# GALE-ETTRICK-TREMPEALEAU

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# **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau School District is to provide an education based upon a strong academic foundation in order to equip all students with skills to be productive and responsible citizens.

# Communities

Town of Caledonia Town of Dodge Town of Ettrick Town of Gale Town of North Bend Town of Trempealeau Village of Ettrick Village of Trempealeau City of Galesville

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Michele Butler District Administrator 117511 N Main St Galesville, WI 54630 (608) 582-2291



### A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

### Written by: Michele Butler

### Winter Is Upon Us!

Now that we have the option of virtual learning, one might expect that there will no longer be "snow days." That an unexpected day for students to sleep a little later and spend the greater part of the day making forts, angels, or snowmen is just a thing of the past.

We can and probably will have virtual learning days before the winter is over; however, the first day in which a cancellation is required, will be a no-school day or "snow day". Either the evening prior or most likely, the morning that inclement weather arrives, a message will be sent on our emergency messaging system, informing parents and students that school will be cancelled.

After the first cancellation, we will follow the same procedures as we did last year:

If it appears that weather conditions for the following school day may result in a cancellation, staff will be instructed to notify students to take home iPads and to stay posted for further instructions.Later that day or early the next morning, the emergency messaging system will be used to inform parents and students if there will be a virtual school day due to inclement weather. Other media outlets will also be contacted to post the announcement.

If inclement weather arrives without time to prepare, the emergency messaging system will be used to inform parents and students that there will be a virtual school day due to inclement weather for HS & MS students and a cancellation for elementary students. Other media outlets will also post this announcement.

We hope that by providing virtual learning opportunities on most days that would otherwise be cancelled, our students will have the benefit of learning continuity, and the end date of the school year is more likely to be sustained. So, this year our students may experience the best of the past and the present. They can hope for a snow day and also know that June 5th will be the first day of summer vacation!

# DONATIONS

# Partners in Performing Arts Center

Bluff View- \$500 Coulee Boutique- \$100 James & Martha Riley- \$1,000 Van Loon- \$100

# Industrial Education Department

Ashley Furniture- \$1,000

### Vocal Point Authentic Safety- \$1,000





**VEX Robotics** Ashley Furniture- \$12,890

## Music Trailer

Ettrick American Legion- \$1,000 Galesville Chamber- \$1,000 Galesville Lions Club- \$500 Music Boosters- \$410 Trempealeau Lions Club- \$2,000 Trempealeau VFW- \$500





# **G-E-T Curriculum Corner**

During the months of September and October all G-E-T staff worked collaboratively in their Professional Learning Communities to improve curriculum and assessment. This work is ongoing as we are committed to providing ALL students a guaranteed and viable curriculum. We know that through assessment of learning and analysis of assessment results, we improve our instructional practices. We are grateful for the time we Wednesdays to collaborate with colleagues.

Professional development days September and November focused on Universal Design for Learning and Being Culturally Responsive. A focus for all professional development days this year is improving our assessments and assessment practices.

We continue to employ the expertise of our staff during professional development days to improve and grow in professional knowledge and practices. Without a doubt, the G-E-T staff has so much to offer. As always, your feedback is welcomed.

Thank you G-E-T Stakeholders for your continued support of all things curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

Terri Fanta terrifanta@getschools.k12.wi.us (608) 525-4571 ext. 4100





# Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau 4K Registration

By Scott Moline, Pupil Services Director

Registration for the Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau 4K program will occur in February- please watch for information and updates as the time draws near. All new student enrollment, including enrollment for 4 year old Kindergarten will be done through the new online registration process.

Do you have a child in your home that is three or four years old and not yet in school? Do you have questions or concerns about their development? If so, your child may qualify for early childhood supports. In February, our Early Childhood Team will be scheduling Child Development appointments. During these appointments, they will observe your child's development against age appropriate benchmarks and are able to give information about important milestones. Attention parents of children who will be four years old before September 1, 2023!

Stay tuned for more information to come!





# **GETERATION GROUP** For 3 and 4 Year Olds

Join the fun anytime!

# Parents stay with children

Age Appropriate activities that encourage social, communication, adaptive, and motor skills.

