

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **JANUARY 12, 2021**



JAMES J. GREENWALD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ♦ 3200 MARYVILLE ROAD ♦ GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS 62040

MEMBERS PRESENT: TANJA COOK SEDABRES, TALLIN CURRAN, MATT JONES, LINDA KNOGL, BILL McMASTERS {VIA ZOOM}, ZACK NUNN, AND DENNIS WILMSMEYER.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: STEPHANIE CANN, ED.S., CORY ERVAY, CHRIS MITCHELL, JIM PARKER, TOM SCHOOLEY, BRAD SMITH, ERIC SMITH, AND ZACK SUHRE.

OTHERS PRESENT: KAYLEE MCKINZEE.

This was a virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There were a total of eight (8) Employees, six (6) Board Members and our Student Board Member Advisor that were physically present and practicing social distancing; Superintendent of Schools Stephanie Cann, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent Cory Ervay, Manager of District Communications Chris Mitchell, Executive Director of Human Resources and Recruitment Jim Parker, District Attorney Tom Schooley, Director of Technology Brad Smith, District Laborer Eric Smith, Chief School Business Official Zack Suhre, and Student Board Member Advisor Kaylee McKinzee.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

1. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM; ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM;**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Board President, Matt Jones. Roll was called. All members were present and a quorum was declared. President Jones asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation. He stated that citizens or parents with children in attendance, who did not wish to participate in the Invocation, could wait outside the Board Conference Room until after the Board moved to Item IV, Public Comment. Mrs. Tanja Cook Sedabres, Board of Education Secretary, Offered the Invocation.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;**

In lieu of having members of the public present at the meeting and putting additional risk to public safety, please send any public comment requests/statements to any of the following individuals by 4PM on Monday, 11 January 2021:

Ms. Stephanie Cann, Superintendent of Schools, stephanie.cann@gcsd9.net

Ms. Cory Ervay, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent, cory.ervay@gcsd9.net

Mr. Matt Jones, Board of Education President, matt.jones@gcsd9.net

Public comment made via this method will be read aloud as though it was being read by members of the public.

3. **MINUTES;** Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Wilmsmeyer, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on December 8, 2020, as presented on 96 & a-e.

Members voting - Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA;** Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Treasurer's Reports;

1. Treasurer's Report for September 2020; (97 & a)
2. Treasurer's Report for October 2020; (97b-c)

B. Bill List;

1. Bill List from December 2, 2020 - January 7, 2021; (98 & B1-B50)

C. Gifts;

The Board accepted the following gifts with thanks and appreciation:

1. **JIMMY JOHN'S;** Steve Levy, the owner of the Granite City Jimmy John's, will be offering a free meal to one boy and one girl who will be chosen by each school as our District "Student of the Month". This program was already in place before COVID-19 and will start again this semester. Mr. Levy has graciously given permission to use these certificates, which will come from the Superintendent of Schools office, through the 2021-2022 school year.
2. **WELLS FARGO;** Grigsby Intermediate School received a donation of \$195.00, from Wells Fargo for Mrs. Meador's classroom.
3. **SAMARITAN'S FEET INTERNATIONAL;** Samaritan's Feet International and its partners have distributed over 7.5 million pairs of shoes in 108 countries and over 420 U.S. cities. Their Regional Director of Operations, Denise Blomberg, contacted our Manager of District Communications, Chris Mitchell regarding a donation of 175 "Hope Totes" to District students in need. Samaritan's Feet, founded in 2003, serves and inspires hope in children by providing shoes as the foundation to a healthy life resulting in the advancement of education and economic opportunities.



This foundation can provide the opportunity for a better life where children can focus on school, help families to not worry, protect their feet, and decrease the possibility of getting a foot-borne disease. The National Day of Service will be on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at Noon at the James J. Greenwald Administration Building. GCSD #9 Administration and Social Workers will bag and label 175 pairs of shoes for the Hope Totes. District Social Workers will then distribute the Hope Totes to students in need from Grades K-6.

