

Board of Education - Regular Meeting

Board of Education

Galion High School, Room 127
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Present: Dr. Jeffrey Hartmann, Superintendent; Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President; Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member; Mrs. Melissa Miller, Board of Education President; Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member; Ms. Kirsten Geyer, Board of Education Member; Ms Shannon King, Treasurer

1 PRELIMINARY ITEMS

1.1 Roll Call

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Melissa Miller, Board of Education President	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		
Ms. Kirsten Geyer, Board of Education Member	X		

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 * Adopt Agenda

Minutes:

We adopted the agenda with the exception of removing 3.7 and 3.8 out to standalone items.

Motioned: Mrs. Christi Eckert

Seconded: Ms. Kirsten Geyer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mrs. Melissa Miller, Board of Education President	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		
Ms. Kirsten Geyer, Board of Education Member	X		

2 RECOGNITION & REPORTS

Motioned: Mr. Dennis Long

Seconded: Mr. Mike Mateer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Melissa Miller, Board of Education President	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		
Ms. Kirsten Geyer, Board of Education Member	X		

2.1 Acknowledgement of Guests

2.2 Student Recognition

Recognize the following students for demonstrating the Portrait of a Tiger trait, Involved:

- Archer Sleeckx - Kindergarten
- Avery Daniels - 5th Grade
- Raegen Woodmansee - 8th Grade
- Bella Ruiz - 12th Grade

Minutes:

Avery & Raegan will be invited back to January since they weren't in attendance.

2.3 Staff Recognition

Recognize the following staff members for demonstrating the Portrait of a Tiger Trait, Involved:

- Jamie Maguire - Primary School
- Alisha Griffin - Intermediate School
- Gina Redman - Middle School
- Gina Estep - High School

2.4 Board Recognition

2.5 2025-2026 Fall Sports Board Report

Mr. Chance Robinette, Athletic Director

Attachments:

[2025 Fall Sports Board Report.pdf](#)

2.6 Student Achievement Report

Mrs. Melissa Miller, Board of Education President

Attachments:

[Student Achievement.pdf](#)

2.7 Legislative Update

Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President

2.8 Superintendent's Update

Dr. Jeffrey Hartmann, Superintendent

Directional System - Kristin Bourdage

Blended Learning Update

CCP Update

2.9 Community Input

Attachments:

[Public Participation- Board Policy 0169.1.pdf](#)

3 * CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned: Ms. Kirsten Geyer

Seconded: Mrs. Christi Eckert

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Melissa Miller, Board of Education President	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Ms. Kirsten Geyer, Board of Education Member	X		

3.1 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments:

[11.12.25 Regular Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

3.2 Superintendent's Recommendations - Certified Personnel

Recommend to approve a change of placement on the pay scale for McKenna Deskins, from Bachelors to Bachelors + 12, pro-rated and effective the the fourteenth pay of the current contract year, per Article X of the Negotiated Agreement.

3.3 Superintendent's Recommendations - Classified Personnel

Recommend to approve employment of the following Classified Substitute Personnel, contingent upon state certification and/or requirements as applicable to the position, for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Carson Early - Substitute Educational Assistant
- Danielle Toney - Substitute Educational Assistant
- Zach Fuhrer - Substitute Bus Driver
- Sue Kindell - Substitute Cook

Recommend to approve employment of Christina Neel, as a part-time Transportation Aide, effective November 24, 2025.

Recommend to approve Jason Bash as Bus Mechanic, effective December 8, 2025.

3.4 Superintendent's Recommendations - Substitute Teachers

Recommend to approve employment of the following Substitute Teacher Personnel, contingent upon state certification and/or requirements as applicable to the position, for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Brandy Bowser
- Carson Early
- Audrey Glew
- Steven Glew

3.5 Superintendent's Recommendations - Certified Extra-Duty

Recommend to approve the following Certified Extra-Duty Assignments for the 2025-2026 school year, contingent upon state certification and/or requirements applicable to the position. Compensation to be based upon the Extra-Duty Pay Schedule as defined in the GEA Negotiated Agreement, if applicable:

- Jessica Berger - Indoor Track Volunteer
- Mitch Willeke - Freshman Baseball

3.6 Superintendent's Recommendations - Pupil Activity Contracts

Recommend to approve the following Pupil Activity Contracts for the 2025-2026 school year, contingent upon state certification and/or requirements applicable to the position. Compensation to be based upon the Extra-Duty Pay Schedule as defined in the GEA Negotiated Agreement, if applicable:

- Zach Tinch - Wrestling Volunteer
- Trent Tackett - HS/MS Girls Basketball Volunteer
- Ryan Scribner - Indoor Track Volunteer
- Roger Chambers - Indoor Track Volunteer
- Carson Early - Indoor Track Volunteer
- Kenneth Fagan - Head Varsity Baseball
- Darien Payne - Varsity Assistant Baseball
- Phil Harris - Varsity Assistant Baseball

3.7 January 2026 Organizational & Regular Meetings

Recommend the Board set the date of the Organizational Meeting of the Galion City Board of Education for Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in Galion High School, Room 127.

