



MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECEMBER 8, 2015

BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE ♦ 1947 ADAMS STREET ♦ GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS 62040

MEMBERS PRESENT: MEGHAN DAILY, KATHY HAGNAUER, MATT JONES, JERRY MCKECHAN, BILL MCMASTERS, BEVERLEY SCROGGINS, AND CAROLYN YATES.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: JAMES GREENWALD, ED.S, JODY BATSON, CHRISTINE BEANLAND, JODI BLOMME, PAM BREZGER, THERESA COPPER, SARAH CORZINE, DAREN DEPEW, BRAD ERVAY, CORY ERVAY, DOTTIE FALTER, CINDY GAGICH, JANET GORDON, DONALD HARRIS, GLORIA HARRISON, KRISTINE HEATHERLY, MICHELLE HILLMAN, PAULA HUBBARD, DAVID KEEL, JANET LEITH, MARK LULL, ANN MARGARACINO, LAURA MARZLUF, ANN MAYHALL, STACIE MILLER, TERRY MITCHELL, JOHN MOAD, DARYL MUNGER, CHUCK NOUD, KRISTEN NOVACICH, JUNE ONEY, JIM PARKER, JILL RELLEKE, KAREN ROBERTSON, SHELLEY RYAN, TOM SCHOOLEY, ERIC SMITH, DON STRATTON, ZACK SUHRE, DONNA THOMAS, AND JASON VAUGHN.

OTHERS PRESENT: EDGAR ARGUELLES, KAILI BRADY, REVEREND DERRELL BRAME, BILL BRIMM, MARK CARPENTER, LAURA COLE, DOUG CRITES, SANDY CRITES, ABBY FRANCIS, CATHY FRANCIS, GREG GOEBEL, BRENDA GOULD, CHARLES GOULD, R.A. HARISON, HELEN HAWKINS, JANICE HERZNER, LINDA KNOGL, STEPHEN KNOGL, LINDA McDONNELL, JASON PHILLIPS, MICHAEL POOL, NICOLE PRICE, J.C. REARDON, JAMES REEVES, REBECCA REEVES, CASEY SHAFER, SUSAN SHEPARD, OFFICER ERIC STACEY, JENNIFER WINTERMEYER, AND DENNIS YOUNG.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

1. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM;** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President, Beverley Scroggins. Roll was called. All members were present and a quorum was declared. President Scroggins asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation. She 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 Derrell Brame of Central Christian Church, offered the invocation.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;**
 - A. The Board and Administration of Granite City Community Unit District #9 recognized Ittner Architects for their good working relationship throughout the years with GCSD #9.

- B. The Board and Administration of Granite City Community Unit District #9 recognized the 2015 cast of "A Christmas Carol". They also recognized the 4 individuals who have been part of "A Christmas Carol" for the full 9 years it has been performed by the Granite City Senior High School Theater and Performing Arts Department; Margaret Holland-Pennell, Diane Peach, Karen Robertson, and Donald Stratton.
 - C. The Board and Administration of Granite City Community Unit District #9 recognized GCHS Freshman, Andrew O'Keefe for being a State Qualifier at the IHSA Cross Country Tournament and for also having the top finish for a Freshman at the State Tournament.
 - D. The Board and Administration of Granite City Community Unit District #9 recognized Pam Brezger for receiving the 2015 SWISHA "Honor of the Association Award". Pam is only one of five SLP's since 1968 to receive this award.
 - E. Linda Knogl, District Grandparent, addressed the Board regarding keeping the Early Childhood Program intact.
 - F. Douglas Crites, Citizen, addressed the Board regarding keeping the Early Childhood Program intact.
 - G. Nicole Price, District Parent, addressed the Board regarding keeping the Early Childhood Program intact.
3. **MINUTES;** Motion by Member McKechan, seconded by Member McMasters, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on November 17, 2015, as presented on 89 & a-e.

Members voting - Hagnauer, "aye"; McKechan, "aye", Daily, "aye"; Yates, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Jones, "aye"; and Scroggins, "aye"; motion carried.

