

Gallipolis City School District Board of Education

Regular Meeting

March 18, 2026

The Gallipolis City School District Board of Education met at 6:30 p.m. on March 18, 2026 at Gallia Academy Middle School located at 340 Fourth Avenue, Gallipolis, OH 45631.

Chuck Calvert was in attendance.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

(29-26) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to approve the agenda

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

Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes.

Motion approved.

(30-26) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to approve the minutes of February 18, 2026 regular meeting

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

Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes.

Motion approved.

(31-26) Motion by Ms. Jennifer Easter seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders to approve the financial report for the month ended February 28, 2026. Treasurer Lewis reported the district ended with approximately 122 days of operating in the general fund

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

Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes.

Motion approved.

(32-26) Motion by Ms. Lynn Angell seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders to approve the resolution to suspend board policy and authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Southern Bleacher Co, Inc. for Gallia Stadium Bleacher and Press Box Project

REGULAR MEETING

VISITORS

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES

FINANCIAL REPORT

BLEACHERS

RESOLUTION NO. 32-26

SUSPENSION OF BOARD POLICY AND AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF
AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN BLEACHER CO., INC. FOR GALLIA STADIUM BLEACHER
AND PRESS BOX PROJECT

The Superintendent requests a suspension of Board Policy and requests authority to negotiate and execute of an agreement with Southern Bleacher Co., Inc. ("Southern") for the Stadium Bleacher and Press Box Project (the "Project").

Rationale:

1. The District has identified a need for the Project at Gallia Academy.
2. Ohio Revised Code Section 9.48 authorizes boards of education, as political subdivisions, to participate in joint purchasing programs operated by or through a national or state association of political subdivisions in which the purchasing political subdivision is eligible for membership.
3. Pursuant to Attorney General Opinion 2024-003, Ohio Revised Code Section 9.48 allows a board of education to procure installation, maintenance, and/or repair services through a joint purchasing program with the procurement being exempt from any competitive bidding requirements.
4. The Project is for installation, maintenance, and/or repair services.
5. The Superintendent on behalf of the District has applied for membership to BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative, which is a national association of political subdivisions.
6. Southern provided a proposal through BuyBoard for the Project in an amount \$1,793,550.00 (the "Contract Sum") which pricing is consistent with the pricing structure awarded to Southern through the BuyBoard program.
7. Board Policy requires, for purchases in excess of \$50,000, the District obtain pricing quotations from at least 3 vendors, if feasible. If the Board wishes to take action contrary to the Policy, the Policy may be suspended for one meeting at a time.
8. Because a competition has already occurred for the award to Southern under the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative, and in the interest of time constraints to purchase and install the Project, the Superintendent requests that the Board suspend the Board Policy to obtain 3 quotes for the Project.
9. The Superintendent also recommends the Board authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to negotiate and execute an agreement with Southern for the Project in an amount not to exceed the Contract Sum, and requests authority for the Superintendent and Treasurer to execute change orders on behalf of the Board in an amount not to exceed 10% of the Contract Sum. Change orders in excess of that aggregate amount will be brought to the Board for its approval.

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

1. The Board acknowledges that the proposal obtained from Southern through the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative, is exempt from competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.48. The Board approves all actions taken by the Superintendent to enroll the District in the Buyboard Purchasing Cooperative.
2. For this Board meeting only, the Board suspends Board Policy which requires the District to obtain 3 quotations.

BLEACHER
RESOLUTION

3. The Board approves the selection of Southern for the Project and authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to work with legal counsel to negotiate and execute an agreement with Southern and to sign any related documents for the Project, in an amount not to exceed the Contract Sum.
4. The Board also authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to execute 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 aggregate amount will be brought to the Board for its approval.

BLEACHERS

Mr. Morgan Saunders reported the bleachers were not to exceed the amount in the resolution and discussed cost savings the team composed of Superintendent Wright, Athletic Director Adam Clark and Board President Morgan Saunders were able to find. The bleachers will have a concrete foundation to help with storage. Superintendent Wright added three estimates were collected. Ms. Lynn Angell researched the bleacher company as well and found their bleacher projects to be of good quality.

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

Ms. Lynn Angell commented on the recent passing of Herb Gardner of SHP who was instrumental in the building of the high school.

(33-26) Motion by Ms. Lynn Angell seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to approve Jenna Harrison as a volunteer volleyball coach for the 2026-2027 school year

VOLUNTEER

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

STUDENT REP
UPDATE

Student representatives Loulea Walker and Maggie Davis provided a GAHS Events update which included: PowderBuff, Winter Sports, National Honor Society, InspiHER, Mock Trial and upcoming events.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Chuck Calvert provided an overview of the K-5 math curriculum adoption process covering parent communication, pros and cons of each program and student examples.

CURRICULUM
ADOPTION

(33-26) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Ms. Lynn Angell to approve:

RETIREMENT

- A. Resignation due to retirement of Lori Billings as Teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year which is May 22, 2026 dependent on scheduled make-up days
- B. Resignation of Samantha Graham as Teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year which is May 22, 2026 dependent on scheduled make-up days