Members voting - Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

5. **RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS** (100); Motion by Member Wilmsmeyer, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following Retirements and Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Michael Murphy	Custodian	Retirement	12/31/2025

Members voting - Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

6. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE** (100); Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Wilmsmeyer, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the following Leaves of Absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Taunya Thweatt	Cafeteria/Prather	Deduct	01/04/2021 – 02/05/2021
Alejandra Cortes Ramirez	Cafeteria/Prather	Deduct	12/15/2020 – 01/08/2021
Catherine Delmore	Title I Teacher/Wilson	Medical	01/19/2021 – 04/06/2021
Mary Wright	SLP/Wilson	Medical	01/19/2021 – 04/06/2021
Bonnie Swanson	1 st Gr Teacher/Wilson	Medical	01/19/2021 – 04/06/2021
Paula Hummel-Wilder	5 th Gr Teacher/Grigsby	Medical	01/19/2021 – 04/06/2021
Allison Bozarth-Downing	Pre K Teacher/Prather	Medical	01/19/2021 – 04/06/2021
Carol Macios	6 th Grade Teacher/Grigsby	Medical	01/19/2021 – 04/06/2021
Shannon McBride	Science Teacher/GCHS	Medical	01/19/2021 – 04/06/2021
Jill Schilliger	Café/Coolidge	Deduct	01/04/2021 – 05/21/2021
Angela Wampler	Paraprofessional/Prather	Medical	01/12/2021 – 04/06/2021

Members voting - Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

7. **CREATION OF GCHS SECONDARY HONORS COORDINATOR FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR** (100a); Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Nunn, upon the recommendation of the administration, to create a Secondary Honors Coordinator placed at Club Level C on the extracurricular salary schedule effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

Members voting - McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

8. **EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ELEMENTARY 3RD QUARTER LUNCH DUTY 2020-2021** (100b-c); Motion by Member Wilmsmeyer, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following Extracurricular Recommendations for the 2020-2021 school year:

Frohardt

Beth Hamilton
Gloria Kagy
Max Kipfer
Karen Kocarnik
Ann Mayhall
Staci Melvin

Position

3rd Quarter Lunch Duty
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Maryville

Tiffany Boyd
Nancy Connolly
Barb Lambert
Carrie Sitton
Lisa Whitaker
Lori Wilson

Position

3rd Quarter Lunch Duty
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Mitchell

Penny Feldt
Patrick McBride
Amanda McNamer
Billy Niepert
Liz Niepert
Nancy Smallie

Position

3rd Quarter Lunch Duty
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Prather

Pam Brezger
Robin Dresner
Christa Griffith
Diana Karnafel
Kelly Long
Leah McFarland
Sara Rials
Kathy Roustio

Position

3rd Quarter Lunch Duty
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Wilson

Lindsay Carney
Nita Creek
Kati Graville
Cathy Neidhardt
Tara Smith
Erica Stone

Position

3rd Quarter Lunch Duty
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Members voting - Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

9. **EMPLOYMENT OF TWO (2) 1ST GRADE TEACHERS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR;** (100d-e); Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Nunn, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Joshua Postelle** and **Karlie Valencia** as 1st Grade Teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Members voting - Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

10. **TIER 2 INTERVIEWS FOR THE SUPERVISOR OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT POSITION;** (100f); This Item was Held for Executive Session pursuant to section 2(c)(1).
11. **Certified and Classified Substitutes** (100g); Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Nunn, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following Certified and Classified Substitutes for the 2020-2021 School Year:

Certified:

Doug Morris Helen Thomas

Classified:

Gerald Cockrum

Members voting - Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

12. **POLICIES** (100h-i & P1-P102); Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member McMasters, upon the recommendation of the administration, to review the following policies and recommends the following amended policies:

- ◆ 3 40 Superintendent
- ◆ 4 10 Fiscal and Business Management
- ◆ 4 55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards
- ◆ 4 80 Accounting and Audits
- ◆ 4 90 Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds
- ◆ 4 150 Facility Management and Building Programs
- ◆ 4 175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
- ◆ 5 30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- ◆ 5 190 Teacher Qualifications
- ◆ 5 270 Employment At-Will Compensation, and Assignment
- ◆ 6 15 School Accountability
- ◆ 6 20 School Year Calendar and Day
- ◆ 6 40 Curriculum Development
- ◆ 6 280 Grading and Promotion
- ◆ 6 300 Graduation Requirements
- ◆ 6 310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students
- ◆ 6 315 High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8
- ◆ 6 320 High School Credit for Proficiency
- ◆ 6 340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- ◆ 7 100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- ◆ 7 140 Search and Seizure
- ◆ 7 300 Extracurricular Athletics
- ◆ 7 325 Student Fundraising Activities
- ◆ 4 60 AP1 Purchases
- ◆ 4 120 AP Food Services; Competitive Foods; Exemptions
- ◆ 4 175 AP1 Criminal Offender Notification Laws; Screening
- ◆ 5 30 AP2 Investigations
- ◆ 5 185 AP Resource Guide for Family and Medical Leave
- ◆ 7 340 AP1 School Student Records
- ◆ 7 340 AP1 E1 Notice to parent/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records
- ◆ 7340 AP2 Storage and Destruction of School Student Records
- ◆ 7 340 AP2 E1 Letter Containing Schedule for Destruction of School Records
- ◆ 2 20 E Waiver and Modification Request Resources Guide
- ◆ 3 40 E Checklist for the Superintendent Employment Contract Negotiation Process
- ◆ 6 325 E5 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act
- ◆ 6 300 E2 State Law Graduation Requirements
- ◆ 6 300 E3 Form for Exemption from Financial Aid Application Completion
- ◆ 6 310 E Class Substitution Request
- ◆ 7 140 E Letter to Parents/Guardians Regarding the Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act

