

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **FEBRUARY 9, 2021**



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

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: KAYLEE MCKINZEE, OFFICER MICHELLE WERNER.

This was a virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There were a total of seven (7) 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, Executive Director of Human Resources and Recruitment Jim Parker, District Attorney Tom Schooley, and Director of Technology Brad 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 via Zoom. 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, 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 Knogl, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on January 26, 2021, as presented on 118 & 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 McMasters, 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 December 2020; (119 & a)
2. Treasurer's Report for January 2021; (119b-c)

B. Bill List;

1. Bill List from January 22, 2021 - February 4, 2021; (120 & B1-B35)

C. Requests from Various Organizations; (121)

1. **Chestnut Health Systems;** They are submitting their annual request to continue to provide substance abuse prevention services in GCSD #9. They have procured grant funding to continue this work throughout the school year. Upon Board approval, Superintendent Cann will sign the Interagency Support Agreement.

D. Gifts; (121)

The Board accepted the following gifts with thanks and appreciation:

1. **Amazon.** Each station had a cost of \$29.99 each for a total donation of [\\$2999.00](#).
2. **Heather Foreshee/KG Aide;** Prather Pre-K/KG Center received a donation of [30 books](#) from the Collinsville Kohl's to distribute to students.
3. **Cotton's Ace Hardware;** Bruce Allen from Cotton's Ace Hardware, donated [5 gallon buckets and sand](#) for the Prather Pre-K/KG Center dismissal team flag display.

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

5. **RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS** (122); Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Cook Sedabres, upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following Retirements and Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Linda McFarland	Title I Paraprofessional	Resignation	02/05/2021

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

6. **EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATION FOR GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR** (122a); Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Wilmsmeyer, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following Extracurricular Resignation, for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Scott Fandrey	Guidance Department Head

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

7. **RESCIND THE APPOINTMENT OF COOLIDGE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL COACH FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR** (122a); Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Cook Sedabres, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the rescension of the appointment of **Ashley-Mae Hensley** as the Coolidge Junior High School Assistant Volleyball Coach due to her failure to fulfill the requirement to complete the necessary paperwork with Human Resources.

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

8. **EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR** (122b); Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member McMasters, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following Extracurricular Recommendations for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Jodi Blomme	Assistant Competitive Cheer Coach

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

9. **EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR** (122c); Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Nunn, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following Extracurricular Recommendations for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
John Moad	Athletic Director
Eric Hill	Asst Athletic Director
Meagan Watkins	Head Football Cheer Coach
Hannah Goeller	Head Soccer Cheer Coach
Rich Skirball	Head Cross Country Coach
Steve Roustio	Asst Cross Country Coach
Melissa Kimble	Dance Team Coach
Jake Janek	Head Football Coach
Freddie Layne	Asst Football Coach
Justin Williamson	Asst Football Coach
Brian Nemsky	Asst Football Coach
Bill Carpenter	Asst Football Coach
Jeff Ridenour	Head Boys Golf Coach
Ginger Harrison	Head Girls Golf Coach
Ryan Reeves	Asst Boys Soccer Coach
Barry Grote	Asst Boys Soccer Coach
Linda Ames	Head Girls Tennis Coach
Rachel Davis	Asst Girls Volleyball Coach
Nichole Schmidt	Asst Girls Volleyball Coach

*2020-2021 stipend amount. Subject to change pending contract negotiations.

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

10. **EMPLOYMENT OF ONE (1) RESOURCE TEACHER AT WILSON ATTENDANCE CENTER FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR;** (122d-e); Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Allisan Whitt** as a Resource Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year.

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

11. **EMPLOYMENT OF ONE (1) SOCIAL WORKER AT LAKE ESSC FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR;** (122f); Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Wilmsmeyer, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Tyler Owens** as a Social Worker for the 2021-2022 School Year.

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

12. **EMPLOYMENT OF ONE (1) MATH TEACHER AT COOLIDGE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR;** (122g); Motion by Member Wilmsmeyer, seconded by Member McMasters, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Sara Delp** as a Math Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year.

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

13. **EMPLOYMENT OF TWO (2) SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS AT GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR;** (122h-i); Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Nunn, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Heather Kielty** and **Emily Richards** as a Special Education Teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year.

