Gallipolis City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 21, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

The Gallipolis City School District Board of Education met at 6:30 p.m. on October 21, 2026 at Gallia Academy Middle School located at 340 Fourth Avenue, Gallipolis, OH 45631.

VISITORS

Adam Clark, Brandy Lanier, Samantha Sheets, Chuck Calvert, Ashley Miller, Alex Kirby, Matt Easter, Matt Mooney, Olivia Mooney, Mark Mooney, Courtney Pearson, Adam Pearson, James Johnson, Brent Saunders, Jane Ellen McGovern, Skip McGovern, James Cain, Pam Cain, Jeff Dunlap, Katie Houck, Nick Morgan, Staci Reed and Corey Luce were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Board observed a moment of silence for the Wilson Family.

PLEDGE

Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVE AGENDA

(123-26) Motion by Ms. Jennifer Easter seconded by Ms. Meghan Denney to approve the agenda
ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Ms. Meghan Denney, yes;
Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.
Motion approved.

APPROVE MINUTES

(124-26) Motion by Ms. Jennifer Easter seconded by Ms. Meghan Denney to approve the minutes of September 16, 2026 regular meeting
ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Ms. Meghan Denney, yes;
Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.
Motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

APPROPRIATIONS

(125-26) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to approve:

A. Financial report for the month ended September 30, 2026. Treasurer Lewis reported the district ended the month with 149 days of operating funds
B. Amend FY27 appropriations to $33,197,335

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

GALLIPOLIS CITY SCHOOLS
2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
Fiscal Year 27
2nd Amended Appropriations
ALL FUND TYPES
October 21, 2026

Governmental Fund Types		
Fund Class/Name	*Fund Number*	*Total Appropriation*
General Fund Class		
General Fund	001	25,000,023.96
Special Revenue Class		
Lunchroom	006	1,300,000.00
Public School Support	018	25,000.00
Education Foundation	029	3,000.00
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	034	150,000.00
Term Benefits	035	200,000.00
Student Activity	200	40,000.00
Athletics	300	212,000.00
Early Childhood Education	439	508,204.48 *
One Net	451	9,000.00
Miscellaneous State Grants	499	4,838.32 *
21st Century (After School Grant)	509	450,000.00
Title VI-B	516	801,578.96 *
Supplemental School Improve	536	376,372.60 *
Title I	572	1,307,847.67 *
Title IV - Student Support	584	79,735.74
Title VI-B Preschool	587	20,852.32 *
Title IIA	590	155,804.96 *
Miscellanous Fed Grants - Rural & Low	599	129,860.95 *
Total Special Revenue Class		5,774,096.00
Debt Service Fund Class		
Bond Retirement Fund	002	1,875,000.00
Capital Project Fund Class		
Permanent Improvement Fund	003	350,000.00
Building	004	-
Capital Projects	070	190,315.04 *
Total Capital Project Fund Class		540,315.04
Proprietary Fund Types		
Enterprise Fund Class		
Uniform School Supplies	009	7,900.00
Total Enterprise Fund Class		7,900.00
Total Appropriations-All Fund Types		33,197,335.00

APPROPRIATIONS

PAYMENT IN LIEU

(126-26) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to approve resolution declaring transportation impractical for certain students attending a community school and provide payment in lieu
ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes;
Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.
Motion approved.

DECLARE TRANSPORTATION IMPRACTICAL

WHEREAS the student(s) identified below have been determined to be residents of this school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

WHEREAS after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these student(s) to their selected school(s); and

WHEREAS the following factors as identified in Revised Code §3327.02 have been considered:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation
2. The number of pupils to be transported
3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration
4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation
5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules
6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available; and

WHEREAS the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code (2026-2027 minimum is $636.75)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport the students identified herein and offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) of students named on the attachment, payment-in-lieu of transportation.

REPORT CARD UPDATE

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Chuck Calvert reviewed the district report card providing details for each building regarding achievement, progress, gap closing, graduation, early literacy and readiness. Overall, the district scored three stars and met state standards for the 2025-2026 school year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Visitors Olivia Mooney, Nicholas Morgan and Samantha Sheets shared concerns with the Board regarding prevention curriculum, guidelines for outside contractors working with students and communication to parents.

Visitor Staci Reed shared her concern regarding an athletic related matter and investigation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Visitor Matt Easter, who is the Mayor of Rio Grande, presented an opportunity to support a grant application to Sidewalks to Schools for sidewalks on Lake Drive.

Visitor Katie Houck, Alex Kirby, Jeff Dunlap, Adam Pearson, Nicholas Morgan, Matt Mooney and Mark Mooney voiced concerns regarding prevention education, contracts and communication to parents.

Ms. Meghan Denney expressed the need to advocate on the state level by contacting state legislators.