# **KINDERNOOK**

20873 College Avenue Galesville, WI \*Enter through the red door at the back of the building\* Snacks provided

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KAREN AT (608) 582-4657 X1904 KARENSMITH@GETSCHOOLS.K12.WI.US

# GALE-ETTRICK-TREMPEALEAU HIGH SCHOOL











Kudos to the cast and crew of "Beauty and the Beast" for putting on a wonderful show for the community!

G-E-T High School serves grades 9-12 and was built in 1952 with additions and remodels in 1957, 1966, 1979, 1990, and 2009.

The building features three gymnasiums, a large technical education center, renovated science classrooms, a Performing Arts Center, and an athletic complex.

FFA members traveled to Madison in October to compete in the Dairy Products, Forage, and Dairy Cattle Evaluation contests at he World Dairy Expo!



Chuck Forster, Inerim Principal 117511 N Main St Galesville, WI 54630 (608) 582-2291

# GALE-ETTRICK-TREMPEALEAU FCCLA

# WISCONSIN STATE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



We had 21 FCCLA members travel to UW-Stout to attend the Wisconsin State Leadership Academy on October 18th. Students spent the day with other FCCLA members across the state, learning about the FCCLA organization, what it takes to be a good leader, ways to engage in their chapter, and how they can give back to their community.



### **Technology Education**

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Mr. Walker -Cisco J. 11th





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Mr. Ottum -Isaac J. 9th

**Agriculture Education** 



Mr. Nelson - Caydence K. 12th

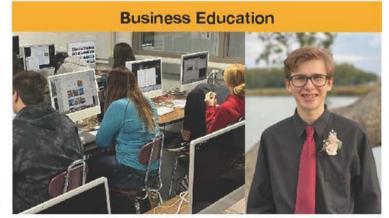
Family & Consumer Education



Ms. Burritt - Sydney N. 9th



Mrs. Johnson - Caydence D. 12th



Ms. Kube - Gavin W. 11th

# GALE-ETTRICK-TREMPEALEAU MIDDLE SCHOOL



### **RED RIBBON WEEK**

During the week of October 24th-28th we celebrated Red Ribbon week and living drug free with a different dress up day each day!



G-E-T Middle School serves students in grades 6-8 and was built in 2010.

### MANUFACTURING MONTH

The 6th graders celebrated Manufacturing Month, by visiting Ashley Industries. They learned all about robotics and automation as well as the importance of team work!







Pete Peterson, Prinicipal 19650 Prairie Ridge Lane Galesville, WI 54630 (608) 582-3500

# GALE-ETTRICK-TREMPEALEAU ETTRICK ELEMENTARY



### **RED RIBBON WEEK**

We finished Red Ribbon Week with saying "BOO" to drugs. We wore our costumes and had a parade!



### **VETERANS DAY PROGRAM**

On Friday, November 11th, we had two local veterans visit Ettrick Elementary to discuss their time in the Army and National Guard and read to our classes. Thank you for your time and service.





Ettrick Elementary is a one section 4K-5 school that was constructed in 1950. The building was remodeled in 1967 and the Community Center was added in 1999 along with a remodel of the south end of the building.



Derek Newsom, Prinicipal 22750 Washington St Ettrick, WI 54627 (608) 525-4571

# GALE-ETTRICK-TREMPEALEAU GALESVILLE ELEMENTARY



### FOOD DRIVE

Galesville Elementary hosted a food drive from October 17th-20th. Students collected over 1,000 found and hygiene items to donate to the G-E-T Community Pantry. Items were transported to the pantry by Jake's Moving and Storage. Special thanks to Jake's Moving and Storage and the students of Galesville Elementary for their dedication to community service.



### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Thank you to the Galesville Fire Department for the great presentations for Fire Prevention Week.



Galesville Elementary is a two section 4K-5 school that was constructed in 1970. The formerly open concept building was remodeled from 2014-2019 and now has updated electrical, HVAC, solid walls separating each classroom. and most recently added classroom storage and new carpeting in many classrooms.



Melissa Wilber, Prinicipal 217151 French Rd Galesville, WI 54630 (608) 582-2241

# GALE-ETTRICK-TREMPEALEAU TREMPEALEAU ELEMENTARY



### FALL OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

Students had the opportunity to participate in a Fall Outdoor Classroom Day where they took in a day of learning, playing, and growing in nature. Activities ranged from creating pinecone bird feeders, walks by the Duck Pond, making s'mores around a fire while members of the Trempealeau Fire Department talked to students about how to be safe around fires, and many more.



### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

As part of National Fire Prevention Week, 2nd graders at Trempealeau Elementary spent time with our local volunteer firefighters learning about fire safety and what they do to keep us safe. Thank you Trempealeau Fire Department!





Trempealeau Elementary is a 4K-5 school that was originally constructed in 1932 as Trempealeau High School. It has seen many additions with the most recent being the elimination of the old Middle School and a complete facelift in 2009.



Sam Ruud, Prinicipal 24231 5th St Trempealeau, WI 54661 (608) 534-6394

# GALE-ETTRICK-TREMPEALEAU TREMPEALEAU STUDENT OF THE MONTH

# September 2022



Trempealeau Elementary celebrated their 27 September PBIS nominees with their monthly Red Hawk Lunch. Students were treated to a pizza lunch and recognized with a certificate for setting the example in being safe, respectful, and responsible.

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# GALE-ETTRICK-TREMPEALEAU SCHOOL BOARD





## **G-E-T School Board Members**

Larry Moore, President, 608-534-6175 Mark Kopp, Vice President, 608-582-1208 Todd Roessler Clerk, 608-385-8043 Paul Halderson, Treasurer, 608-582-2611 Gene Hogden, 608-525-3679 Paul Kinzer, 608-582-9930 Deb Lakey, 608-484-0416 Adam Leavitt, 608-865-0594 Harold Olson, 608-525-0007

Regular board meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month. Agendas are posted on the school district website, in each school building, and in each community library approximately one week prior to the meetings.

# **G-E-T on Facebook**

The G-E-T School District is on Facebook. Get updates, keep track of school news, and see our



kids and teachers in action. "Like" us at https://www.facebook.com/GaleEttrickTrempealeauSchoolDistrict/



### 2022-2023 School Calendar Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau School District

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8/15 - Registration Day 1 to 7 p.m.
8/24 - Open House 4:30-6:00 p.m.
8/29, 8/30, 8/31 - School Year Launch Days
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12/23-12/30 - Winter Break
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Registration Day

Launch of 2022-23 School Year

No School

Teacher Inservice - No School

Last Day of School

### Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau School Board Meeting Minutes REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING September 12, 2022

President Larry Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at G-E-T High School Library, Board members present: Gene Hogden, Paul Kinzer, Deb Lakey, Adam Leavitt, Mark Kopp, Harold Olson, and Todd Roessler. Also present at the meeting: Michele Butler, District Administrator; Cary Brommerich, Business Manager; Terri Fanta, Curriculum Director; Scott Moline, Pupil Services Director; Chuck Forster, Derek Newsom, Pete Peterson, Sam Ruud, and Melissa Wilber, Principals.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

PROOF OF PUBLIC NOTICE Ms. Butler verbally affirmed that the meeting had been properly posted.

### MISSION STATEMENT

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2022, regular school board meeting and August 25, 2022, special board meeting. Mr. Kinzer seconded this motion. Motion carried with an 8-0 voice vote.

### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Kopp made a motion to approve Payroll Vouchers #101170 - #101171 in the amount of \$1,559.49, Payroll Direct Deposit Vouchers #1009410 - #1009630 in the amount of \$220,844.78, Vouchers #106734 - #106885 in the amount of \$945,231.52 and Petty Cash Vouchers #3243 - #3246 in the amount of \$824.72. Mr. Leavitt seconded this motion. Motion passed with an 8-0 voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sawyer Pederson, G-E-T HS student, shared his concern that the current schedule limits student course choices.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Butler informed the Board that WASB Fall Meetings and Workshops mailing announced the regional meeting in Onalaska on October 27.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. Introduction of New Staff Derek Newsom introduced new Ettrick Elementary Teacher, Jamie McCabe and Elementary Counselor, Kristin Iverson.
- B. Performing Arts Center (PAC) Report Brenda Gauchel reported on the usage of the PAC since opening in November 2020 and the activities she performs as the PAC House Manager. She described this year's schedule which includes both school district performances and six professional performances.
- C. Start of the School Year Report Terri Fanta, Chuck Forster, Derek Newsom, Pete Peterson, Sam Ruud, and Melissa Wilber provided a report on the first days of the 2022-23 school year.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Review Class Size Policy and Current Class Size Estimates for the 2022-2023 School Year Ms. Butler reported that current class sizes in 4K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are within the policy guidelines.
- B. Employment Resignations, Retirements, Employment, and Transfers
  - 1. Resignations/Retirements

