The Gallia County Local Board of Education held a regular meeting October 25, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. with the following members answering roll call: Jeff Halley, Terry Halley, Beth James, Brent Schultz, and Brandon Twyman.

**24-2021 AGENDA**

Motion by B. James, second by T. Halley to approve the agenda for the October 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

All members voted yes.

*Building Administrators recognized the following individuals for academic achievement, leadership, or civic engagement:*

*Cody Wooten – 2022 National Merit Scholar finalist.*

*J.P. Davis – Awarded the Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education.*

*Janet McGuire – Award for Excellence in Math Education.*

*Mike Burns, Baird and Associates, gave a presentation to the Board in regards to the District’s opportunity to refund (refinance) current outstanding debt to reduce interest rates and reinvest those savings into capital improvements and millage reductions.*

*Public Participation:*

*Cindy Hager – Ms. Hager spoke against mask mandates in public schools. Noted her child struggled to breath while wearing a mask.*

*Roger Watson – Mr. Watson also spoke against the mask mandates in schools. Felt administrators were wrong for enforcing those mandates. Felt these things contributed to kids leaving the area.*

**Superintendent’s Report**

1. Supt. Kuhn discussed with the Board current mask guidance, positive and quarantined cases in the buildings and the changes over the last month. Noted the guidance would be updated at the end of the week. Additionally briefed the Board about the availability of booster shots for staff.
2. Supt. Kuhn noted third grade testing would be happening beginning October 26 in the buildings.
3. After School Programs are currently operating and participation is robust.
4. Supt. Kuhn spoke about the recreational basketball league starting at the Elementary schools. Very pleased with participation. Still in need of additional volunteers.
5. End of the Grading period is October 29. We have a remote learning day schedule for November 2. Bus driver recruitment will also take place at this time. Veterans Day assemblies have been scheduled. OSBA Capital Conference is scheduled for Nov. 7 through 9.
6. Mr. Kuhn updated the Board on meeting Kirk McMahan of SHP regarding the proposed additions at River Valley. Walk through scheduled for Nov. 1.

**25-2021 GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA**

Items under the General Consent calendar are considered routine and will be enacted under one motion, unless a Board Member requests an item be removed from the calendar for separate consideration. Motion by B. James, second by T. Halley to approve the General Consent Agenda for the October 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as follows:.

1. Approve the minutes, as per O.R.C. 3313.26, for the September 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as prepared by the Treasurer.
2. Approve the bills, payroll, and financial statements.
3. Approve elementary students attending the State BETA Convention on February 15, 2022 in Columbus, Ohio. This will be at no cost to the District and under the caregiver’s supervision.
4. Approve students from River Valley and South Gallia Middle Schools attending the State BETA Convention on February 15, 2022, in Columbus, Ohio.
5. Approve students from River Valley and South Gallia High Schools attending the State BETA Convention on February 15-16, 2022, in Columbus, Ohio.
6. Approve elementary students attending the National BETA Convention on June 30-July 1, 2022 in Nashville, Tennessee. This will be at no cost to the District and under the caregiver’s supervision.
7. Approve students from River Valley and South Gallia Middle Schools attending the National BETA Convention on June 30-July 1, 2022, in Nashville, Tennessee.
8. Approve students from River Valley and South Gallia High Schools attending the National BETA Convention on June 30-July 1, 2022, in Nashville, Tennessee. It is recommended that the Board of Education provide financial assistance of $500 to be administered by each building administrator.
9. Approve the transfer of $51, 918 from the 507-9022 ESSER II Special Revenue Fund to the 300 Athletics Special Revenue Funds.
10. Approve the transfer of $51,918 from the 300 Athletics Special Revenue Fund to the 507-9022 ESSER II Special Revenue Fund. These transactions are to properly account for ESSER II funds that have been approved by ODE to supplement our Athletic Funds from losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All members voted yes.

**26-2021 EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM**

Motion by T. Halley, second by B. James to approve Gallia County Local School District’s participation in the Emergency Connectivity Program through USAC. Gallia County Local has been awarded $507,707 for the purchase of chromebooks and hot spot equipment for buses.

All members voted yes.

**27-2021 REFUNDING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2014**

Motion by J. Halley, second by B. James to approve refunding Series 2014, School Improvement Refunding Bonds in the amount of $21,2015,000. This refunding will reduce interest rates to 2.33% and result in an estimated savings of $118,760 per year beginning in 2023.

All members voted yes.

**28-2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by B. James, second by J. Halley to approve to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the possible employment of a public employee. Time was 6:54 P.M.

All members voted yes.

**29-2021 OPEN SESSION**

Motion by B. James, second by T. Halley to approve to re-enter into open session. Time was 8:20 P.M.

All members voted yes.

**30-2021 PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**

Items under the Personnel Consent calendar are considered routine and will be enacted under one motion, unless a Board Member requests an item be removed from the calendar for separate consideration. Motion by B. James, second by B. Schults to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda for the October 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

1. Approve the following resignations:

Robin Armstead Effective 12/31/21

Irene Clagg Effective 12/31/21

James Gilbert Effective 12/31/21

Mark Householder Effective 10/29/21

Lisa Reese Effective 12/31/21

Melanie Stanley Effective 12/31/21

1. Pending receipt of proper certification and background checks, approve the following academic supplemental positions for the 2021-2022 school year at Vinton Elementary:

Tyler Bass Elementary Tech Coordinator

1. Removed for separate consideration.
2. Pending receipt of proper certification and background checks, approve the following supplemental positions for the 2021-2022 school year at River Valley High School:

Brett Bostic Open Gym Supervisor (1/2 Salary)

Stephen Brown Open Gym Supervisor (1/2 Salary)

1. Pending receipt of proper certification and background checks, approve the following as substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year:

Robert Bailey Custodian

Amber Bergdoll Aide, Cook, Custodian, Secretary

Josh Chiles Teacher

Ashley Clagg Aide, Cook, Custodian

Josh Hash Custodian

Josh Henry Bus Driver

Paula Hill Aide, Cook

Michael Jenkins Teacher

Aaron Jones Aide, Custodian

Kayla Nottingham Aide, Cook, Custodian

Kristen Oliver Aide, Cook

Erica Pickens Aide, Cook, Custodian, Secretary

Donovan Sanders Custodian

1. Pending receipt of proper certification and background checks, employ two (2) part-time literacy coached for grades 6-12, at a total cost not to exceed $37,000, paid by ESSER Funds.

Cynthia Graham SGMS/HS

Mary Deel River Valley MS/HS

1. Approve the following substitute staff salary increases beginning on November 1, 2021:

Teacher $115 per day

Bus Driver $100 per day

Aide $13.00 per hour

Cook $13.00 per hour

Custodian $14.00 per hour

Secretary $14.00 per hour

All members voted yes.

**31-2021 HANNAN TRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTALS**

Motion by B. James, second by J. Halley, pending receipt of proper certification and background checks, approve the following supplemental positions for the 2021-2022 school year at Hannan Trace Elementary School:

Heidi Birchfield BLT Co-Chair (1/2 Salary)

Candace Halley BLT Co-Chair (1/2 Salary)

Brandy Hill BLT Co-Chair (1/2 Salary)

Alice Sanders BLT Co-Chair (1/2 Salary)

Brandy Hill Technology Coordinator

J. Halley - Yes

T. Halley – Abstain

B. James - Yes

B. Schultz – Yes

B. Twyman – Yes

**32-2021 ADJOURN**

Motion by B. James, second by J. Halley to adjourn. The time was 9:23 PM

All members voted yes.

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President Treasurer