RETIREMENTS

(127-26) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to approve:

A. Resignation due to retirement of Steve Patterson as Teacher effective the final day of the 2026-2027 contract
B. Resignation due to retirement of Lisa Wilson as Teacher effective October 1, 2026

LEAVE REQUEST

C. Long term leave request of Angela Burns to begin on or around December 2, 2026 through January 4, 2027 with paid leave to be used until exhausted and then leave will be unpaid
D. Long term leave request of Kelly Ratliff to begin on or around November 16, 2026 through January 4, 2027 with paid leave to be used until exhausted and then leave will be unpaid

EMPLOY BUS DRIVER

E. Employ Candace Miller as a Bus Driver at Step 4 on the Classified Salary Schedule effective November 2, 2026

EMPLOY MAINTENANCE

F. Employ David Wells as Maintenance I Step 0 on the Classified Salary Schedule effective October 22, 2026

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT

(128-26) Motion by Ms. Jennifer Easter seconded by Ms. Meghan Denney to approve supplemental contracts of Jaime Jordan as 8th Grade Head Basketball Coach Girls at Category 3 with no experience for the 2026-2027 school year
ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes; Ms. Meghan Denney, yes;
Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.
Motion approved.

SUBSTITUTES

(129-26) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to approve the following the substitute personnel for the 2026-2027 school year

A. Wesley Hurt as Substitute Custodian
B. Bergan Koch as Substitute Teacher
C. Zane Loveday as Substitute Teacher
D. Julie Lynch as Substitute Teacher
E. Tyran Mayo as Substitute Custodian effective November 23, 2026 pending BCI/FBI background check

F. Rachel Meeks as Substitute Teacher
G. Christine Pierotti as Substitute Cook
H. Chris Roettker as Substitute Teacher
I. Dakota Thacker as Substitute Custodian pending BCI/FBI background check — SUBSTITUTES
J. Kari Trout as Substitute Cook
K. Haiden Wells as Substitute Custodian

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

(130-26) Motion by Ms. Jennifer Easter seconded by Ms. Meghan Denney to approve:

A. Agreement with Gallia County Sheriff for a School Resource Officer for the 2026-2027 school year — SRO
B. Memorandum of Understanding with Concord University for Clinical Students: Field Placement, Student Teachers and Resident Teachers effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 — MOU – FIELD PLACEMENT
C. Memorandum of Understanding with Shawnee State University to offer College Credit Plus courses effective for the 2026-2027 school year — MOU - CCP

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

(131-26) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Gallia-Vinton-Jackson-County JVSD Board of Education and Holzer Health Systems to provide an instructor for the Athletic Trainer Program for the 2026-2027 school year — MOU – BHCC & HOLZER

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

(132-26) Motion by Ms. Jennifer Easter seconded by Ms. Meghan Denney to approve:

A. Appointment of Robert Cornwell to serve on the Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational Board of Education for a three year period beginning January 1, 2027 — BHCC APPOINT
B. Transportation reimbursement request of $0.50 per mile for Melissa Stafford to transport a student effective September 21, 2026 — TRANSPORT REIMBURSE
C. $15,000 payment to the Village of Rio Grande to support a School Resource Officer — SRO – RIO
D. Update of Emergency Response Team for Gallia Academy High School — RESPONSE TEAM
E. Adoption of new policy IKEB-1 Comprehensive Math Placement and Promotion Policy — POLICY

POLICIES

F. Revised policies as follows:
   1. BBE, Unexpired Term Fulfillment
   2. DN, School Properties Disposal
   3. DID, Inventories
   4. DJF-R, Purchasing Procedures
   5. DLC-R, Expense Reimbursements
   6. EBBA, First Aid
   7. EEACC, Student Conduct on District Managed Transportation
   8. EHA, District Records Commission Records Retention and Disposal
   9. IGDJ, Interscholastic Athletics
   10. IGD, Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities
   11. JECB, Admission of Nonresident Students
   12. JECBB, Interdistrict Open Enrollment (Adjacent District)
   13. JECBD, Intradistrict Open Enrollment
   14. JF, Student Rights and Responsibilities
   15. JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)
   16. JFCC, Student Conduct on District Managed Transportation
   17. JFCK, Use of Cellphones and Electronic Communications Devices by Students
   18. JHCA, Physical Examinations of Students
   19. JGF, Discipline of Students with Disabilities
   20. JP, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (Restraint and Seclusion)

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

SUBSTITUTES

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 approved by the Superintendent:

A. James Brian McCarley as Substitute Teacher effective October 13, 2026
B. Kimberlyanne Sigman as Substitute Secretary effective September 24, 2026
C. Shoneta Casto as Substitute Cook effective October 14, 2026

STADIUM UPDATE

Superintendent Wright provided an update on the stadium.

BUILDING REPORT

Ms. Jennifer Easter reported Rio Grande Elementary Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th.

NEXT MEETING

President Morgan Saunders announced the next regular meeting will be held November 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Gallia Academy Middle School Library.

(133-26) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter at 7:42 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. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Chuck Calvert was asked to stay for executive session.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes;
Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.
Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting reconvened at 9:18 p.m. with the following present: Ms. Meghan Denney; Ms. Jennifer Easter; Mr. Morgan Saunders; Mr. Craig Wright, Superintendent; Ms. Bethany Lewis, Treasurer.

RECONVENE

(134-26) Motion by Ms. Meghan Denney seconded by Ms. Jennifer Easter to adjourn the regular meeting
ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Meghan Denney, yes; Ms. Jennifer Easter, yes;
Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.
Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

ADJOURN

The foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the Record of Proceedings from the October 21, 2026 regular meeting of the Gallipolis City School District Board of Education.

Morgan Saunders, President
Gallipolis City School District

11-18-26
Date

Bethany M. Lewis
Bethany M. Lewis, Treasurer
Gallipolis City School District

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