RESIGNATION

C. Resignation due to retirement of Christian Scott as Teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year which is May 22, 2026 dependent on scheduled make-up days	RETIREMENT
D. Resignation due to retirement of Greg Shipley as Mechanic II effective May 3, 2026	
E. Employ Tammie Henson as a Bus Driver at Step 0 on the Classified Salary Schedule effective March 19, 2026	EMPLOY BUS DRIVER
F. Supplemental contract of Christen Bennett as Junior Varsity Softball Coach effective March 19, 2026 at Category 2 with 0 experience for the 2025-2026 school year	SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS
G. Supplemental contracts for the 2026-2027 school year as follows: 1. Dalton Jarrell as Head Varsity Football Coach at Category 1 with 4 years of experience 2. Nicholas Sheets as Head Varsity Cross Country Coach at Category 1 with 1 year of experience 3. Mark Allen as Head Varsity Golf Coach at Category 1 with 13 years of experience 4. Ashton Webb as Head Varsity Volleyball Coach at Category 1 with 1 year of experience 5. Cory Camden as Head Varsity Soccer Coach (Boys) at Category 1 with 9 years of experience 6. Teresa Daniels as Head Varsity Soccer Coach (Girls) at Category 1 with 5 years of experience 7. Christy Randles as Head Varsity & Junior Varsity Cheerleader Coach at Category 1 with 10 years of experience 8. Stephen Kenney as 7th and 8th Grade Head Football Coach at Category 3 with 1 year of experience 9. James Gilmore as 7th and 8th Grade Assistant Football Coach at Category 4 with 1 year of experience	
H. Carly Dunn as Substitute Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year	SUBSTITUTE
I. Christopher Delaney as Volunteer Coach for Baseball pending permit for the 2025-2026 school year	VOLUNTEER
ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes. Motion approved.	
(34-26) Motion by Ms. Lynn Angell seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders to approve Brent Saunders as Volunteer Coach for Track and Field for the 2025-2026 school year ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Mr. Morgan Saunders, abstained; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes. Motion approved.	VOLUNTEER

(35-26) Motion by Ms. Jennifer Easter seconded by Ms. Lynn Angell to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for School Health Learning Collaborative with Holzer Health System

HOLZER WELLNESS
CENTER
AGREEMENT

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

Motion approved.

(36-26) Motion by Ms. Lynn Angell seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to approve the META Solutions Master Service Agreement for FY27 including student information system, EMIS support, fiscal support, purchasing co-op membership and special services

META

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes;

Mr. Alex Saunders, abstained; Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.

Motion approved.

(37-26) Motion by Ms. Lynn Angell seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders to approve:

EARLY
CHILDHOOD

A. Early Childhood Program Income Eligibility Chart for the 2026-2027 school year

B. Policy EFD-Misbranded Foods and Cultivated-Protein Food Products

C. Policy JEB-Early Entrance to Kindergarten

POLICIES

D. Field trip request for 11th Grade Regional Scholars to attend Camp Akita in Logan, Ohio on April 28-29, 2026

FIELD TRIP

E. Right of Way Easement with Gallia County Rural Water Association Inc. addressing water pipe lines

EASEMENT

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Lynn Angell, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes;

Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes.

Motion approved.

RIGHT OF WAY / EASEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Gallipolis City School District Board of Education Address Kraus Beck Rd. (hereinafter called Grantors) in consideration of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid by the GALLIA COUNTY RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter called the Grantee, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, bargain, sell, transfer and convey to said Grantee, its successors and assigns, a perpetual easement with the right to erect, construct, install, lay, add to, extend and thereafter use, operate, inspect, repair, maintain, replace and remove water pipe lines, valves, meters and other necessary equipment and appurtenances which shall include the right to connect to the water main and place a new service or services across the following land owned by Grantors in the State of Ohio, County of Gallia, Section 9 & 10 of Green Township, Volume Number 324, Page Number 583, Parcel Number 00800136500, 00800155901, 00800155200, 0085554300 Range Number 15, Township Number 5, Volume Number 541, Page Number 246 Parcel Number 0085555300 Grantee shall have the right of ingress and egress over Grantor's adjacent lands for the purpose for which the above mentioned rights are granted. The easement hereby granted shall consist of a twenty (20) foot right-of-way, located ten (10) feet on each side of the centerline of the water main as constructed.

Grantee, for the consideration herein set forth, agrees not to allow any other utility, corporation, political subdivision or person to piggyback an easement herein granted without written consent of the Grantors herein.

The consideration recited herein shall constitute payment in full for all damages sustained by Grantors by reason of the installation of the structures referred to herein, provided, however, Grantee will replace any fences damaged to as good of condition as they were prior to being damaged and Grantee will pay for damages to crops already planted. Grantee will maintain such easement in a state of good repair and efficiency so that no unreasonable damages will result from its use to Grantor's premises. This agreement, together with other provisions of the grant, shall constitute a covenant running with the land for the benefit of the Grantee, its successors, and assigns. The Grantors covenant that they are the owners of the above-described lands and that said lands are free and clear of all encumbrances and liens except the following:

As per Resolution 4-26 E.1., "Authorize the superintendent to post positions and approve substitutes and/or supplemental contracts as needed", the following were employed:

- A. Emalee Jones as Substitute Cook effective February 24, 2026
- B. Candace Miller as Substitute Cook effective March 2, 2026
- C. Rachel Neal as Substitute Bus Driver effective March 11, 2026

Ms. Lynn Angell reported Buckeye Hills Career Center is planning on expanding the sports medicine offerings at the high school.

President Morgan Saunders announced the next regular meeting will be held April 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Gallia Academy Middle School.

(38-26) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Ms. Lynn Angell at 7:15 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

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

Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

(39-26) Motion by Ms. Lynn Angell seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to adjourn the regular meeting

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

Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

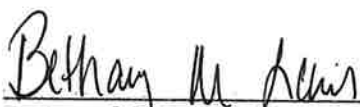
The foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the Record of Proceedings from the March 18, 2026 regular meeting of the Gallipolis City School District Board of Education.



Morgan Saunders, President
Gallipolis City School District

4-16-26

Date



Bethany M. Lewis, Treasurer
Gallipolis City School District

4-15-26

Date

SUBSTITUTES

BHCC UPDATE

NEXT MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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ADJOURN