

**Gallipolis City School District Board of Education**

Regular Meeting  
September 20, 2023

The Gallipolis City School District Board of Education met at 6:30 p.m. on September 20, 2023 at Gallia Academy Middle School Library located at 340 Fourth Avenue, Gallipolis, OH 45631.

REGULAR MEETING

Jeremy Hout, Darren Clark, Meghan Denney, Bryan Martin, Mitzi Martin, Amy Roe, Jason Roe and Ron Toler were in attendance.

VISITORS

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with President Mr. Morgan Saunders presiding. The following members were present: Mr. John O'Brien, Mr. Alex Saunders; Mr. Morgan Saunders; Mr. Aidan Toler, Student Representative; Mr. Craig Wright, Superintendent and Ms. Bethany Lewis, Treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Pledge of Allegiance

PLEDGE

(88-23) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Mr. John O'Brien to approve agenda  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Mr. John O'Brien, yes;  
Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved.

APPROVE AGENDA

(89-23) Motion by Mr. John O'Brien seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023 special meeting and August 16, 2023 regular meeting  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. John O'Brien, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes;  
Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved.

APPROVE MINUTES

Treasurer Lewis reported the district has approximately \$8 million in general fund from receiving fall real estate dollars. Real estate funding is received in August and April/May and carries the district through the other months.

FINANCIAL REPORT  
DONATION

(90-23) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Mr. John O'Brien to approve the financial report for the month ended August 31, 2023  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Mr. John O'Brien, yes;  
Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved.

Darren Clark of All Pro Dads Program provided a brief update. Due to changes in administrative staff within the district the program has been delayed starting for the school year by approximately 60 days to allow for staff to get settled. Planning is underway for All Pro Dads at the elementary buildings along with Watch Dogs at GAMS with the possibility of expanding to the high school.

ALL PRO DADS AND  
WATCH DOG  
UPDATE

Mr. O'Brien asked if the programs have adequate volunteers. Mr. Clark confirmed he has 85 individuals and continues to build.

Curriculum Director Jeremy Hout reviewed the district report card which has moved to a star system. The district received 2.5 stars for the 2022-2023 school year. Director Hout explained each component of the report card and compared the data for each building. He followed with an explanation of the district's next steps for improvement working through the recommendations of the Insight review team along with the district improvement plan which focuses on three areas: OIP process; instruction and assessment; and prevention and intervention.

REPORT CARD AND  
IMPROVEMENT  
UPDATE

President Morgan Saunders requested progress updates be provided to the Board. Mr. John O'Brien asked if the staff received the improvement plan well. Director Hout spoke about positives from the last professional development day and support moving forward.

(91-23) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Mr. John O'Brien to approve:

- A. Resignation of Brianne Burluson as Aide effective September 8, 2023
- B. Resignation of James Gilmore as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Football Coach effective September 14, 2023
- C. Employ Emily Click as Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year at Column BA Step 1 of the Certified Salary Schedule effective September 13, 2023
- D. Employ April Fisher as a 29 Hour Aide at Step 0 on the classified Salary Schedule effective October 2, 2023, pending FBI/BCI background check and permit
- E. Employ Kansas Gardner as a 4 Hour Cook at Step 0 on the classified Salary Schedule effective September 20, 2023
- F. Employ Cadha McKean as a 29 Hour Aide at Step 0 on the classified Salary Schedule effective October 4, 2023, pending FBI/BCI background check and permit

RESIGNATIONS

EMPLOY

G. Supplemental contracts for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:

1. Cody Call as Junior Varsity Basketball Coach Boys at Category 2 with 7 years of experience
2. Jared Denney as 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Basketball Coach Boys at Category 3 with 1 year of experience
3. Jordan Deel as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Basketball Coach Boys at Category 3 with 6 years of experience
4. Caleb Greenlee as Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach at Category 2 with 2 years of experience
5. Kyle Greenlee as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Wrestling Coach at Category 3 with 5 years of experience
6. Gary Harrison as Head Varsity Basketball Coach Boys at Category 1 with 22 years of experience
7. Amber Jayjohn as Bus Duty Supervisor at Category 8 with 0 experience
8. Todd May as Head Varsity Wrestling Coach at Category 1 with 27 years of experience
9. Jared McClelland as Assistant Varsity Basketball Boys at Category 2 with 10 years of experience
10. Darren Wamsley as 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach Boys at Category 2 with 6 years of experience

