

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **MAY 25, 2021**



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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tallin Curran, Linda Knogl, Bill McMasters, Zack Nunn, Eric Stacy, and Erica Venne, Dennis Wilmsmeyer

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: STEPHANIE CANN, ED.S., MARY VOSS, BRAD ERVAY, CHRIS MITCHELL, AND ATTORNEY TOM SCHOOLEY.

OTHERS PRESENT: STUDENT BOARD MEMBER ADVISOR KAYLEE MCKINZIE, JUDA BLACK, NOAH BRINKER, ANDY BURGE, RYAN DEGONIA, MAXWELL FORBES, NOE GOMEZ, LAWSON KIMBLE, DAVID MCCAUSLAND, GCPD OFFICER, NICK BAILEY

This was a virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There were a total of five (5) Employees, seven (7) Board Members, eight (8) Members of the ESports team that were physically present and practicing social distancing; Superintendent of Schools Stephanie Cann, Manager of District Communications Chris Mitchell, Executive Director of Human Resources and Recruitment Jim Parker, Executive Director of K-12 Professional Development/Curriculum Kristen Novacich-Koberna, District Attorney Tom Schooley, Director of Information Systems/Student Services/Enrollment Brad Ervay, Director of Technology Brad Smith, Chief School Business Official Zack Suhre, Special Education/Region I Executive Director Micki Watkins, Special Education/Region I Supervisor Jill Relleke, Special Education/Region I Coordinator Stephanie Boyer, Supervisor Facilities Management Eric Smith, Food Service Supervisor Chris McCullough, Mary Voss, Student Board Member Advisor Kaylee McKinzie, and GCPD Officer, Nick Bailey

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

1. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM;** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Board President, Dennis Wilmsmeyer. Roll was called. All members were present and a quorum was declared. President Wilmsmeyer 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. Board Member Dr. Bill McMasters delivered the Invocation.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;** Public Comment is a period of time set by Board policy when the the general public may give oral and /or written testimony to the Board of Education. Participants wishing to give public comment should register with the Superintendent prior to the Board Meeting and notify her of the subject they wish to discuss. Comments are limited to two minutes.

Please send any public comment requests/statement to any of the following individuals by 4PM on Monday, May 31, 2021.

Ms. Stephanie Cann, Superintendent of Schools, stepanie.cann@gcsd9.net
Ms. Cory Ervay, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent, cory.ervay@gcsd9.net
Mr. Dennis Wilmsmeyer, Board of Education President, dennis.wilmsmeyer@gcsd9.net

3. Director of Information Systems/Student Services/Enrollment Brad Ervay shared information about our new Inaugural ESports Team and introduced the team. Team members include: Judah Black, Noah Brinker, Andy Burge, Ryan DeGonia, Maxwell Forbes, Noe Gomez, Lawson Kimble, and Coach David McCausland. Superintendent Cann and Brad Ervay congratulated and presented the team with a plaque (designed by Mr. Laycock, Industrial Technology Teacher, and Ms. Bristol, Business/Technology Teacher) for having an amazing Inaugural run to finish 6th in the Midwest Region, comprised of 426 teams within 17 states. Maxwell Forbes presented a slideshow explaining the program. Please see attachment 1.
4. Recognized Student Board Member Advisor Kaylee McKinzie for her dedication and leadership as Student Board Member Advisor for the School Year 2020-2021. All Board Members thanked Kaylee for the hard work and time she dedicated to her role as Student Board Member Advisor. Everyone wished Kaylee the best for a bright future. Kaylee thanked everyone for the opportunity to be the Student Board Member Advisor.
5. Maxwell Forbes was introduced as the Student Board Member Advisor for the School Year 2021-2022. Kaylee passed the torch to Maxwell. He said he is excited and looked forward to the challenges of his new role.
6. **MINUTES**; Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Venne, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on May 11, 2021.

Members voting – Venne, “aye”, Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, and Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, motion carried.

