MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **JANUARY 24, 2023**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:	SUSAN BRYANT, TALLIN CURRAN, LINDA KNOGL, ZACK NUNN, ERIC STACY, ERICA VENNE, AND DENNIS WILMSMEYER.
EMPLOYEES PRESENT:	STEPHANIE CANN, ED.S., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, JODI BLOMME, JAIDA BROCKMAN, DAREN DEPEW, BRAD ERVAY, CORY ERVAY, KELLY FITZGERALD, WENDY GUNTER, CHRIS HUTCHINGS, KELLIE HUTCHINGS, DAVID KEEL, STEVE MATHES, CHRIS MCCULLOUGH, ANNE MICHALSKI, CHRIS MITCHELL, ERIC MITCHELL, TIM MORAN, KRISTEN NOVACICH-KOBERNA, JIM PARKER, NIKKI PETRILLO, KAREN PHILLIPS, WYATT ROBERDS, KAREN ROBERTSON, TOM SCHOOLEY, MARCIE SEDABRES, BRAD SMITH, ERIC SMITH, ZACK SUHRE, AND MICKI WATKINS.
STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER:	CATELYNN LININGER.
OTHERS PRESENT:	PASTOR ALAN BEUSTER, KRISTA BYERS, LAURYN FENOGLIO, SHANNON FENOGLIO, BRIAN FORBES, ALLAN MEYER, ANN HANKS, BAILEY HANKS, KURTIS HANKS, DON LIENEMANN, ABBY MAST, TIM MCCHRISTIAN, MICHELLE MIMS, MARTHA MORSE, JOHN POPE, AMBER SCOTT, ISAIAH TEBBE, AND LEANNA TEBBE.

This was an open and virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There was a total of twenty-nine (29) Employees, one (1) Student Advisory Board Member, eighteen (18) Guests, and four (7) Board Members, physically present;

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

1. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**; The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. 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. Superintendent Cann and President Wilmsmeyer asked that Pastor Alan Beuster with Hope Lutheran Church have a moment of silence for the passing of Orrin Williams, a Coolidge Junior High School Custodian. Pastor Alan Beuster with Hope Lutheran Church offered the invocation at the Board of Education meeting.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;**

A. Board of Education and GCSD9 Administration Recognized the following Granite City High School {GCHS} Band members who are members of the "**Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Festival**".

Bailey Hanks; French Horn

Lauryn Fenoglio; Tuba

Isaiah Tebbe; Music Education

Being part of this festival is the highest honor a band student can receive. It is the equivalent of when an athlete makes it to State, except this is state for band students. They will be part of the festival at the Peoria Civic Center on Saturday, January 28, 2023. The Board and Superintendent Cann expressed their gratitude to Mr. Wyatt Roberds and Ms. Jaida Brockman for their dedication to the GCSD9 Band program.

B. Members from the 1st MidAmerica Credit Union along with GCSD9 Board and Administration, recognized the recipients of their 2023 Teacher Grant;

Kelly Fitzgerald; Frohardt Elementary Education Center

- Grant will be used to purchase Items for the Sensory Room

Marcie Sedabres; Grigsby Intermediate School

- Grant will be used to provide high interest books for students to read while they are waiting 30 minutes for school to begin

Karen Phillips; Maryville/Wilson Elementary Education Centers

- Grant will be used to purchase new instruments at Maryville and Wilson and add scarves to show movement

Thank you to the 1st MidAmerican Credit Union team members that were present; President and CEO Allan Meyer, Martha Morse, Amber Scott, and Abby Mast. We appreciate all that you do for our District and our students.

3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

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

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**; (1-4) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as follows:

   A. **Treasurer's Report**;

      1. Treasurer's Report from November 2022;
         {available upon request}

   B. **Bill List;**

      1. Bill List from December 9, 2022 - January 18, 2023;
         {available upon request}

   C. **Gifts;**
      GCSD9 BOE and Administration Accepted the following Gifts with Thanks and Appreciation

      1. **Geodis Company;** Mike Schueren, the Operational Supervisor with Geodis, donated a total of 16 cases of 32-ounce bottles and 16 cases of 8.4-ounce bottles of hand sanitizer to GCSD9.
      2. **Granite City Dairy Queen**; Robby Steen, Owner of the Granite City Dairy Queen Location donated vouchers for our District Student of the Month program. The vouchers will be good for one free medium blizzard.
      3. **Granite City Cinema**; Donations by Jake Petrillo, Manager of the Granite City Cinema.
         a. Mr. Petrillo donated vouchers for our District Student of the Month program that will be good for one free movie pass.
         b. Mr. Petrillo also donated vouchers for our students that have perfect attendance that will be good for one free movie pass.
      4. **Don Stratton, Retired Principal of Grigsby Intermediate School**; Mr. Stratton donated a stained glass "Grigsby Gator" that is currently displayed in Grigsby's front office.

