

Board of Education - Regular Meeting

Board of Education

Galion High School, Room 127

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Present: Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member; Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member; Dr. Jeffrey Hartmann, Superintendent; Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President; Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member; Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education President; Ms Shannon King, Treasurer

1 PRELIMINARY ITEMS

1.1 *Roll Call

Roll Call: Christi Eckert _____ Dennis Long _____ Mike Mateer _____ Isaac Strickler _____ Doug Jutz _____

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education President	X		

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 * Adopt Agenda

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Roll Call: Christi Eckert _____ Dennis Long _____ Mike Mateer _____ Isaac Strickler _____ Doug Jutz _____

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Mike Mateer

Seconded: Mr. Doug Jutz

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		

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

2 RECOGNITION & REPORTS

2.1 Acknowledgement of Guests

2.2 Student Recognition

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

- Winsten Deffendoll - 2nd grade
- Olivia Rogers - 5th grade
- Jaxson Blackwell - 7th grade
- Mason Siegenthal - 9th grade

2.3 Staff Recognition

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

- Primary School - Samanda Anderson and Lisa Perry
- Intermediate School - Meghan Keller
- Middle School - Charles Wilson
- High School - Bruce Weirich
- Transportation Department - Jason Bash

2.4 Student Achievement Report

Attachments:

[Student Achievement Report.pdf](#)

2.5 Legislative Update

Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President

2.6 Superintendent's Update

Dr. Jeffrey Hartmann, Superintendent

2.7 Community Input

Attachments:

[Board Policy 0.169.1.pdf](#)

3 * CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Roll Call: Christi Eckert _____ Dennis Long _____ Mike Mateer _____ Isaac Strickler _____ Doug Jutz _____

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dennis Long

Seconded: Mr. Mike Mateer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education President	X		

3.1 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes:

Attachments:

[3.11.26 Regular Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

3.2 Superintendent's Recommendations - Administrative Personnel

Recommend to approve a three-year administrative contract for Laurie Smith as Middle School Assistant Principal, effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029 with salary to be based on the assigned position, contingent upon state certification and/or requirements applicable to the position.

3.3 Superintendent's Recommendations - Unclassified Support Staff

Recommend to accept the resignation of Sherri McMullen, EMIS Coordinator/Registrar, effective June 5, 2026.

Recommend to approve to approve a consultant to the EMIS Coordinator contract, on an intermittent, as-needed basis from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, for no more than 500 hours, as attached:

Attachments:

[EMIS Consultant Contract.pdf](#)

3.4 Superintendent's Recommendations - Certified Personnel

Recommend to accept the resignation of Kim Garver, Middle School Teacher, effective May 26, 2026.

Recommend to approve the employment and issuance of a one year limited teaching contract to Aubrey Lovely, High School Teacher, effective with the 2026-2027 school year, contingent upon state certification and/or requirements applicable to the position. Salary to be based upon Step 2 of the Teacher's salary schedule for the 2026-2027 school year as defined in the GEA Negotiated Agreement.

Recommend to approve the non-renewal of the following certified individuals holding a year Retire/Rehire Contract with the District at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year:

- Rhonda Evak
- Bruce Weirich

3.5 Superintendent's Recommendations - Extra Compensation for Certified Employees

Recommend to approve compensation for the following Certified Staff for accompanying 6th grade students to Heartland Outdoor School:

- Josh Riggle - \$125
- Curt Wiggins - \$350
- Rachel Gangwer - \$350
- Laurie Smith - \$350
- Matt Tyrrell - \$350

3.6 Superintendent's Recommendations - Classified Personnel

Recommend to accept the resignation of Kevin Biederman, Bus Driver, effective April 10, 2026.

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:

- Kevin Biederman - Substitute Bus Driver
- Holden Hunter - Substitute Cook

Recommend to approve Kelly Phelps as Primary School Secretary, step 0 effective for the 2026-2027 school year. Employment terms to be based upon Article 4 of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Galion City Schools Board of Education and OAPSE Local #370 Salary Schedule at Step 0 for the 2026-2027 school year.

3.7 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:

- Jordan Eichorn - Home Instruction Tutor

3.8 Superintendent's Recommendations - Pupil Activity Contracts

Recommend to accept the resignation of Phil Harris as Baseball Varsity Assistant for the 25-26 school year.