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

➤ Bill List

- 1. Bill List from December 2, 2015; (90 & B1-B45)

➤ Requests from Various Organizations; (91)

- 1. **Paddlers Swim Club;** They would like to distribute information regarding their trivia event on Saturday, January 23, 2016, at the KC Hall located at 4225 Old Alton Road, Granite City, IL 62040. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the trivia will begin at 7:00 pm.

2. **Chestnut Health Systems;** They would like to distribute information to GCSD #9 staff regarding Trauma Informed Care.
3. **Helen Hawkins;** She would like to set up a program for all GCSD #9 students to write letters or color Valentine's for our troops that are overseas for Valentine's Day.
4. **GC After Prom Committee;** They would like to use the GCHS Gymnasium Complex as well as having inflatables. They will need to use these facilities on April 23-34, 2016, for their drug-free after prom event. This will be the 13th after prom event held at GCHS.

➤ Gifts; (91)

Accepted the following gifts with thanks and appreciation:

MITCHELL	Monetary Donation to Help Families in Need Donated by Sue Johnson	\$500.00
ELEMENTARY	Donation of Coats and Winter Clothing Donated by Firemen's Local IAFF 253	\$500.00
MARYVILLE	Monetary Donation for 2 New Bicycles and Helmets for November Attendance Incentive Donated by Anonymous	\$145.00

Members voting - McKeachan, "aye", Daily, "aye"; Yates, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Jones, "aye"; Hagnauer, "aye"; and Scroggins, "aye"; motion carried.

5. **RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS (92);** Motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following retirements and resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Michelle Hillman	Teacher Aide/Prather	Resignation	01/01/2016

Members voting - Daily, "aye"; Yates, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Jones, "aye"; Hagnauer, "aye"; McKeachan, "aye", and Scroggins, "aye"; motion carried.

6. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE (92);** Motion by Member Daily, seconded by Member Yates, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following leaves of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Allen Barnhart	Custodian/Wilson	Medical	12/02/2015 – 02/23/2016
Debra Mills	Teacher/GCHS	Medical	12/10/2015 – 02/03/2016
John Niebur	Teacher/Wilson/Worthen	Medical	11/17/2015 – 02/09/2016
Mabel Dacus	Cafeteria/High School	Medical	11/30/2015 – 02/29/2016

Members voting - Yates, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Jones, "aye"; Hagnauer, "aye"; McKechan, "aye", Daily, "aye"; and Scroggins, "aye"; motion carried.

7. **EXTENSIONS TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE** (92); Motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following leaves of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ted Geggus	Painter	Medical	11/18/2015 -12/17/2015

Members voting - McMasters, "aye", Jones, "aye"; Hagnauer, "aye"; McKechan, "aye", Daily, "aye"; Yates, "aye", and Scroggins, "aye"; motion carried.

8. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR VOLUNTEERS** (92a); Motion by Member Hagnauer, seconded by Member McMasters, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extra-curricular volunteers:

Dwain Bridges – Track / Granite City High School
Ashley Deckard – Girls Basketball / Granite City High School
Ernie Miller – Wrestling / Granite City High School
Scott Moss – Wrestling / Granite City High School
Sam Nesbit – Track / Granite City High School
Brandon Owens – Boys Basketball / Granite City High School
Tim Rozycki – Track / Granite City High School

Members voting - Jones, "aye"; Hagnauer, "aye"; McKechan, "aye", Daily, "aye"; Yates, "aye", McMasters, "aye", and Scroggins, "aye"; motion carried.

9. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES** (92b); Motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Yates, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following certified and classified substitutes:

Certified:

Katherine Brimer
Curt Watters

Classified:

Jacqueline Wofford
Venetta Jones

Members voting - Hagnauer, "aye"; McKechan, "aye", Daily, "aye"; Yates, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Jones, "aye"; and Scroggins, "aye"; motion carried.