   D. **Requests from Various Organizations;**

      1. **EF Educational Tours Leaders**; {**GCHS**}; Principal Chris Hutchings and Teacher Kellie Hutchings, requested permission to distribute EF Educational Tours information at Granite City High School to interested students and parents regarding a tour in July of 2024 to Rome and Athens. The first parent meeting will be on February 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Atrium at GCHS.

2. **GC Park District; Patriots in the Park**; Justin Brinkmeyer, Director of Parks and Recreation for the Granite City Park District, requested permission for the following GCSD9 Use of Facilities for their Patriots in the Park event in July.

    a. GCHS Band Field

    c. GCHS Back Parking Lot

    b. Niedringhaus School Parking Lot

    Also requested permission to distribute Information for their Patriots in the Park essay contest to all students in the GCSD9.

    Note: The Main Stage will be in the roadway and parking strip on State Street, and the launch site will be in Wilson Park.

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

5. **RESCIND RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**; (5) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Stacy, upon the recommendation of administration, to a to rescind the following retirements and resignations:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
George Callender	Custodian/GCHS	Rescind	05/31/2023
Alan Schmidt	Math Teacher/Coolidge	Rescind	End of 2024/2025
Paula Hummel-Wilder	5th Grade Teacher/Grigsby	Rescind	End of 2024/2025

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

6. **RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**; (5) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to a to accept the following retirements and resignations:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
George Callender	Custodian/GCHS	Retirement	01/13/2023
Karen Robertson	Principal/Frohardt	Retirement	End of 2023/2024
Cynthia Griffin	Café/Grigsby	Resignation	01/03/2023
Damon Dukes	Paraprofessional/GCHS	Resignation	12/21/2022
Leanne Clutts	Paraprofessional/Prather	Resignation	01/13/2023
Cheryl Balsai	Café/Coolidge	Retirement	12/31/2025
Laura Cell	Paraprofessional/GCHS	Resignation	01/04/2023
Mark Kennerly	Custodian/Grigsby	Retirement	01/09/2023
Lauren Moore	Paraprofessional/Wilson	Resignation	01/25/2023
Alan Schmidt	Math Teacher/Coolidge	Retirement	01/01/2024
Paula Hummel-Wilder	5th Grade Teacher/Grigsby	Retirement	End of 2022/2023
Teresa Mitchell	Cares Response District Principal	Retirement	01/24/2023

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

7. **REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE**; (6) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Carol Houston	Paraprofessional/Frohardt	Medical	12/15/2022 - 03/09/2023
Hong Kim	Custodian/GCHS	Personal	01/17/2023 - 04/17/2023
Brandi Widel	Title Teacher/Frohardt	Medical	01/03/2023 - 04/13/2023
Cheryl Balsai	Café/Coolidge	Medical	01/12/2023 - 04/06/2023
Orrin Williams	Custodian/Coolidge	Medical	01/03/2023 - 03/28/2023
Deena Busse	Secretary/Wilson	Medical	02/21/2023 - 05/16/2023
Kaylin Glenn	Paraprofessional/Wilson	Medical	01/23/2023 - 04/17/2023

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

8. **REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE;** (6) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for extensions to leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Taylor Buchanan	Paraprofessional/Wilson	Personal	01/03/2023 - 05/26/2023

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

9. **EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**; (7) Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extracurricular resignations for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Position	School
Ginger Wittmann	3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	Wilson

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

10. **EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**; (7) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extracurricular resignations for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Position	School
Damon Dukes	Assistant Football Coach	GCHS
Mason Baker	Assistant Football Coach	GCHS

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

11. **EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**; (8) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular assignments for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Position	School
Josh Mills	3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	Wilson
Terry Hill	Assistant Football Coach	GCHS

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

12. **EXTRACURRICULAR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**; (8) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bryant, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extracurricular volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Position	School
Aaron Werths	Boys/Girls Track	GCHS
Hannah Boehme	Boys/Girls Track	GCHS

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

13. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES**; (9) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following certified and classified substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year:

