

**GERMANTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
GERMANTOWN, WISCONSIN 53022
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 15, 2018**

1. The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board Vice President Sarah Larson in the District Office Board Room at 7:04 p.m. Superintendent Jeff Holmes read the official meeting notification. Roll call: Larson - yes, Loth – yes, Borden – yes, Barney – yes, Spies – yes. Board members Soderberg and Medved were absent (excused).
2. Motion by Barney, second by Borden to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Spies, second by Barney to approve the December 18, 2017 Board meeting and closed session meeting minutes. Motion carried.
4. Student Representative Report: Shree Dudhat provided an update on student activities in the district.
5. District Initiative Update: Dr. Rick Grothaus informed the Board that a meeting has been scheduled with JW Speaker to discuss their sponsorship of the high school tech ed department. Jeff Holmes provided a draft Branding Guide for review. A Saturday meeting will be scheduled to work on district rebranding and a SWOT analysis.
6. State Education Convention: Jeff Holmes requested Board members review the Wisconsin Association of School Board (WASB) 2018 Resolutions and share any input with Bob Soderberg prior to the Delegate Assembly at the State Education Convention.
7. January 29, 2018 Board Meeting: Sarah Larson reminded the Board and public that the next Board meeting will be held at Germantown High School in the new Tech Ed Center.
8. Insurance Committee: Committee Chair Tom Barney updated the Board on items discussed at the last committee meeting on January 8, 2018 including district health insurance enrollment, critical illness insurance, wellness requirements, health screenings, and health insurance options for retirees over the age of 65.
9. Transportation Committee: Committee Chair Tom Barney updated the Board on items discussed at the January 8, 2018 committee meeting including elementary attendance area survey responses. Attendance boundaries will continue to be discussed in committee before bringing forward to the Board with a recommendation by March 2018 for implementation for the 2018-2019 school year.
10. GoRiteway Ridership: Tom Barney informed the Board that GoRiteway will continue to look for ways to reduce the number of buses with extremely low ridership at the end of the high school day. Jeff Holmes added that GuideK12 software will be implemented to create efficiencies in bus routing
11. High School Schedule Change: Tom Barney indicated that the Transportation Committee had also discussed a proposed high school schedule change with slightly later start and release times to allow for student career planning and various other options with GoRiteway officials present. The committee will continue to investigate the proposed schedule change options and how it would affect middle school bus routes.
12. Building Committee: Committee Chair Michael Loth updated the Board on discussion that took place at the January 15, 2018 committee meeting including electrical usage and meters at the middle school and high school, a quarterly Trane report on district energy savings, the proposed swim club partnership, high school art room remodeling, the Trane five-year service agreement, and approval of new boilers for the district offices.

13. Motion by Barney, second by Spies to accept donations in the amount of \$500 from OTS Appliances, LLC to the high school choir department, a teacher grant to Jeff Thielke in the amount of \$500 from the Germantown Community Scholarship Fund to the middle school tech ed department, and a grant in the amount of \$1500 from Walmart to the middle school AODA program and thank all donors for their generosity. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Spies, second by Barney to accept the resignation of Teryn Buchanan (without liquidation damages), thank her for her service in the district, and approve posting and filling the vacancy. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Spies, second by Barney to approve the 1.0 limited-term contract for Lisa Bennett at \$20,542. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Spies, second by Barney to approve technology purchases in an amount not to exceed \$13,000 with funding revisited again if necessary, for the art programs at Amy Belle and County Line. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Spies, second by Loth to approve the addition of Digital Photography, NASA Technologies, Animal Adventures, and LEGO Builders to the summer school 2018 complete course offerings list. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Barney, second by Spies to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c)(f) and (g), as well as Section 118.125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as appropriate, to discuss the status of an employment investigation with related pupil issues, and to confer with legal counsel and administration representatives regarding same. The Board will entertain a motion to reconvene into open session to take further action, if necessary and appropriate, and/or to entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.
19. The Board entered into closed session at 8:04 p.m. and did not return to open session, adjourning at 8:22 p.m.

Jayne Borst
Recording Secretary



Lester Spies
School Board Clerk