MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **NOVEMBER 9, 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, ERICA VENNE, AND DENNIS WILMSMEYER;

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: SUPERINTENDENT STEPHANIE M. CANN, ED.S., MANAGER OF DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS CHRIS MITCHELL, ATTORNEY TOM SCHOOLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OPERATIONS AND AEP DR. DAVID KEEL, GCHS PRINCIPAL DAREN DEPEW, GCHS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL TIM MORAN, CHUCK NOUD, MARK JONES, BILLY LAYCOCK, MARY VOSS, AND Special Education/Region I Executive Director Micki Watkins,

OTHERS PRESENT: PASTOR STACEY WILSON, STUDENT BOARD ADVISOR MAX FORBES, AND GCPD OFFICER PENNY;

This was an open and virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There were a total of eleven (11) Employees, two (2) Guests, and Seven (7) Board Members, physically present and practicing social distancing; Employees via Zoom; ESSC Principal Don Harris, Executive Director of Human Resources and Recruitment Jim Parker, Executive Director of K-12 Professional Development/Curriculum Kristen Novacich-Koberna, Director of Information Systems/Student Services/Enrollment Brad Ervay, Special Education Supervisor Jill Relleke, Special Education Coordinator Stephanie Boyer, Supervisor Facilities Management Eric Smith, COVID Renewal and Innovation Coordinator Steve Mathes, Food Service Supervisor Chris McCullough, Grigsby Assistant Principal Jody Batson, Prather Principal Genie Bratton ,and Prather Assistant Principal Ann Wilson;

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES;

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1. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**; The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Board President, Dennis Wilmsmeyer. Roll was called. Seven 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. Pastor Stacey Wilson of GCFirst Church of Granite City delivered the Invocation.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;** The Granite City Board of Education welcomes visitors – including employees, students, parents and other citizens – to its regular

meetings. To accommodate the public, certain rules have been established. Any person wishing to give public comment(s) during a regular or special Board of Education meeting is encouraged to register with the Superintendent's Office prior to the meeting. Any person may comment to the School Board (public participation), subject to the reasonable constraints established and recorded in the guidelines below. During public participation, there will be a 20-minute minimum total length of time for any one subject. When public participation takes less time than these minimums, it shall end. To preserve sufficient time for the Board to conduct its business, any person appearing before the Board is expected to follow these guidelines: 1. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President. 2. Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, the time for any one person to address the Board during public participation shall be limited to five minutes. 3. Observe, when necessary and appropriate, the Shortening of the time for each person to address the Board during public participation to conserve time and give the maximum number of people an opportunity to speak; 4. Conduct oneself with respect and civility toward others. Petitions or written correspondence to the Board shall be presented to the Board in the next regular Board packet. The public should not expect a Board response during Public Comment. There may be discussion by the Board concerning Public Comment when the issue is addressed on the Agenda.

Please send any public comment requests/statements to any of the following individuals by 4PM on Monday, November 8, 2021:

superintendent.office@gcsd9.net

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

Mr. Dennis Wilmsmeyer, Board of Education President, dennis.wilmsmeyer@gcsd9.net

The Board recognized the GCHS Industrial Technology Department for being recognized as the High School Program of the Year by Technology Education Association of Illinois. Representing the department were: GCHS Principal Daren Depew, GCHS Assistant Principal Tim Moran, Department Head Billy Laycock, and Teacher Mark Jones. Mr. Tim Moran thanked the Board for continued support of this program. Superintendent Cann presented Mr. Moran with a Certificate of Achievement Award for all the dedicated and hard to keep this program in the school. Everyone on the Board expressed their gratitude for all the hard work for the program. President Wilmsmeyer also expressed appreciation of the hard work in keeping the program, and how important these programs are at this time.

3. **MINUTES;** Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Curran, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 26, 2021.

