year.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Bryan Martin, Mitzi Martin, Kelly Barker, Jared Smith and Larry Carter were in attendance.

VISITORS

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with President Mr. Morgan Saunders presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Meghan Denney and Ms. Jennifer Easter took oath of office at a swearing-in ceremony held by Gallia County Prosecutor, Gallia County Common Pleas Court and Gallia County Municipal Court. Treasurer Lewis read Mr. Morgan Saunders his oath of office and Mr. Morgan Saunders affirmed.

OATH OF OFFICE

The following members were present: Ms. Lynn Angell; Ms. Meghan Denney; Ms. Jennifer Easter; Mr. Alex Saunders; Mr. Morgan Saunders; Mr. Aiden Toler, Student Representative; Reagan Skidmore, Student Representative; Mr. Craig Wright, Superintendent and Ms. Bethany Lewis, Treasurer.

ROLL CALL

Pledge of Allegiance

PLEDGE

(1-24) Motion by Ms. Lynn Angell seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders to approve agenda  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved.

AGENDA

Mr. Alex Saunders nominated Ms. Lynn Angell for President.  
There were no other nominations.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

(2-24) Motion by Ms. Lynn Angell seconded by Ms. Meghan Denney to close nominations.  
ROLL CALL VOTE to close nominations: Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved. Nominations closed.

ROLL CALL VOTE for Ms. Lynn Angell as President: Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved. Ms. Lynn Angell elected President.

Ms. Lynn Angell nominated Mr. Alex Saunders for Vice President.  
There were no other nominations.

(3-24) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Ms. Lynn Angell to close nominations.

ROLL CALL VOTE to close nominations: Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved. Nominations closed.

ROLL CALL VOTE for Mr. Alex Saunders as Vice President: Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved. Mr. Alex Saunders elected as Vice President

President Lynn Angell presided over the remainder of the meeting.

(4-24) Motion by Mr. Morgan Saunders seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders to approve:

- A. Establish the following regular meeting schedule for 2024:
- a. Wednesday, **February 21, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. at **GAMS Library**
  - b. Wednesday, **March 20, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. at **GAMS Library**
  - c. Wednesday, **April 17, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. at **GAMS Library**
  - d. Wednesday, **May 15, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. at **GAMS Library**
  - e. Thursday, **June 20, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. at **GAMS Library**
  - f. Wednesday, **July 17, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. at **GAMS Library**
  - g. Wednesday, **August 21, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. at **GAMS Library**
  - h. Wednesday, **September 18, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. at **GAMS Library**
  - i. Wednesday, **October 16, 2024** at **GAMS Library**
  - j. Wednesday, **November 20, 2024** at **GAMS Library**
  - k. Wednesday, **December 18, 2024** at **GAMS Library**

Any change to date, time or location to a regular meeting or the addition of a special board meeting will be announced on the District's website and Facebook page.

- B. Authorize the treasurer to sign all vouchers and accounts payable
- C. Authorize the treasurer to request tax advances from the county auditor and invest interim funds when available
- D. Authorize the superintendent to act as agent for the following:
1. All federal and state programs
  2. Purchasing for the District
- E. Authorize the superintendent to:
1. Post positions and approve substitute and/or supplemental contracts as needed
  2. Accept resignations on behalf of the board
  3. Employ legal and consultant services during the year and until the organizational meeting of 2025
  4. Exercise the authority of the Board to prohibit persons from entering upon any properties and/or premises owned or operated by the GCSD Board of Education