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

14. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES** (122j); 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:

James Stuart Carlie Young

Classified:

Ruth Fisher Rodney Sampson

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

15. **APPROVAL OF BYRNES & WALSH, LLC REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS AND CONSULTANTS PROPOSAL** (123 & a-f); Motion by Member Wilmsmeyer, seconded by Member Cook Sedabres, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve to enter into the Byrnes & Walsh, LLC Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants proposal for real estate appraisal services with regard to the Pontoon Beach warehouses appeal to the Property Tax Appeal Board. In the Fall of 2020 there were 16 warehouses in Pontoon Beach that

filed reviews with the Madison County Board of Review for their 2020 real estate property tax assessment. Pancal one of those warehouses. Attorney Schooley has consulted with the Edwardsville School District Attorney as well as the City of Edwardsville attorney and each has agreed to pay 1/3 of the cost for the Byrnes & Walsh Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants fee for conducting the appraisal for Pancal.

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

16. **ACCESS POINT PURCHASE WITH CARES ACT (DIGITAL RELIEF) GRANT FUNDING** (124); Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Nunn, upon the recommendation of the administration, to purchase 300 Cisco Meraki Access Points with CARES Act (Digital Relief) Grant Funds.

Currently installed are 227 Cisco Meraki access points purchased in 2017 and are in need of replacement. The 5-year license for the current 227 access points expires Aug 2021.

This purchase of 300 access points will allow us to replace all of the current access points and install an additional 73, providing better coverage throughout the buildings for an increased number of wireless devices, including Chromebooks and Laptops, purchased due to Covid.

The total cost below includes; the access point hardware cost, the access point license cost, and the license for the network switches that the access points are connected to. The selected vendor is in bold with an asterisk.

Vendor	Access Point Hardware	Access Point License (300 devices 5 Years)	Network Switch License (72 devices-3 years) (5 devices-5 years)	Total Cost
*CDWG	\$175,479	\$53,511	\$24,262.46	\$253,252.46
Utilitra	\$227,588.80	\$69,402	\$31,467.86	\$328,458.66
SecureData Technologies	\$227,300	\$69,300	\$31,442	\$328,042

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

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

- ✓ **Ratify the Actions of the Granite City High School Curriculum Committee;**
(125) Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to ratify the following:

The Granite City High School Curriculum Committee approved the following at their meeting on January 27, 2021:

1. High School Public Speaking DC/ Public Speaking A D/C
 - *Dual Credit with SWIC
 - *Students with a 3.25 + GPA
2. High School Small Business Basics (School Store)
 - *Class would be in addition to CEO
 - *Anticipated 25-30 students per class; Juniors and Seniors
 - *Small business environment
 - *Build self-determination skills, problem solving, team building

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

- ✓ **Freedom of Information Act Requests {FOIA};** (126)

We received two requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of January 22, 2021 through February 2, 2021:

1. The first request was received on January 26, 2021 from Joe Sutton. He requested a digital copy (PDF) of the following documents:
 - The district's current website and/or content management system (CMS) provider contract.
 - The district's current alerts and/or emergency notification provider contract.
 - The district's current mobile app provider contract.
 - The district's current learning management system (LMS) provider contract.
2. The second request was received on January 28, 2021 from Zoe Yalci from SmartProcure. They requested a digital copy (PDF) of the following documents:
 - Purchasing records from Aug. 29 to current.

These requests were handled by Administration.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Nunn, 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)

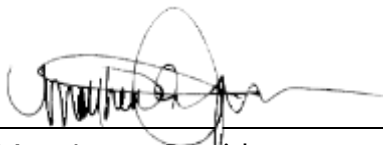
Members voting - Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", and Jones, "aye"; motion carried.

The Board was called into executive session at 5:41 pm.

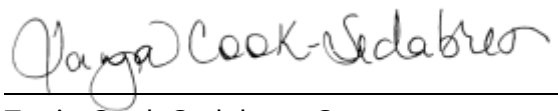
Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Wilmsmeyer, to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting at 7:35 pm.

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

19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES** N/A {No Executive Session at 01.26.2021 meeting}
20. **SETTING OF THE AGENDA**; Tuesday, February 23, 2021, Board of Education Meeting.
21. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Curran, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm. Members voting - all aye; voice vote; motion carried.



Matt Jones, President
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Tanja Cook Sedabres, Secretary
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