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

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

   A. **Bill List:**

      1. Bill List from October 22, 2021 to November 4, 2021;

   B. **Requests from Various Organizations;**

      1. Johnson Road Grace Baptist Church – Distribute Flyers for their Emergency Food Pantry;

   C. **Gifts;**

      Accepted the following generous gifts with deepest gratitude and appreciation;

      1. 2000 Cloth Masks donated to GCHS by April Durr;

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

5. **RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS:** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following Retirements and Resignations:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Bruce Frank	Health Teacher GCHS	Retirement	End of 2026/2027 School Year

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

6. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE;** Motion by Member seconded by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the following Leave of Absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Diana Karnafel	KG Teacher Prather	Medical	12/20/2021-03/14/2022

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

7. **EMPLOYMENT OF A PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR CJHS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the following applicant for the Paraprofessional CJHS Position for the 2021-2022 School Year;

Name
Zoe Jackson

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

8. **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING APPLICANTS AS CERTIFIED/CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:** Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the following applicants as Certified/Classified Substitutes for the 2021-2022 School Year;

Certified:

Name
Carla Delgado

Classified:
Jonathan Britt John Million

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

9. **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING APPLICANT(S) FOR GCHS EXTRACURRICULAR(S) FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR;** Motion by

Member Curran, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the following applicants for the GCHS Extracurricular(s) for the 2021-2022 School Year;

Name	Position
Ashley Richey	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

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

10. **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING APPLICANT(S) FOR ELEMENTARY EXTRACURRICULARS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR;**
Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the following applicants for Elementary Extracurriculars for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Name	Position
Maryville	
Karlie Valencia	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty

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

11. **RATIFIED THE ACTIONS OF THE REGION 1 BOARD IN REGARDS TO ITEM 1 MAXIM HEALTHCARE EXPANSION AND ADDITIONAL HEALTH SERVICES;**

I. **MAXIM HEALTHCARE EXPANSION AND ADDITIONAL HEALTH SERVICES**

The Region I Board authorized the administration to expand the current contract with Maxim Healthcare Services to include speech, OT/PT, one on one health aides, sign language interpreters, behavior specialist, teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing, teacher of the visually impaired, audiologist, social workers and psychologist. (The current approved contract with Maxim was for nursing services only.)

Due to the increase in leave of absences and student needs, the ongoing effort to fill these positions with in-house substitutes has been effortless.

The Region I Board also approved allowing the administration to contract with other health related agencies if Maxim cannot fulfill their requests.

All of these positions will be first filled with in-house, but if the need arises, will be contracted out.

Director of Special Education Micki Watkins explained this is a proactive approach to fulfill our students' needs should the district not be able to fill these positions with in-house substitutes.

12. **APPROVED TO PUBLICIZE THE NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR THE GCSDCU #9 AND TRUTH IN TAXATION CERTIFICATE AND TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2021 TAXES COLLECTED IN 2022 FOR DECEMBER 14, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM;** Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve Publicizing The Notice Of The Proposed Property Tax Increase For The GCSDCU #9 And Truth In Taxation Certificate And To Set The Public Hearing For The 2021 Taxes Collected In 2022 For December 14, 2021 At 6:00 P.M. In The Board Room;

RESOLUTION REGARDING ESTIMATED AMOUNTS
NECESSARY TO BE LEVIED FOR THE TAX YEAR **2021**

WHEREAS, the Truth in Taxation Act requires that all taxing districts in the State of Illinois determine the estimated amount of taxes necessary to be levied for the year prior to the official adoption for the aggregate tax levy of the District; and

WHEREAS, if the estimated aggregate amount necessary to be levied, exclusive of election costs and bond and interest costs, exceeds one-hundred and five percent **(105%)** of the aggregate amounts of property taxes extended or estimated to be extended, including any amount abated by the taxing district prior to such extension, upon the levy of the preceding year, public notice shall be given and a public hearing shall be held on the District's intent to adopt a tax levy in an amount which is more than one-hundred and five percent **(105%)** if such extension or estimated extension for the preceding year; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate amount of property taxes extended for 2020 was:

FUND	2020 ACTUAL EXTENSION
Educational	$14,200,567.36
Operations & Maint.	$2,850,049.53
Transportation	$1,142,075.55
Fire Prevention & Safety	$285,518.89
Special Education	$228,415.11
Working Cash	$285,518.89
IMRF	$925,081.19
Social Security/Medicare	$1,000,458.18
Liability/Tort	$1,300,253.01
Lease	$285,518.89
SUBTOTALS	$22,503,456.60
Debt Service	$1,953,520.22
TOTALS	$24,456,976.82