Mr. Kinzer made a motion to approve the retirement of Patty Behan, TE Teacher, and the resignations of Steve Kurschner, GE Counselor; Trisha Pehler, DO Administrative Assistant; Jodi Andersen, EE Paraprofessional; Patricia Theisen, EE SPED Paraprofessional; and Renee Keenan, GE Cook. Seconded by Mr. Kopp. Motion passed with an 8-0 voice vote.

2. Employment

Mr. Kinzer made a motion to approve the hires of Leah Helmers, TE Grade 3-5 Growth and Recovery Teacher; Kendra Severson, DO Administrative Assistant; David Fassbender, CRHS Paraprofessional; Greg Johnson, HS SPED Paraprofessional; Ciera Maliszewski, GE Paraprofessional; Haley Schuman, EE Paraprofessional; Austin Graham, HS Cook; Jodi Grams, MS Cook; Jessica Duda, 3 hrs/day GE Cook; Colette Minser, 1.5 hrs/day HS Cook; Lynn Mrozek, 1.5 hrs/day HS Cook; Dan Halverson, MS Football Coach (Split); Jacob Ruesgen, MS Football Coach (Split). Seconded by Mr. Kopp. Motion passed with an 8-0 voice vote.

Mr. Koop made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Advisor assignments and stipends as presented. Seconded by Ms. Lakey. Motion passed with an 8-0 voice vote.

3. Transfer

Mr. Leavitt made a motion to approve the transfer of Patty Wolter to HS SPED Paraprofessional. Seconded by Mr. Roessler. Motion passed with an 8-0 voice vote.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Olson made a motion to approve the 66.0301 Agreements with the Holmen School District to provide Project Search and Project Bridge program support for G-E-T students. Seconded by Mr. Roessler. Motion passed with an 8-0 voice vote.
- B. Mr. Leavitt made a motion to approve the 2022-23 Extended-Stay/Long-Distance Trips for students in FFA, FCCLA, Skills USA, and the music department. Seconded by Mr. Roessler. Motion passed with an 8-0 voice vote.
- C. The Board discussed the required presence of administrators at board meetings and concurred that administrators should be present for the administrative reports section or other agenda items specific to their building or department. They also concurred that administrators may be dismissed as a group after the administrative reports are completed or dismissed individually after additional contributions to the meeting agenda are completed.
- D. The Board discussed Policy 763 Delinquent Lunch Accounts and Rule 763 School Meal Account Charges and Collections. The Board concurred that the administrative team review and provide recommended changes at the next policy meeting.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel

Ms. Butler provided a summary of new positions, positions that were altered, and positions that are currently unfilled for the 2022-23 school year.

### TOPICS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Larry Moore recommended that board members read the article, "Get on Board: Establishing your job description as a school board member" from the September 2022 edition of Wisconsin School News. He also shared memories from September 11, 2001. No additions to future agendas were provided.

### REVIEW DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. Thursday, October 6 Committee Meetings
  - Curriculum @ 6:00 p.m.
  - o Finance Committee @ 6:30 p.m.
- B. Monday, October 10 Regular Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- C. Monday, October 17 Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing @ 7 p.m.
- D. Thursday, October 27 WASB Regional Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. @ Stoney Creek Hotel, Onalaska, WI
- E. January 13/14 & February 17/18 District Strategic Planning

### CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Kopp made a motion to move to Closed Session Under State Statute Section 19.85(1)(c) for the Purpose of Discussing Employee Performance. Seconded by Ms. Lakey. Motion carried with an 8-0 roll call vote. Board moved to closed session at 7:53 p.m.

Mr. Kinzer made a motion to move back into open session. Seconded by Mr. Leavitt. Motion carried with an 8-0 roll call vote. Board moved into open session at 8:27 p.m.

### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lakey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Olson. Motion passed with an 8-0 voice vote.