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

A. Bill List:

1. Bill List From May 7, 2021 to May 19, 2021

B. Request from Various Organizations:

1. Edwardsville Summer Camp. They would like to distribute Flyers to students with information for their Summer Camp.

C. Gifts:

Accepted the following gifts with thanks and appreciation:

GCHS;

1. Career and Tech Ed Mobile Classroom;

USS	\$15,000.00
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2. Senior Decision Day;

GCHS Athletics	\$ 150.00
GCFD	\$ 100.00
GC Park Commissioner	
Craig Sykes	\$ 50.00
GCPD	\$ 200.00
GCSD 9 Custodial Union	\$ 100.00
GCSCU	\$ 500.00
Tom Schooley	\$ 200.00
Junior Service Club	\$ 250.00
Tom Becher Amazon Card	\$ 50.00
NHS	Misc. Basket (2)
Old Six Mile Museum	Misc. Basket (2)
Spirit Club	Misc. Basket
Renaissance	Misc. Basket
A & M Electric Corp.	Misc. Basket
Jostens	Misc. 2021 Items
USS	Keurig
1 st Mid America CU	LED Lights/ \$25 Visa Cards (2)
Energy Stars HVAC	Compact Refrigerator
GCHS Student Council	Decorations

3. Military Museum;

Mary Hill	\$ 30.00
Mike Hogan	\$ 50.00
Gene Biggs	\$ 100.00
Craig Sykes & Family	\$ 100.00

Members voting – Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, Venne, “aye” and Wilmsmeyer “aye”, motion carried.

8. **RESCIND RETIREMENT(S)**; Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Stacy upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following Rescinded Retirement(s):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Donald Stratton	Grigsby Principal	End of 2022/2023 School Year

Members voting –McMasters, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, Venne, “aye”, Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”; Nunn, “aye”, and Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, motion carried.

9. **RETIREMENT(S) AND RESIGNATION(S)**; Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Curran upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following Retirement(s) and Resignation(s):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Donald Stratton	Grigsby Principal	Retirement	End of 2021/2022 School Year

Members voting –Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, Venne, “aye”, Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, and Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, motion carried.

10. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following Leaves of Absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Cynthia Griffin	Café/Grigsby	Medical	05/11/2021-08/03/2021
Cheryl Wright	Café/Prather Kdg	Medical	05/03/2021-07/26/2021

Members voting –McMasters, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, Venne, “aye”, Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”; Nunn, “aye” and Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, motion carried.

11. **EMPLOYMENT OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR;** Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the Employment of Granite City High School Social Worker for the 2021-2022 School Year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jennifer Huelsmann	GCHS Social Worker	2021-2022 School Year

Members voting –Stacy, “aye”, Venne, “aye”, Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”; Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, and Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, motion carried.

12. **EMPLOYMENT OF WILSON SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:** Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Stacy upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the following Extracurricular Recommendations for the 2021-2022 School Year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Josh Mills	Wilson Sp Ed Teacher	2021-2022 School Year

Members voting –Venne, “aye”, Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, and Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, motion carried.

13. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl upon the recommendation of administration to approve the following individual(s) for Certified and Classified Substitutes for the 2020-2021 School Year.

: **Certified:**
Joshua Clark

Members voting - Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, Venne, “aye” and Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, motion carried.

14. **SETTING OF DATES FOR THE GRANITE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS;** Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member McMasters to approve setting the 4th Thursday of each month except for November and December for The Granite City School District Board of Education Board Meetings. Effective July 1st, 2021

Members voting –Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye” Stacy, “aye”, Venne, “aye”, Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”; and Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, motion carried.



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

2021-2023

4th TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

2021

2022

2023

May 25, 2021

January 25, 2022

January 24, 2023

June 8, 2021

February 22, 2022

February 28, 2023

June 22, 2021

July 27, 2021

March 22, 2022

March 28, 2023

August 24, 2021

April 26, 2022

April 25, 2023

September 28, 2021

May 24, 2022

May 23, 2023

October 26, 2021

June 28, 2022

June 27, 2023

November 9, 2021*

July 26, 2022

July 25, 2023

December 14, 2021*

August 23, 2022

August 22, 2023

September 27, 2022

September 26, 2023

October 25, 2022

October 24, 2023

November 8, 2022*

November 10, 2023*

December 13, 2022*

December 12, 2023*

*The November and December Board Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month due to Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. *

20. **PreK THROUGH 7TH GRADE SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl upon recommendation of administration to approve the PreK THROUGH 7th GRADE SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Members voting –Stacy, “aye”, Venne, “aye”, Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”; Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, and Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, motion carried.

