

Gallipolis City School District Board of Education

Regular Meeting

October 16, 2024

The Gallipolis City School District Board of Education met at 6:30 p.m. on October 16, 2024 at Gallia Academy Middle School Library located at 340 Fourth Avenue, Gallipolis, OH 45631.

REGULAR MEETING

Ashlee Deckard, Dustin Deckard, Jared Smith, Kelly Barker, Carrie Burris, Ed Burris, Parker Burris, Nathan Wilson, Matt Loveday, Braylan Rathburn and Ely Sizemore were in attendance.

VISITORS

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with President Ms. Lynn Angell presiding. The following members were present: Ms. Lynn Angell; Ms. Meghan Denney; Ms. Jennifer Easter; Mr. Alex Saunders; Ms. Reagan Skidmore, Student Representative; Mr. Craig Wright, Superintendent and Ms. Bethany Lewis, Treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Pledge of Allegiance

PLEDGE

(93-24) Motion by Mrs. Meghan Denney seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders to approve the agenda

APPROVE AGENDA

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes;

Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes.

Motion approved.

(94-24) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to approve the minutes of September 18, 2024 regular meeting

APPROVE MINUTES

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes;

Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Ms. Meghan Denney, yes.

Motion approved.

Student Representative Reagan Skidmore provided an update. The student representatives are working on promoting student participation and increasing student attendance. Representative Skidmore presented data collected and possible solutions the representatives will explore.

STUDENT REP
PRESENTATION

Ed Burris, Matt Loveday, Dustin Deckard, Ashlee Deckard and Braylan Rathburn expressed concern for the football program. President Angell acknowledged their concerns. Superintendent Wright voiced his admiration for the football players for their dedication.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

(95-24) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders to approve the financial report for the month ended September 30, 2024

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

Motion approved.

(96-24) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to award contract for the Gallia Academy High School Wellness Center Project to Gutknecht Construction as the lowest responsible bidder and authorizing execution of contract

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

Motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

WELLNESS CENTER

Mr. Alex Saunders introduced the following resolution and moved its passage.

AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE GALLIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL WELLNESS CENTER PROJECT AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

The Superintendent recommends awarding the contract to Gutknecht Construction ("Gutknecht") for the Gallia Academy High School Wellness Center Project (the "Project") as the lowest responsible bidder and requests authority to execute the contract with Gutknecht for the Project.

Background:

1. The District has identified a need to for the Project.
2. The Board's design professional, VSWC Architects ("VSWC"), prepared design documents for the Project.
3. Working with VSWC and the Board's construction legal counsel, the Superintendent solicited sealed, competitive bids in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.
4. A legal notice for the Project was placed in the local newspaper for the bid period required by the Ohio Revised code for public school construction projects. At the bid deadline, the bids were opened publicly, read aloud, and tabulated.
5. Upon opening of the bids, Gutknecht was the apparent low bidder for Project and provided a base bid of \$3,522,000 with no accepted Alternates.
6. The Superintendent, in consultation with VSWC, reviewed Gutknecht's bid and evaluated Gutknecht, and has determined that Gutknecht's bid is responsive to the specifications and that Gutknecht is responsible to perform the work.
7. The Superintendent recommends awarding the contract for the construction of the Project to Gutknecht, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the total amount of \$3,522,000 ("Contract Sum").
8. The Superintendent also requests authority for the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into change orders on behalf of the Board in a total amount not-to-exceed 10% of the Contract Sum to address changes to the work necessary to complete the Project; change orders in excess of that amount, in the aggregate, will be brought to the Board for its approval.

The Gallipolis City School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board awards the contract for the Project to Gutknecht Construction as the lowest responsible bidder, in the total amount of \$3,522,000, which does not include any Alternates. No property right in the contract is created until the contract is signed by the Board's authorized representatives.
2. The Superintendent and Treasurer are authorized to sign, as required, a contract between the Board and Gutknecht Construction, and any related documents, to document the contract between the Board and Gutknecht Construction for the Project.
3. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into change orders on behalf of the Board in a total amount not-to-exceed 10% of the Contract Sum; change orders in excess of that amount, in the aggregate, will be brought to the Board for its approval.