ELECTION OF  
VICE PRESIDENT

2024 MEETING  
SCHEDULE

AUTHORIZE  
TREASURER

AUTHORIZE  
SUPERINTENDENT

F. Approve Board President’s appointments to the Superintendent’s administrative committees for 2024:

- 1. Academics – Ms. Meghan Denney and Ms. Jennifer Easter
- 2. Alumni – Mr. Alex Saunders
- 3. Athletics – Ms. Meghan Denney and Mr. Alex Saunders
- 4. Facilities/Construction – Ms. Lynn Angell and Mr. Morgan Saunders
- 5. Finance – Ms. Lynn Angell and Mr. Morgan Saunders
- 6. Legislative Liaison – Mr. Alex Saunders
- 7. Naming Rights – Ms. Lynn Angell and Mr. Alex Saunders
- 8. Negotiations/Insurance – Ms. Lynn Angell and Ms. Jennifer Easter
- 9. Policy – Ms. Meghan Denney
- 10. Records – Mr. Alex Saunders
- 11. Safety – Ms. Meghan Denney and Mr. Morgan Saunders
- 12. Stadium Project – Ms. Jennifer Easter and Mr. Alex Saunders
- 13. Technology –Mr. Morgan Saunders
- 14. Transportation – Ms. Lynn Angell and Mr. Morgan Saunders
- 15. School Building Liaisons
  - a. GAHS – Mr. Morgan Saunders
  - b. GAMS – Mr. Alex Saunders
  - c. Green – Ms. Meghan Denney
  - d. Rio Grande – Ms. Jennifer Easter
  - e. Washington – Ms. Lynn Angell

BOARD  
COMMITTEES

BOARD BUILDING  
LIAISONS

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes.  
Motion approved.

Organizational meeting concluded at 6:11 p.m. and moved directly into regular meeting.

(5-24) Motion by Mr. Morgan Saunders seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023 regular meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes.  
Motion approved.

Superintendent Wright announced the Ohio School Boards Association proclaim January 2024 as School Board Recognition Month in order to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our society. The Gallipolis City School District is joining with other districts throughout the state to recognize the important contributions school board members make to their communities. Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciate to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round commitment on their part. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students. We want to honor the men and women serving the Gallipolis City School District: Lynn Angell, Meghan Denney, Jennifer Easter, Alex Saunders and Morgan Saunders.

RECOGNIZE  
SCHOOL BOARD  
MEMBERS

Treasurer Lewis reported the district ended December 31, 2023 with 145 days of operating funds in the general fund. Mr. Morgan Saunders asked how the district's ending cash balance compared to other districts. Treasurer Lewis responded the district has met our district goal of days of operating funds but in comparison to similar districts and surrounding districts our ending cash balance is on the lower end.

(6-24) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Ms. Meghan Denney to approve the financial report for the month ended December 31, 2023

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes.  
Motion approved.

(7-24) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Mr. Morgan Saunders to approve the Superintendent recommendation of the selection of Randy Evans Construction, LLC ("DB") as the firm providing the best value proposal to provide design-build services for the Warehouse Project (the "Project") and requests authorization to enter into the Modified Standard Form of Preliminary Services Agreement between the Owner and Design-Builder ("Preliminary Services Agreement")

**WHEREAS**, the Gallipolis City School Board of Education (the "Board") previously identified a need for the Project

**WHEREAS**, the Board requires the services of a design-builder to plan, design, coordinate, manage, and direct all phases of the Project for a guaranteed maximum price

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code prescribe a "best value" selection process, which is required to be followed by public entities when design-build services are procured

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the statutory process, the District publically advertised and issued a request for qualifications ("RFQ") for design-build services for the Project. The Evaluation Committee reviewed and ranked the statements of qualifications received in response to the RFQ to create a short list of three interested firms. The District then solicited pricing and technical proposals from the short listed firms via a request for proposals. The Evaluation Committee reviewed the proposals received, and following the review of the proposals, the Evaluation Committee held interviews of the short-listed firms.

**WHEREAS**, after the evaluation committee's review and evaluation of the proposals and the corresponding interviews, it identified DB as the firm that provides the best value proposal for the Project.

**WHEREAS**, in its proposal, DB offered to perform design and preliminary services for the Project pursuant to the Preliminary Services Agreement for an amount not to exceed \$20,000

FINANCIAL REPORT

WAREHOUSE  
PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent recommends the approval of the selection of DB as the firm that provides the best value proposal for the Project

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent also requests that the Superintendent and Treasurer be authorized to work with other administrators and legal counsel to negotiate and enter into the Preliminary Services Agreement with DB for the Project at the conclusion of satisfactory negotiations in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 on behalf of the Board

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GALLIPOLIS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF GALLIA, STATE OF OHIO:

- 1. The Board approves the selection of DB as the firm that provides the best value proposal for the Project
- 2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer, working with other administrators and legal counsel, to negotiate and enter into the Preliminary Services Agreement with DB for the Project at the conclusion of satisfactory negotiations in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 on behalf of the Board, and to execute any related documentation consistent with the intent of this Resolution on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved.