Certified

Gerald Goclan	Baylin Petrillo

Classified

Linda Bellman	Jennifer Hart	Kenneth Prazma	Tracy Whitecotton

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

14. **EMPLOYMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST**; (10) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Kara McGarrahan** as an Occupational Therapist for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

15. **EMPLOYMENT OF PARAPROFESSIONALS {5}**; (11) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Megan Hartin, Kimberly Jackson, Kindle Lyons, Addaya Moore,** and **Christina Rigsby** as Paraprofessionals for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

16. **EMPLOYMENT OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**; (12) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bryant, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Tim McChristian** as the Granite City High School Principal for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

17. **EMPLOYMENT OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY/PHYSICAL SCIENCE TEACHER;** (13) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Jordan Jackson** as a High School Biology/Physical Science Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

18. **EMPLOYMENT OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY/PHYSICAL SCIENCE TEACHER;** (14) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Olivia Beckwith** as a High School Earth Science/Physical Science Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

19. **UNDESIGNATED ASTHMA INHALER AND EPINEPHRINE**; (15) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Stacy, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the request to allow school nurses to have additional Asthma Inhalers and Epinephrine Pens on hand to treat students who may require these devices, but may not have their medication on school premises.

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

20. **SWIC NURSING AGREEMENT**; (16) Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Nunn, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the renewal request to allow SWIC nursing students the opportunity to visit schools in the GCSD9 and participate in practical learning. Nursing students spend a full day with a school nurse during the Spring Semester in order to experience what a school nurse job is like.

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

21. **6TH HOUR ASSIGNMENT; ESSC LAKE SCHOOL**; (17) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve **Candice Parker** for the 6th Hour Teaching Assignment at ESSC-Lake School for the Spring Semester. This will offer a Work Co-op class to high school students who are able to work. This additional compensation will be paid with TAOEP Grant monies.

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

22. **CREATION OF WEEKEND CUSTODIAN POSITION**; (18) Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Stacy, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the creation of a Full-Time Weekend Custodian Position at GCHS. This position will be from 7:00 am - 3:30 pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

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

    Note: Band Director Wyatt Roberds gave a presentation to GCSD9 Board and Administration regarding the need for a full-time Percussion Specialist. Our district is one of the only districts in our area that does not have this position. A Percussion Specialist is a highly specialized section of the band. This will fill a need to provide percussion ensembles year-round in order for our percussionists to receive the same level of music education as our wind musicians. This will allow many additional scholarship opportunities for our students as well.

23. **CREATION OF GCSD9 BAND PERCUSSION SPECIALIST**; (19) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Stacy, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the creation of a Percussion Specialist for the GCSD9 Band Program.

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

24. **PURCHASE OF TWO {2} GOLF CARTS**; (20) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the request for the purchase of two {2} 2017 Club Car Precedent 48V Electric Golf Carts for $7,500.00 each for Granite City High School. They will replace the current carts that need repair, but parts cannot be purchased any longer due to their age.

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

- ✓ **Freedom of Information Act Requests {FOIA}**; (21)

  We received three requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of December 7, 2022 through January 17, 2023.

  1. The first request was received on December 14, 2022 from Vince Espi of Local Labs - news@news.locallabs.com - he requested the following information:

  Records (preferably non-PDF where applicable) of the following data points for all current school board members:

  - Full name (First, middle, last)
  - Date of Birth
  - Home address
  - First day of service
  - Was this board member appointed or elected

  2. The second request was received on December 15, 2022 from Frank Patterson of Academy Research Group - requests@academyresearchgroup.com - he requested the following information:

  - Up-to-date list of your current employees, full names, age or year of birth, hire date, e-mail address, department/position, and salary.

  3. The third request was received on December 23, 2022 from Karen Garcia of SmartProcure - kareng@smartprocure.com - she requested the following information:

Current employee/staff contact information.

- First Name
- Last Name
- Position Title
- Department
- Direct Phone Number (if does not exist, list main phone number with extension)
- Business Cell Phone (if provided by Granite City Community Unit School District 9)
- Email Address
- Office Address (Address, City, State, Zip)

The requests were handled by Administration.

25. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**; Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Venne, 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 - Bryant, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Venne, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", and Wilmsmeyer, "aye", motion carried.

    The Board was called into executive session at 6:55 pm.

    Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Nunn, to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting at 7:17 pm.

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

26. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on December 13, 2022.

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

27. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Stacy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Members voting - all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

Dennis J. Wilmsmeyer, President
Board of Education
Community Unit School District #9

Zack R. Nunn, Secretary
Board of Education
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