

Plaintiffs in school lawsuit pleased with agreement

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"We are pleased with the agreement," said John Barga, attorney for the plaintiffs trying to stop the demolition of the old Galion High School. "It allows some of the asbestos to be removed while protecting the integrity and structure of the building until we can have our hearing in front of Judge Wiseman."

"It is in everyone's best interests," said Barga. "It allows for a meaningful hearing on the [Feb.] 19th."

"Our only other concern that was not addressed in the agreement," said Barga, "is

the possibility that the heat will be turned off in the building. We hope the board will maintain minimal heat in the building to prevent pipes freezing and causing irreparable damage."

A large contribution to the case was received yesterday from Ralph Cobey (GHS class of 1928), reported Steven Kemle, one of the plaintiffs.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the case may do so.

On Monday, Jan. 14, a group of citizens wishing to stop demolition of the former Galion High School filed suit against the Galion board of education in hopes of stopping the process and saving the building. Persons named

as plaintiffs are Steven A. Kemle, Carole Kemle, Martha J. Palmer and David E. Smith.

The hearing scheduled for Wednesday requesting a temporary halt to the demolition of the old high school was postponed.

The hearing, open to the public, is set for Feb. 19 at the Crawford County Courthouse at 10 a.m.

A copy of the complaint is available for viewing on the Galion Cultural and Conference Center's Web site — www.1917ghs.com. Click on "legal action information."

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