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that the estimated amount of taxes necessary to be raised by taxation for the year 2021 is as follows:

FUND	2021 ESTIMATED EXTENSION
Educational	$16,550,000
Operations & Maint.	$3,250,000
Transportation	$1,300,000
Fire Prevention & Safety	$325,000
Special Education	$260,000
Working Cash	$325,000
IMRF	$850,000
Social Security/Medicare	$1,100,000
Liability/Tort	$1,200,000
Lease	$325,000
SUBTOTALS	$25,485,000
Bond & Interest	$1,956,703
TOTALS	$27,441,703

WHEREAS, the Truth in Taxation Act, as amended, requires that all taxing districts in the State of Illinois provide data in the Notice concerning the levies made for debt service made pursuant to statute, referendum, resolution on agreement to retire principal or pay interest on bonds, notes, and debentures or other financial instruments which evidence indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate amount of property taxes extended for the bond and interest purposes for **2020** was **1,953,520** and it is hereby determined that the estimated amount of taxes to be levied for bond and interest purposes for **2021** is **$1,956,703**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education, Community Unit School District No. 9, County of Madison, State of Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the **2021** year is **$25,485,000**

SECTION 2: The aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year **2021** exceeds one hundred and five (105%) of the taxes extended by the District in the year **2020** and is, in fact, **113.50%** of such extension for the previous year.

SECTION 3: The aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year **2021** for debt service is **100.16%** of the taxes extended for the debt service for **2020**.

SECTION 4: Public Notice is required as the **2021** estimated total aggregate amount to be levied exceeds 105% and is, in fact, **112.20%** of such extension for the previous year.

SECTION 5: This Resolution shall be in force and effect forthwith upon its passage.

ADOPTED this November 9, 2021.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 9
COUNTY OF MADISON
STATE OF ILLINOIS

By: _____
President, Board of Education

ATTEST:
_____
Secretary, Board of Education

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for
Granite City CUSD #9

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for **Granite City CUSD #9** for **2021** will be held on **December 14, 2021** at **6:00 p.m.** at the **Board of Education Office, 3200 Maryville Road, Granite City, Illinois.**

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact **Stephanie Cann, Superintendent, 3200 Maryville Road, Granite City, Illinois, 618-451-5800.**

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for **2021** were **22,503,456.60**

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for **2021** are **$25,485,000.00**. This represents a **13.25%** increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for **2020** were **$1,953,520.22**

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for **2021** are **$1,956,703**. This represents a **.16%** increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for **2020** were **$24,456,976.82**

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2020 are **$27,441,702.50**. This represents a **12.20%** increase over the previous year.

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

13. We received two requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of October 20, 2021 through November 1, 2021.

1. The first request was received on October 21, 2021 from **Vince Espi** - news@news.locallabs.com - from LocalLabs. He requested the following information:

• *Electronic records of any contracts and documents relating to business with Panorama education, specifically:*

1. a copy of the signed contract with Panorama
2. a list of all payments made to Panorama
3. copies of all materials used by Panorama in training / curriculum per the contract

4. a list of all teachers and classes (students) who have been exposed or instructed to Panorama materials

2. The second request was received on October 27, 2021 from **Marcell Kentre** - info@8south7north.com. He requested the following information:

• *Copies of the most recent Transportation RFP and Beverage (Milk/Water/Juice) RFP documents.*

The requests were handled by Administration.

14. Director of Technology Brad Smith reported on the Application for the Elementary and Secondary Digital Relief and Equity Grant. Allows school districts to close the digital divide. This Grant allows school districts to focus on one to one devices and additional tools needed for digital learning.

15. Executive Director of Education Operations and AEP Dr. Keel reported on the TAOEP Grant. This is the Truancy Alternative Operational Educational Program Grant which allowed night school to begin several years ago. Dr. Keel discussed the Night School Program and the addition of the Alternative Day School Program. By expanding the program, Dr. Keel has been able to secure an increase in the amount of the Grant. Both of the programs enable students to attend school who might not have the opportunity to attend regular high school classes, due to jobs or other circumstances at the time. Dr. Keel stated that these students are included in all events that happen at the high school. He thanked Steve Mathes, Christie Moad, and Chris Hutchins for their hard work and dedication to the programs and students. He also thanked the Board for approving the Original Grant and continued support of the Programs. Dr. Keel will give a detailed report on the programs in January. The Board thanked everyone involved for the hard work and dedication to getting students who might otherwise not have graduated to attend the programs.