Members voting - Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

13. **SPRING EVENING ACADEMY ASSIGNMENTS** (101); Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following Spring Evening Academy Assignments:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Position</u>
Kyle Kozer	Teacher
Kim Lignoul	Teacher
Aaron Werths	Teacher
Christine Douglas	Teacher
Lindsay Doolittle	Teacher
Brian Delp	Teacher
Liz Cicio	Teacher
Peggy Wilson	Teacher
Trina Tsigolaroff	Teacher
Scott Smallie	Teacher
Krista Forrester	Teacher
Lisa Moore	Teacher
Laura Sullivan	Teacher
Deb Garland	Teacher
Chris Hutchings	Coordinator
Christie Moad	Coordinator
Scott Fandrey	Counselor

Members voting - Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

14. **SOUTH 7 CONFERENCE 2023-2026** (102); Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the invitation on behalf of the South 7 Conference extending an invitation to schedule GCHS for a 4-year contract in Football beginning in the 2023 season and extend it through the 2026 season. These games will take place during weeks 2 through 8. At the end of the 2024 season, the South 7 Conference member schools will visit the idea of offering an invitation to both Collinsville and Granite City to become members of the South 7 Conference in Football only beginning in 2025.

Members voting - McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

15. **PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR** (103); Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Knogl, to Table this item until the next Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

Members voting - McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

16. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**; Reviewed the following Reports and Presentations:

- ✓ **Freedom of Information Act Requests {FOIA}**; (104) We received one request under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of December 2, 2020 through January 5, 2021:

The request was received on December 14, 2020, from Kaza Rhan of LocalLabs, which is the publisher of Prairie State Wire, an online publication that reports on and informs the public about local government activities. He requested the following:

- Data on your elected boards and officials. Additionally, requesting Name, Term start date, Term end date, salary, and email address.

This request was handled by Administration.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Wilmsmeyer, to go into executive session for the exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2 Open Meetings:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; 2(c)(1)
- Student disciplinary matters; 2(c)(9)
- The purchase or lease of real property for use by the public body; or setting a price thereof; 2(c)(5)(6)
- Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; 2(c)(2)
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed...is probable or imminent. 2(c)(11)
- To discuss school building safety and security and security procedures. 2(c)(8); and
- Student Safety 2(c)(8)

Members voting - Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

The Board was called into executive session at 5:21 pm.

Motion by Member Wilmsmeyer, seconded by Member Curran, to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Members voting - all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

18. **TIER 2 INTERVIEWS FOR THE SUPERVISOR OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT POSITION** (100f); Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Wilmsmeyer, to employ **Eric Smith** as the Supervisor of Facilities Management at Category 7, Step 12 on the Administrative Salary Schedule.

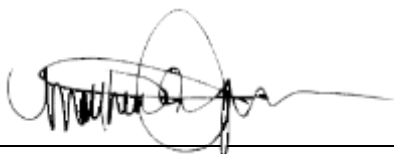
Members voting - Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES** (105); Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Wilmsmeyer, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on December 8, 2020, as presented under separate cover.

Members voting - Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

20. **SETTING OF THE AGENDA**; Tuesday, January 26, 2021, Board of Education Meeting.

21. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Curran, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Members voting - all aye; voice vote; motion carried.



Matt Jones, President
Board of Education
Community Unit School District #9



Tanja Cook Sedabres, Secretary
Board of Education
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