10. **CONSIDERATION OF TAX LEVY RESOLUTION AND TRUTH-IN TAXATION HEARING** (93 & a-d);

- a. Motion by Member Hagnauer, seconded by Member McKeachan, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education and open the Public Hearing regarding the Consideration of Tax Levy Resolution and Truth-In Taxation Hearing. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

- b. The following statement was read by Superintendent Greenwald:

The proposed tax rate increase is due to the selling of 5 million dollars of working cash fund bonds (about .54 cents based on current EAV), and an increase in our Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and Social Security Fund Tax Rate.

The working cash funds were secured to insure the financial stability of the school district and will be abated from the tax rate after two years. Should the state budget crisis continue, and state funding be diminished or not received at all, we want to ensure there are no unexpected disruptions in the education of our students.

We also have financial responsibilities to our vendors and employees that without working cash funds could have a negative impact on our district.

The board and the district understand the increased burden on the taxpayer. After many years of cost reductions we are currently operating within a balanced budget. We will continue to work towards maintaining a balanced budget, thereby preventing further borrowing, and potentially lowering future tax rates.

- c. Public Hearing; President Beverley Scroggins asked twice if there were any public comments; there were no comments.
- d. Motion by Member McKeachan, seconded by Member Jones to adjourn the Public Hearing. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried.
- e. Motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member McMasters to reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Education. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried.
- f. Motion by Member Hagnauer, seconded by Member Daily to Adopt the Total Tax Levy Resolution, Adopt the Certificate of Tax Levy for \$20,650,000.00 and Certify that we complied with all provisions of Public Act 82-102.

Members voting - McKeachan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

11. **NCLB CONFERENCE 2016** (94); Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve attendance at the annual NCLB conference in Chicago that will be held February 22-24, 2016, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. Approximately 6 staff members including Ms. Novacich, will need to travel to Chicago on Sunday, February 21, 2016. All costs for the conference will be funded from the NCLB Consolidated Application (Title I) required Staff Development allocation.

Members voting - Daily, "aye"; Yates, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Jones, "aye"; Hagnauer, "aye"; McKeachan, "aye", and Scroggins, "aye"; motion carried.

12. **HLS REPAIR TO CRAWLSPACE DAMAGE AT GCHS GYMNASIUM BID #05-16** (95); Motion by Member Daily, seconded by Member McKeachan, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the Health Life Safety repair to the crawlspace damage in the Granite City Senior High School Gymnasium under Bid #05-16. The bid was awarded to Tindall Construction, Inc., with their bid of \$49,993.00.

Members voting - Yates, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Jones, "aye"; Hagnauer, "aye"; McKeachan, "aye", Daily, "aye"; and Scroggins, "aye"; motion carried.

13. **HLS GLASS REPLACEMENT AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS BID #06-16** (95a); Motion by Member Hagnauer, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the Health Life Safety glass replacement at various schools under Bid #06-16. The bid was awarded to Limbaugh Construction Co, Inc., with their bid of \$36,617.00.

Members voting - McMasters, "aye", Jones, "aye"; Hagnauer, "aye"; McKeachan, "aye", Daily, "aye"; Yates, "aye", and Scroggins, "aye"; motion carried.

14. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**; Reviewed the following Reports

Committee Reports; There were no committee reports.

Freedom of Information Act Report; There were no FOIA requests.

15. **EXPULSIONS** (96); Motion by Member Daily, seconded by Member Jones, to uphold the following expulsions:

Expelled one CJHS student with services from December 8, 2015 through December 31, 2016, with re-entry at the semester break.

Expelled two GCHS students with services from December 8, 2015 through December 31, 2016, with re-entry at the semester break.

Members voting - Jones, "aye"; Hagnauer, "aye"; McKeachan, "aye", Daily, "aye"; Yates, "aye", McMasters, "aye", and Scroggins, "aye"; motion carried.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There was no executive session.
17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES** (97); Motion by Member Hagnauer, seconded by Member Yates, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on December 8, 2015, as presented under separate cover.
- Members voting - Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechnan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.
18. **SETTING OF THE AGENDA**; The District Policy Committee will be recommending amended Policies that were discussed at their meeting on December 8, 2015.
19. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Member Jones seconded by Member Yates, to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

Beverley Scroggins, President

Kathy Hagnauer, Secretary