(8-24) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Mr. Morgan Saunders to approve:

- A. Resignation of Koleton Carter as Teacher and Head Varsity Football Coach effective January 12, 2024
- B. Resignation due to retirement of Amber Jayjohn as Teacher with May 24, 2024 as her last day of work
- C. Request for maternity leave of Gwendolyn Fooce with leave beginning on or around February 2, 2024 and returning on or around May 13, 2024 with paid leave to be used until exhausted and then leave will be unpaid
- D. Request for long term unpaid leave of absence of Christina Weaver with leave beginning on January 19, 2024 and returning on or around February 2, 2024
- E. Supplemental contracts for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:
  - 1. Michael Burke as Head Varsity Softball Coach at Category 1 with 4 years of experience
  - 2. Randy Christian as Head Varsity Tennis Coach at Category 1 with 9 years of experience
  - 3. Paul Close as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Track Coach at Category 3 with 17 years of experience
  - 4. Brooke Johnson as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Track Coach at Category 4 with 0 experience
  - 5. Nathan King as Assistant Varsity Track Coach at Category 2 with 0 experience
  - 6. Todd May as Head Varsity Track Coach Girls at Category 1 with 19 years of experience
  - 7. Cierra Roberts as Varsity Assistant Softball Coach at Category 2 with 1 year of experience
  - 8. Nicholas Sheets as Head Varsity Track Coach Boys at Category 1 with 3 years of experience

WAREHOUSE PROJECT

RESIGNATION

RETIREMENT

LEAVE REQUESTS

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

F. Volunteer coaches for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:

- 1. Cameron Hesson for Softball pending permit
- 2. Jared McClelland for Softball

Ms. Meghan Denney asked how the categories for the supplemental contracts were determined. Superintendent Wright responded. The categories are part of the negotiated agreement.

Visitor Bryan Martin asked why the leave for Christina Weaver was listed as long term when the leave was for a two week time period. Superintendent Wright responded that the union contract stipulates the time of leave allowed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved.

(9-24) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Ms. Meghan Denney to approve the independent contractor agreement with PERA Service Inc. effective January 9, 2024  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes.  
Motion approved.

(10-24) Motion by Mr. Morgan Saunders seconded by Ms. Meghan Denney to approve:  
A. Appointment of Beth Lewis, Treasurer, as board designee to attend certified Public Records training for the Board and act as Records Custodian for the District  
B. 2024-2025 GCSD Calendar  
C. Bullying and Harassment Semiannual Report

Superintendent Wright described the calendar committee process. Ms. Meghan Denney asked if a certain number of professional development days per month are required. Superintendent Wright responded no and added the days in the calendar were scheduled at specific times when student data would be available to analyze.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes; Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes.  
Motion approved.

Superintendent Wright announced Ohio Revised Code 3313.202 permits board members, spouses and dependent children to elect to participate in the health care plan provided to employees of the District. Board members are required to pay the full amount of the premiums. Lynn Angell will be participating in the health care plan in CY24.

President Lynn Angell stated the next regular meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Gallia Academy Middle School Library.

VOLUNTEERS

CONTRACT - PERA

PUBLIC RECORDS DESIGNEE

CALENDAR

BULLYING REPORT

INSURANCE

NEXT MEETING

(11-24) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders at 6:34 p.m. to move into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation of an employee and/or matters required to be kept confidential by Federal law or State Statute  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes.  
Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Meeting reconvened with the following present: Ms. Lynn Angell; Ms. Meghan Denney; Ms. Jennifer Easter; Mr. Alex Saunders; Mr. Morgan Saunders; Mr. Craig Wright, Superintendent and Ms. Beth Lewis, Treasurer.

RECONVENE

(12-24) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Mr. Morgan Saunders to adjourn the regular meeting.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

ADJOURN

The foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the Record of Proceedings from the January 11, 2024 meeting of the Gallipolis City School District Board of Education.

  
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Lynn Angell, President  
Gallipolis City School District Board of Education

2/21/24  
Date

  
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Bethany Lewis, Treasurer  
Gallipolis City School District

2/21/24  
Date