21. **CLEAN ENERGY DESIGN GROUP** - Supervisor Facilities Management Eric Smith reported on the progress of the Coolidge Roof. Some additional items will need to be placed on the roof to insure the Manufacturer's Warranty of the Roofing Material will be valid. Clean Energy Design Group assured Mr. Smith that those necessary items will be handled by their group.

22. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS;** For Review and Information

1. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS (FOIA); NO REQUESTS AT THIS TIME.
2. GCHS Activity Fund Statement for April 2021;
3. GCHS Bank Reconciliation Statement for April 2021;
4. GCHS Memorial Funds Statement for April 2021;

23. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – NO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

24. **SETTING OF THE AGENDA;** The next Regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 5 p.m.

15. Chief School Business Official Zack Suhre explained the Breakfast After the Bell Opt-Out Cost Analysis for informational purposes only.

16. **BOARD RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MissVIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL BOARD MEMBERS;** Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Venne upon recommendation of administration to approve the following individual(s) as MissVIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL BOARD MEMBERS.

Voting Member

Zack Suhre

Alternate

Jim Parker

Members voting - Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Venne, "aye" and Wilmsmeyer, "aye", motion carried.

17. **BOARD RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MissVIC PROPERTY CASUALTY POOL BOARD MEMBERS;** Motion by Member Nunn; seconded by Member McMasters upon recommendation of administration to approve the following individual(s) as MissVIC PROPERTY CASUALTY POOL BOARD MEMBERS.

Members voting –Curran, "aye"; Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Venne, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Wilmsmeyer, "aye", motion carried.

18. **BOARD RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MissVIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL;** Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Knogl upon recommendation of administration to approve TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MissVIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL.

Members voting – Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Venne, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye" and Wilmsmeyer, "aye", motion carried.

19. **BOARD RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MissVIC PROPERTY CASUALTY POOL;** Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Knogl upon recommendation of administration to approve TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MissVIC PROPERTY CASUALTY POOL;

Members voting –McMasters, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Venne, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", and Wilmsmeyer, "aye", motion carried.

25. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Curran, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Members voting – all aye; voice vote; motion carried.



Dennis Wilmsmeyer, President
Board of Education
Granite City Community School District #9



Zack Nunn, Secretary
Board of Education
Granite City Community School District #9

ESPORTS PRESENTATION

Scholarships in Esports

How many schools offer esports scholarships?

Currently 175 Colleges and Universities are registered under the NACE (National Association of Collegiate Esports)

The NACE requires these schools have coaches and offer partial or full-ride athletic scholarships.

How much are esports scholarships?

Esports scholarships are awarded on a school-by-school basis. The majority are partial and range from \$500 to \$8,000 per year. Several schools are beginning to offer full-tuition, and even full-ride scholarships. Harrisburg University—which won ESPN's inaugural Collegiate Esports Championship in May 2019—became the first college esports program to award full ride scholarships to its entire 16-player roster in 2018.

Nearby Mizzou currently offers 2k - 5k plus free housing for some and is planning to increase that amount.

Columbia College nearby is offering up to full tuition and room and board for League of Legends (Another Game)

Prize Pools

Collegiate Rocket League in this Spring held 2 leagues. Teams played in qualifiers to place into CRL (Collegiate Rocket League) and a PlayVS league.

CRL held the top 20 teams across the nation while PlayVS held 64 more teams.

CRL awarded \$75,000 in scholarship money and PlayVS offered \$50,000

Level Next, another league, is hosting a \$125,000 prize pool right now

PlayVS gives \$600,000 in scholarships every year throughout High School and Colleges but only awards to High School league winners (State/Regional)