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### Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau School Board Meeting Minutes Regular Board Meeting – October 10, 2022 High School Library

President Larry Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at G-E-T High School Library, Board members present: Paul Halderson, Gene Hogden, Paul Kinzer, Mark Kopp, Deb Lakey, Adam Leavitt, Larry Moore, Harold Olson, and Todd Roessler. Also present at the meeting: Michele Butler, District Administrator, Cary Brommerich Business Manager, Terri Fanta Curriculum Director, Sam Ruud, Derek Newsom, Melissa Wilber, Principals, and Chuck Forster Interim Principal.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

PROOF OF PUBLIC NOTICE Ms. Butler verbally affirmed that the meeting had been properly posted.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mission statement was read by Mr. Moore, as agreed upon by the Board Members.

### MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2022, regular board meeting. Mr. Kinzer seconded the motion. Motion carried by a 9-0 voice vote.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Halderson made a motion to approve Payroll Vouchers #101172 - #101186 in the amount of \$7,626.45 and Payroll Direct Deposit Vouchers #1009631 - #1010109 in the amount of \$672,352.84, and Vouchers #106910 - #107121 in the amount of \$1,062,036.67, and Petty Cash Vouchers #3247 - #3250 in the amount of \$540.00. Mr. Kopp seconded this motion. Motion carried by a 9-0 voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

### CORRESPONDENCE

### ADMINISTRATIVE/BUILDING REPORTS

- A. Summer School Report: Jessica Holder provided a summary of course offerings and participation data from the June and July Summer school sessions.
- B. Enrollment Update: Michele Butler presented enrollment data for this year and back to the 2018-2019 school year were provided.
- C. Food Services Update: Melody Schorbahn provided a staffing update and described changes that have been made to the menus this year. She also provided data that compared September meal counts in the years 2019, 2021, and 2022.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Possible Action on Resignations/Retirements, Employment, and Transfers
  - a. Resignations/Retirements



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- Mr. Kinzer made a motion to approve the resignation of Shiyalyn Thicke, GE SPED Paraprofessional. Seconded by Mr. Roessler. Motion carried 9-0 voice vote.
- b. Employment
  - Mr. Kopp made a motion to approve the hire of Quinn Jensen, Leila Colman, and Diane Simonson as After School Program Workers. Seconded by Ms. Lakey. Motion carried 9-0 voice vote.
  - ii. Mr. Olson made a motion to approve the hire of Dawn Howe as GE Cook. Seconded by Mr. Rosseler. Motion carried 9-0 voice vote.
  - iii. Mr. Kinzer made a motion to approve the extra-curricular contracts presented. Seconded by Mr. Rosseler. Motion carried 9-0 voice vote.
- c. Transfers
  - i. Ms. Lakey made a motion to approve the transfer of Jessica Duda from GE Cook to GE Head Cook. Seconded by Mr. Kopp. Motion carried 9-0 voice vote.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Kopp made a motion to approve the Early College Credit and Start College Now applications. Seconded by Mr. Levitt. Motion carried 9-0 voice vote
- B. Mr. Levitt made a motion to approve the recommendation to waive the make-up requirement and provide full pay to hourly employees for the first inclement weather cancellation day of the school year. Seconded by Mr. Kopp. Motion carried 9-0 voice vote.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Mr. Moore reported that the Curriculum Meeting discussed district-wide UDL and assessment goals for the 2022-2023 school year.

### REVIEW TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. The Board discussed communication between administration and board members, specifically expressing positive feedback about weekly email updates and opportunities to meet in small groups with administrators each month.
- B. Mr. Hogden congratulated the football team on their season this year under Coach Anderson. He also expressed appreciation for Mr. Kading and the work he is doing with the band program-increasing numbers of students in band and enthusiastic participation during performances.

### REVIEW DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. Thursday, October 27- WASB Regional Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. @ Stoney Creek Hotel, Onalaska, WI
- B. Monday, October 17- Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing @ 7 p.m.
- C. Monday October 17- Special Meeting to follow Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing
- D. Thursday, November 10- Committee Meetings
  - a. Policy Committee @ 6:00 p.m.
  - b. Finance Committee @ 6:30 p.m.
- E. Monday, November 14- Regular Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- F. January 13/14 & February 17/18- District Strategic Planning

### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Halderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Mr. Kopp seconded this motion. Motion passed with a 9-0 voice vote.