Ms. Jennifer Easter seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the resolution passed.

AYES: Mr. Alex Saunders, Ms. Jennifer Easter, Ms. Lynn Angell, Ms. Meghan Denney
 NAYES:

Resolution approved.

(97-24) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Ms. Meghan Denney to rescind 89-24 C. 10. Supplemental contract for the 2024-2025 school year of Aaron Walker as Resident Educator Mentor at Category 9 with 0 experience

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

Motion approved.

(98-24) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders to approve:

- A. Request for maternity leave of Hannah Bailey beginning on or around December 16, 2024 through January 31, 2025 with paid leave to be used until exhausted and then leave will be unpaid
- B. Supplemental contracts for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:
 1. Amber Phillips as Teacher Based Team Leader at Category 7
 2. Aaron Walker as Resident Educator Mentor at Category 9 with 7 years of experience
 3. Brett Bostic as Head Varsity Basketball Coach Girls at Category 1 with 28 years of experience
 4. Jordan Deel as 7th Grade Head Basketball Coach Boys at Category 3 with 7 years of experience
 5. Caleb Greenlee as Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach at Category 2 with 3 years of experience
 6. Kyle Greenlee as Varsity Wrestling Coach at Category 1 with 6 years of experience pending permit
 7. Todd May as 7th and 8th Grade Head Wrestling Coach at Category 3 with 28 years of experience
 8. Gary Harrisoin as Head Varsity Basketball Coach Boys at Category 1 with 23 years of experience
 9. Kevin Malone as Junior Varsity Basketball Coach Girls at Category 2 with 4 years of experience

WELLNESS CENTER

RESCIND
 SUPPLEMENTAL

LEAVE REQUEST

SUPPLEMENTAL
 CONTRACTS

- 10. Jared McClelland as Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach Boys at Category 2 with 11 years of experience
- 11. Gregory Nida as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach at Category 2 with 0 experience
- 12. Stephen Roderick as 8th Grade Head Basketball Coach Boys at Category 3 with 7 years of experience
- 13. Lynn Sheets as Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach Girls at Category 2 with 17 years of experience
- 14. Lillie Twyman as 7th Grade Head Basketball Coach Girls at Category 3 with 1 year of experience
- 15. Tyler Twyman as 8th Grade Head Basketball Coach Girls at Category 3 with 1 year of experience
- 16. Darren Wamsley as 9th Grade Basketball Coach Boys at Category 2 with 7 years of experience

SUPPLEMENTAL
CONTRACTS

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

(99-24) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to approve Jared Denney as Junior Varsity Basketball Coach Boys at Category 2 with 2 years of experience

SUPPLEMENTAL
CONTRACTS

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

(100-24) Motion by Ms. Jennifer Easter seconded by Ms. Meghan Denney to approve the following:

- A. Substitute staff for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:
 - 1. Samantha Bright as Cook
 - 2. Lauren Cooper as Secretary
 - 3. Carol Hager as Aide and Teacher
 - 4. Matthew Henry as Bus Driver pending certification
 - 5. Tammie Henson as Bus Driver pending certification
 - 6. Amber Tredway as Aide
- B. Volunteer coaches for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:
 - 1. Cody Call as Basketball Coach
 - 2. Lori Carter as Track Coach pending FBI/BCI background check
 - 3. Paige Harrison as Bowling Coach
 - 4. Zach Morris as Bowling Coach
 - 5. Nicholas Sheets as Wrestling Coach

SUBSTITUTES

VOLUNTEERS

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

(101-24) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Ms. Meghan Denney to approve the following:

- A. Agreement with Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Vocational School District to provide Home Instruction Services for an identified student effective October 7, 2024 through December 20, 2024
- B. Contract with Brown County Educational Service Center for Administrative Support of Title IX for the 2024-2025 school year
- C. Contract with Waverly City School District for the 2024-2025 school year for an identified student
- D. Contract for part-time psychological services with St. Mark’s Therapy Center effective October 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year
- E. Contract with Best Life Therapy LLC for speech services effective September 20, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year
- F. Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Kentucky for student field experience for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years
- G. Annual Service Agreement with Premier Energy Systems for the 2024-2025 school year

BHCC
TITLE IX
COURT PLACED
PSYCH SERVICES
SPEECH SERVICES
STUDENT FIELD
PREMIER ENERGY

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

(102-24) Motion by Ms. Jennifer Easter Denney seconded by Ms. Meghan Denney to approve:

- A. District Health Service Coordinator job description
- B. Resident Educator Mentor job description
- C. Authorize META Solutions to issue RFP for gas services and authorize the purchase of competitive retail electric service from the lowest and best bidder submitted to the consortium and authorize the Board to purchase competitive retail electric service from such bidder by META Solutions
- D. Rescind the following policies:
 - 1. EBCE-E-1, Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations (Whistleblowers)
 - 2. EBCE-E-2, Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations (Whistleblowers)
- E. Approve the following new or revised policies:
 - 1. ACC, Political Commitments
 - 2. BDDG, Minutes
 - 3. DJC, Bidding Requirements
 - 4. DM, Deposit of Public Funds (Cash Collection Points)
 - 5. EBBA, First Aid
 - 6. EBCE, Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations (Whistleblowers)
 - 7. EBCE-E, Acknowledgement of Receipt of Auditor of State Fraud Reporting System Information
 - 8. EBCE-R, Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations (Whistleblowers)

JOB DESCRIPTION

GAS RFP

POLICIES

- 9. EDE, Computer/Online Services (Acceptance Use and Internet Safety
- 10. GCD, Professional Staff Hiring
- 11. GDC/GDCA/GDD, Support Staff Recruiting/Posting of Vacancies/Hiring
- 12. IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar
- 13. IGAE, Health Educaiton
- 14. IGAH/IGAI, Family Life Education/Sex Education
- 15. IGD, Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities
- 16. IGDJ – Interscholastic Athletics
- 17. JECBC – Admission of Students from Non-Chartered or Home Education
- 18. JED, Student Absences and Excuses
- 19. JEDA, Truancy
- 20. JEDC, Religious Expression Days
- 21. JHG, Reporting Child Abuse and Mandatory Training
- 22. JK, Employment of Students

POLICIES

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

As per resolution 4-24 E. 1. "Authorize the Superintendent to post positions and approve substitute and/or supplemental contracts as needed," Don Fillinger was approved as a Substitute Bus Driver effective October 14, 2024

SUBSTITUTE

President Angell reported Buckeye Hill Career Center hosted another successful Rally in the Park earlier in the day.

BUILDING REPORTS

President Angell added negotiations are on-going.

Mr. Alex Saunders commented on the success of the soccer, golf and volleyball teams at both the high school and middle school level. Superintendent Wright added that the Band is headed to state competition.

President Lynn Angell announced the next regular meeting will be held November 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm at Gallia Academy Middle School Library.

NEXT MEETING

(103-24) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter at 7:35 p.m. to move into executive session for consideration of the following: 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Meeting reconvened at 8:36 p.m. with the following present: Ms. Lynn Angell; Ms. Meghan Denney; Ms. Jennifer Easter; Mr. Alex Saunders; Mr. Craig Wright, Superintendent and Bethany Lewis, Treasurer.

RECONVENE

(104-24) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders to adjourn the regular meeting.

ADJOURN

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

The foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the Record of Proceedings from the October 16, 2024 regular meeting of the Gallipolis City School District Board of Education.



Lynn Angell, President
Gallipolis City School District

11/20/24
Date



Bethany Lewis, Treasurer
Gallipolis City School District

11/20/24
Date