16. Director of Information Systems/Student Services/Enrollment Brad Ervay reported on the return of buses. He thanked everyone for hard work and patience for returning our students to school. Superintendent Cann and the Board also thanked Brad and his team along with the bus company for their many long hours on getting the students back to school. Mr. Ervay thanked Christ Mitchell for all his work on the getting the news out and the great media coverage.

XI – E – TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2021;

GRANITE CITY CUSD #9
TREASURER'S REPORT
CASH ON HAND AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

APPROVED: Linda Knogl
Linda Knogl, Treasurer

	FUND	BEGINNING CASH Balance		Revenue	Journal Entries	Payroll	Disbursements	ENDING CASH Balance
0	EDUCATION	$ 25,067,889.55		$ 7,456,150.97	$ (3,054.33)	$ (3,246,945.34)	$ (2,293,808.99)	$ 26,980,231.86
4	LEASE	$ 118,679.61		$ 58,131.58	$ (1,098.21)		$ (18,605.18)	$ 157,107.80
0	OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	$ 3,582,376.84		$ 4,335,260.95	$ 324.00	$ (340,279.89)	$ (377,849.46)	$ 7,199,832.44
0	DEBT SERVICE	$ 1,142,941.12		$ 395,477.70				$ 1,538,418.82
0	TRANSPORTATION	$ 3,851,862.90		$ 969,684.32			$ (429,208.77)	$ 4,392,338.45
0	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	$ 2,191,421.90		$ 188,520.72		$ (106,890.98)		$ 2,273,051.64
1	FICA/SOCIAL SECURITY	$ 740,087.91		$ 203,711.10		$ (104,210.01)		$ 839,589.00
0	CAPITAL PROJECTS	$ -						$ -
0	WORKING CASH	$ 8,643,319.53		$ 58,525.18				$ 8,701,844.71
0	TORT	$ 3,851,927.12		$ 265,218.12			$ (16,404.69)	$ 4,100,740.55
0	FIRE/LIFE SAFETY	$ 412,949.43		$ 58,145.18				$ 471,094.61
	TOTAL	$ 49,603,455.91		$ 13,988,825.82	$ (3,828.54)	$ (3,798,326.22)	$ (3,135,877.09)	$ 56,654,249.88

REGION I
TREASURER'S REPORT
CASH ON HAND AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

APPROVED: Linda Knogl
Linda Knogl, Treasurer

	FUND	BEGINNING CASH Balance		Revenue	Journal Entries	Payroll	Disbursements	ENDING CASH Balance
2	REGION I	$ 1,716,870.94		$ 8,157.56		$ (87,475.96)	$ (53,722.38)	$ 1,583,830.16
		$ 51,320,326.85		$ 13,996,983.38	$ (3,828.54)	$ (3,885,802.18)	$ (3,189,599.47)	$ 58,238,080.04

18. **EXCUTIVE SESSION;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran, 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 price thereof; 2(c)(5)(6)
- Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and 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 – McMasters, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Venne, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", and Wilmsmeyer, "aye"; motion carried.

The Board was called into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member McMasters, to exit Executive Session and resume the Regular Board Meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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

19. **UPHELD THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXPULSION OF A GCHS STUDENT AND TWO CJHS STUDENTS WITH SERVICES, IF AVAILABLE FOR 1 YEAR FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 10, 2022;** Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration to uphold the Expulsion of a GCHS Student and two CJHS students with Services, if available for 1 year from November 10, 2021 through November 10, 2022.

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

20. **APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2021;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session held on October 26, 2021;

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

21. **SETTING OF THE AGENDA;** The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on December 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

39. **ADJOURNMENT**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran, to adjourn the November 9, 2021 Granite City Board of Education Meeting at 7:16 p.m.

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