

# Court date set for jury trial in case against Galion board of education

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The court date has been set for State of Ohio ex rel et al vs. Galion City Schools Board of Education et al. The jury trial, beginning with jury selection, is on the slate for May 20 beginning at 8 a.m. The case will be heard in front of Judge Russ

Wiseman.

On Jan. 14, 2008, a group of citizens filed legal action against the Galion board of education, asking the court to stop the demolition of the old Galion High School. An agreement between the two sides was reached to complete the abatement with a view to remodel. The first hearing of the case was scheduled for Feb. 19. That hearing was continued until March 5.

During negotiations March 5 another agreement was made to run the preliminary

injunction request hearing and hearing on the merits together. April 3 and 4 were then set aside for the case. The case was again continued.

Two claims of the original request were dismissed and two were continued to be heard in front of a jury by Judge Wiseman. Those two issues deal with whether the Galion board of education violated Sunshine Laws (open records, open meetings). Two days have been set aside for the jury trial, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 20 and 21.