SUPPLEMENTAL  
CONTRACTS

H. Substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:

1. Alejandra Garrett as Teacher
2. Amy Harrington as Teacher
3. Cameron Hesson as Teacher
4. Andrea Ritchie as Teacher pending licensure
5. Kelly Ratliff as Cook and Custodian

SUBSTITUTES

I. Volunteer Coaches for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:

1. Larry Carter for Wrestling
2. Justin Fallon for Soccer
3. Nathan King for Wrestling
4. Wanda Waugh for Bowling

VOLUNTEER  
COACHES

President Saunders asked if there was a need for an additional volunteer coach for soccer Superintendent Wright responded that it was requested by the coach.

President Saunders asked if the district had other interest in volunteers to help with bowling. Superintendent Wright responded that he would check with Athletic Director Adam Clark.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Mr. John O'Brien, yes;  
Mr. Morgan Saunders, no.  
Motion denied.

(92-23) Motion by Mr. John O'Brien seconded by Mr. Alex Saunders to approve:

- A. Agreement with Athens Meigs ESC/Heart of the Valley Head Start starting August 1, 2023 through July 30, 2024
- B. Contract with Gallia Board of DD for payment of excess costs for the 2023-2024 school year
- C. Fundraising contract renewal with Gallipolis Elks Lodge #107 beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024
- D. Memorandum of Understanding with Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center to provide afterschool programs at Gallia Academy High School, Gallia Academy Middle School, Green Elementary, Rio Grande Elementary and Washington Elementary for FY24 through FY28

HEAD START

BOARD OF DD

ELKS

ESC AFTERSCHOOL

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. John O'Brien, yes; Mr. Alex Saunders, yes;  
Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved.

(93-23) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Mr. John O'Brien to approve:

- A. 2023-2024 Early Childhood Program Parent Handbook
- B. Contract with Marshall University for teacher candidates to complete field experience for the period September 21, 2023 through December 1, 2023

EARLY CHILDHOOD

MARSHALL

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Mr. John O'Brien, yes;  
Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved.

As per Resolution 65-23 B. "Authorize the Superintendent to employ personnel as necessary between now and the September regular board meeting," Superintendent Wright approved the following:

- A. Eliah Blazer as Substitute Teacher effective September 13, 2023
- B. Helen Fisher as Substitute Teacher effective September 19, 2023
- C. Darrell Green as Substitute Custodian effective August 17, 2023
- D. Jacob Henderson as Substitute Teacher effective September 6, 2023
- E. Marlene Hoffman as Substitute Teacher effective September 13, 2023
- F. Roger Hunt as Substitute Custodian effective August 31, 2023
- G. Ronda Johnson as Substitute Teacher effective September 13, 2023
- H. Mary Lou Lanham as Substitute Teacher effective September 1, 2023
- I. Josh Yankey as Substitute Teacher effective September 1, 2023

SUBSTITUTES

President Saunders announced the upcoming fall festivals at Green Elementary on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and Rio Grande Elementary on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

FALL FESTIVAL DATES

President Saunders announced the next regular meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Gallia Academy Middle School Library.

NEXT MEETING

(94-23) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Mr. John O'Brien at 7:26 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; Mr. John O'Brien, yes;  
Mr. Morgan Saunders, yes.  
Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Jason Roe and Ms. Amy Roe were invited to stay for executive session. Meeting reconvened at 8:44 p.m. with the following present: Mr. John O'Brien; Mr. Alex Saunders; Mr. Morgan Saunders; Mr. Craig Wright, Superintendent; and Bethany Lewis, Treasurer

RECONVENE

(95-23) Motion by Mr. Alex Saunders seconded by Mr. John O'Brien to adjourn the regular meeting.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Alex Saunders, yes; Mr. John O'Brien, 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 September 20, 2023 regular meeting of the Gallipolis City School District Board of Education.

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Morgan Saunders, President  
Gallipolis City School District

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Date

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Bethany Lewis, Treasurer  
Gallipolis City School District

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Date