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:

- Glen Ross - Varsity Assistant Boys Tennis

Recommend to approve the following Pupil Activity Contracts for the 2026-2027 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:

- Todd Heichal - Head Varsity Girls Soccer

3.9 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:

- Jordan Eichorn
- Holden Hunter
- Carter Valentine

3.10 Board Bylaws and Policies - Second and Final Read

Recommend to approve the Second and Final Read of the attached Board Bylaws and Policies:

Attachments:

[po2431.06.pdf](#)
[po3440.pdf](#)
[po4440.pdf](#)
[po5112.pdf](#)
[po5430.pdf](#)
[po6220.pdf](#)
[po6320.pdf](#)
[po6325.pdf](#)
[po6423.pdf](#)
[po6425.pdf](#)
[po6460.pdf](#)
[po6465.pdf](#)
[po7540.09.pdf](#)
[po8500.pdf](#)

3.11 Non-Renew Supplemental/Extra-Duty/Pupil Activity Contracts

Recommend to approve the non-renewal of all individuals holding a Supplemental, Extra-Duty or Pupil Activity contract with the District at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year, as attached:

Attachments:

[Non-Renewals - Academic.pdf](#)

3.12 Resolution - Staff Appreciation Week

Recommend to approve a resolution recognizing May 4-8, 2026 as Galion City School's Staff Appreciation Week, as attached:

Attachments:

[Staff Appreciation Week Resolution SIGNED.pdf](#)

4 *TREASURER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Roll Call: Christi Eckert _____ Dennis Long _____ Mike Mateer _____ Isaac Strickler _____ Doug Jutz _____

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dennis Long

Seconded: Mr. Isaac Strickler

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education President	X		

Attachments:

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

[March Board Packet - Landscape.pdf](#)

[March Board Packet - Portrait.pdf](#)

4.1 Donations

- Recommend to approve \$38.30 donation from Melissa Miller to the Lunch Hero fund
- Recommend to approve \$93.15 donation from Emily Flick to the Lunch Hero fund
- Recommend to approve \$25 donation from Phil's Deli to the MS for testing activities - Receipt 261115
- Recommend to approve \$100 donation from Elk's Lodge 1191 to the MS for testing activities - Receipt 261115
- Recommend to approve \$25 donation from Galion Moose to the MS for testing activities - Receipt 261095
- Recommend to approve \$146 donation from attendees at Passion Night for treats - Receipt 261041
- Recommend to approve \$60 donation from attendees at Passion Night for Dog Lovers Club - Receipt 261040

- Recommend to approve \$399.54 donation from Galion Community Foundation to the HS for HOBY - Receipt 261158
- Recommend to approve \$500.00 donation from Galion Community Foundation to the HS for PBIS - Receipt 261159
- Recommend to approve \$500.00 donation from Galion Community Foundation to the HS for Graduation - Receipt 261160
- Recommend to approve \$500.00 donation from Galion Community Foundation to Intermediate for Rewards & Incentives - Receipt 261161
- Recommend to approve \$1,500.00 donation from Galion Community Foundation to the HS for ACT Test Prep - Receipt 261164

4.2 Ground Lease Purchase Agreement

Attachments:

[Galion CSD FINAL Bank Summary List 3-30-26.pdf](#)

5 * NEW BUSINESS

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Roll Call: Christi Eckert _____ Dennis Long _____ Mike Mateer _____ Isaac Strickler _____ Doug Jutz _____

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Isaac Strickler

Seconded: Mr. Mike Mateer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education President	X		

5.1 * Board Bylaws and Policies - First and Final Read

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Roll Call: Christi Eckert _____ Dennis Long _____ Mike Mateer _____ Isaac Strickler _____ Doug Jutz _____

Recommend to approve the First and Final Read of the attached Board Bylaws and Policies:

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Isaac Strickler

Seconded: Mr. Mike Mateer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education President	X		

Attachments:

[po5460.pdf](#)

[po5514.pdf](#)

5.2 * Urgent Necessity Resolution

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Roll Call: Christi Eckert _____ Dennis Long _____ Mike Mateer _____ Isaac Strickler _____ Doug Jutz _____

Minutes:

Resolution 2026-9

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Mike Mateer

Seconded: Mr. Dennis Long

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education President	X		

Attachments:

[Urgent Necessity Resolution - SIGNED.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

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Roll Call: Christi Eckert _____ Dennis Long _____ Mike Mateer _____ Isaac Strickler _____ Doug Jutz _____

7 ADJOURN

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Roll Call: Christi Eckert _____ Dennis Long _____ Mike Mateer _____ Isaac Strickler _____ Doug Jutz _____

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:10 PM

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dennis Long

Seconded: Mr. Mike Mateer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Vice President	X		
Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education President	X		