MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **JANUARY 26, 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, TOM SCHOOLEY, AND BRAD SMITH.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: OFFICER MICHELLE WERNER.

This was a virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There were a total of five (5) Employees, six (6) Board Members 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, District Attorney Tom Schooley, and Director of Technology Brad Smith.

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. Reverend Eddie Bradley of Lifepoint Church, 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, 25 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 Wilmsmeyer, seconded by Member Curran, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on January 12, 2021, as presented on 107 & a-h.

   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 Wilmsmeyer, seconded by Member Nunn, 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 November 2020; (108 & a)

   B. **Bill List;**

      1. Bill List from January 8, 2021 - January 21, 2021; (106 & B1-B28)

   C. **Requests from Various Organizations;** (110)

      1. **BBNS Academy**; They are requesting permission to distribute flyers to all students in Granite City School District #9 regarding their Summer Academy from May 31, 2021 through August 16, 2021.

   D. **Gifts;** (111)

      The Board accepted the following gifts with thanks and appreciation:

      1. **Cindy Desper;** Granite City High School Special Education Teacher, Cindy Desper, donated $100 to the GCHS Boys Basketball Program on behalf of her father, Robert Kraus. Mr. Kraus recently passed away in December 2020.

      2. **1st MidAmerica Credit Union**; Alicia Lignoul from 1st MidAmerica Credit Union, announced the winners of their 2020 Teacher's Grant. This year's recipients are Sarah Corzine and Sarah Shaw from the Wilson 1-2 Attendance Center and Robert Bragg from Grigsby Intermediate School. Each winner will receive $250 for their classroom.

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

5. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE** (100); Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Cook Sedabres, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the following Leaves of Absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Laura Marzluf	SLP/Mitchell	Medical	01/18/2021-04/12/2021
Brittney Lindsay	Title I Parapro/Grigsby	Medical	01/19/2021-05/28/2021
Christy Dawson	Social Worker/GCHS	Medical	01/19/2021-04/13/2021
Tina Buck	KG Teacher/Prather	Maternity	01/20/2021-05/03/2021

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

6. **EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CJHS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR** (111a); Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Cook Sedabres, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following Extracurricular Recommendations for the 2021-2022 school year:

Name	Position
Terri Kunz	Science Department Head

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

7. **EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GCHS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR** (111a); Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following Extracurricular Recommendations for the 2020-2021 school year:

Name	Position
Amy Heath	Secondary Honors Coordinator

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

8. **EMPLOYMENT OF ONE (1) 6TH GRADE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT GRIGSBY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR;** (111b-c); Motion by Member Wilmsmeyer, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Emily Hensley** as a 6th Grade Special Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year.

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

9. **EMPLOYMENT OF ONE (1) LIFE SKILLS TEACHER AT COOLIDGE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR;** (111d-e); Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Kelsee Mook** as a Life Skills Teacher 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. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES** (111f); Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following Certified and Classified Substitutes for the 2020-2021 School Year:

    Certified:
    Elizabeth Boyd Loren Roustio Breann Towner

    Classified:

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

11. **PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR** (112); Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Wilmsmeyer, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the change to the 2020-2021 school calendar that was Tabled at the January 12th Board of Education Meeting, changing the Casimir Pulaski Day holiday on Monday, March 1, 2021, from a non-attendance day for students and staff to an attendance day for students and staff.

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

12. **BUS CONTRACT EXTENSION 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR** (113); Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the extension of the current bus contract for the 2021-2022 school year to try and create a more competitive wage. The terms of the extension are:

    - 9% increase over the 2020-2021 school year rates for 2021-2022 school year.
    - Investigate temp help routing position at the bus garage.
    - Maintain current fleet in place for life of contract.
    - All other terms and conditions of original agreement will remain in place.

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

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

- ✓ **Freedom of Information Act Requests {FOIA};** (114)

  We received two requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of January 6, 2021 through January 21, 2021:

  1. The first request was received on January 7, 2021, from Jodi S. Cohen (ProPublica) and Jennifer Smith Richards (Chicago Tribune). They requested the following:

     - All contracts (and their amendments), memorandums of understanding, intergovernmental service agreements, and any agreements of any sort entered into between the school district and/or its schools and any law enforcement agencies. Please include all contracts and other agreements from 2015 to the present.

     - All invoices, receipts, billing summaries, purchase orders, daily logs, and other payment records between the school district and/or its schools and any law enforcement agencies from 2015 to the present.

     - All records documenting the service the law enforcement agencies conducted at the district's school(s) from 2015 to the present.

  2. The second request was received on January 8, 2021, from Tanner F. of K12 Transportation Research (tanner@k12transportationresearch.com). He requested the following:

     - All of the current transportation contract with Illinois Central School Bus for the 2020-2021 school year.

  These requests were handled by Administration.

- ✓ **District Activity and Memorial Fund Statement from November 2020;** (115 & a-f)

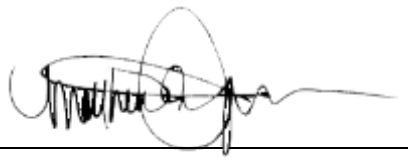
- ✓ **District Activity and Memorial Fund Statement from December 2020;** (115g-m)

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES** (116); Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Knogl, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on January 12, 2021, as presented under separate cover.

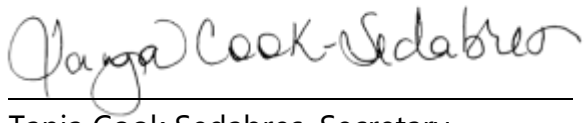
    Members voting - Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

15. **SETTING OF THE AGENDA**; Tuesday, February 9, 2021, Board of Education Meeting.

16. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Cook Sedabres, to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 pm. Members voting - all aye; voice vote; motion carried.



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



Tanja Cook Sedabres, Secretary
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