Recommend the Board set the date of the Regular Board of Education Meeting for January 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., to take place immediately following the Organizational Meeting, in Galion High School, Room 127.

Minutes:

This was moved as a separate item and voted independently.

Motioned: Ms. Kirsten Geyer

Seconded: Mrs. Christi Eckert

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Melissa Miller, Board of Education President	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		
Ms. Kirsten Geyer, Board of Education Member	X		

3.8 President Pro-Tem Appointment

Recommend the Board elect President Pro-Tem for the Organizational Meeting in January, to lead the meeting until the Board elects a President for 2026.

Minutes:

Christi Eckert was nominated.

This was a separate item and voted independently.

Motioned: Mr. Dennis Long

Seconded: Mr. Mike Mateer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Melissa Miller, Board of Education President	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		
Ms. Kirsten Geyer, Board of Education Member	X		

3.9 Board Bylaws and Policies

Recommend to approve the Second and Final Read of the attached policies:

Attachments:

[po5460.pdf](#)

[po8305.pdf](#)

3.10 Job Description

Recommend to approve a job description for the position of Family Advocate, as attached:

Attachments:

[Family_Advocate.pdf](#)

4 TREASURER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned: Mr. Mike Mateer

Seconded: Ms. Kirsten Geyer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Melissa Miller, Board of Education President	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Ms. Kirsten Geyer, Board of Education Member	X		

Attachments:

[Cash Summary Report - FINAL.pdf](#)

[November Board Packet.pdf](#)

4.1 Donations

Recommend to accept 103 TI calculators for the benefit of GMS 6th grade students valued at \$1,436.85 from Galion Building and Loan. This is the 34th year GBL has donated calculators to our students.

Recommend to accept \$2400 from Christ Covenant Global Methodist Church for outstanding senior fees. RECEIPT 260582

Recommend to accept \$54 from the Dirty Soda Truck as a PTO Giveback. RECEIPT 260584

Attachments:

[GBL Donation.pdf](#)

4.2 Absence Without Pay

Approve the following payroll deductions:

11/20/25 payroll:

- Ashley Crosswhite - 3 days
- Matt Eusey - 5 days
- Zach Fuhrer - 2.5 days

12/5/2025 payroll:

- Matt Eusey - 5 days

4.3 ADDENDUM ITEM - Parent Transportation

Acknowledge the transportation by school conveyance is impractical for the following student during the 2025-2026 school year; further agree to pay the parent or guardian of said student in lieu of providing such service, amount to be calculated by the Ohio Department of Education for the 2025-26 school year and as per Section 3327.01 of the Ohio Revised Code

5 * NEW BUSINESS

Motioned: Mr. Mike Mateer

Seconded: Ms. Kirsten Geyer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Melissa Miller, Board of Education President	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		
Ms. Kirsten Geyer, Board of Education Member	X		

5.1 * Public Notice - 2026-2027 District Calendar

Recommend to hold a public hearing on the 2026-2027 Galion City Schools District Calendar and approve the first reading of the proposed calendar, as attached:

Attachments:

[Calendar B.pdf](#)

6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session is requested for one or more of the following matters to:

- _____ a. consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official;
- _____ b. consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, "regulated individual," or student; unless the person being investigated of charges or complaints requests a public hearing;
- _____ c. consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, unfit-for-use property if the premature disclosure of the information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest;
- _____ d. confer with the public body's attorney for the purpose of considering disputes if a court action concerning the dispute is either pending or imminent;
- _____ e. prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms or conditions of employment;
- _____ f. consider matters required by federal laws, or rules, or state statutes to be kept confidential;
- _____ g. consider details of security arrangements and emergency response protocols where disclosure might reveal information that could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the District's security;
- _____ h. consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance or negotiations with other politics subdivisions regarding requests for economic development assistance (provided statutory conditions are met).

RECESS TIME: PM

RECONVENE TIME: PM

7 ADJOURN

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:38 PM

Motioned: Ms. Kirsten Geyer

Seconded: Mrs. Christi Eckert

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Melissa Miller, Board of Education President	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		
Ms. Kirsten Geyer, Board of Education Member	X		