



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

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: JAMES GREENWALD, ED.S., JODY BATSON, DENNIS BURNETT, PAT CURRY, LISA DELANEY, DAREN DEPEW, BRAD EAVENSON, CORY ERVAY, DOTTIE FALTER, CINDY GAGICH, DONALD HARRIS, PAULA HUBBARD, STEVE KNOGL, MARK LULL, STACIE MILLER, TERRY MITCHELL, KRISTEN NOVACICH, JIM PARKER, NIKKI PETRILLO, DON STRATTON, TOM SCHOOLEY, ZACK SUHRE, AND MARY VOSS.

OTHERS PRESENT: REVEREND MICHAEL ADEN, DAN COMER, SEAN FOOTE, JOHN JANEK, OFFICER ERIC STACY, AND KEN VOSS.

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 Michael Aden of Solid Rock Community Church offered the invocation.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;** Steve Knogl, President of Local #743 addressed the Board in Executive Session.
3. **MINUTES;** Motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Daily, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 28, 2014, as presented on 515 & a-e.

Members voting—Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

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

- Bill List
 1. Bill List from November 5, 2014 (516-554)
 2. Bill List from November 13, 2014 (555-577)

- Bids; (578 &a)

CTE All-In-One Computers Bid #30-15

Awarded the bid named above to the following vendor in bold based on previous product usage and/or low bid to specifications:

Global Gov/Ed Solutions Inc. \$59,280.00

Dell **\$45,840.00**

Compu Type \$46,656.00

***Turned in Late; Bid Not Accepted*

CTEI and Perkins Grant Special Purchases

Approved the following purchases which are completely covered by the CTEI and Perkins Grants:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cost</u>
All CTE Programs	3 DELL Laptops	\$3700.00
Vocational Welding	Trailblazer Air Pack	\$8,800.00
	Spectrum 875 Plasma Cutter	\$2000.00
	Running Gear	\$395.00
	Spot Welder	\$650.00
TOTAL		\$13,745.00

- Out of State Trip Requests; (579)

Kristen Novacich and Cindy Gagich will be attending the RenLearning Leadership Forum in Oklahoma City on December 9-10, 2014. This are no fees for this workshop. The only cost will be their flight which will be covered by Title I Funds.

The Granite City High School Wrestling Team will be attending the Kansas City Stampede Wrestling Tournament at Hale Arena in Kansas City, Missouri from December 19-20, 2014. There will be approximately 17 students and 4 adults attending. All travel costs will be covered by the team members.

➤ Consulting Agreements; (580)

Granite City School District and Multi-Care Specialists Medical Group have entered into an as needed consulting agreement concerning Granite City School District athletes. Agreement states that the Certified Athletic Trainer employed by the school district has access to consult with Multi-Care Specialists physicians in regards to the treatment of injuries to Granite City School District student/athletes. This agreement is for consulting purposes only and will be utilized at the Certified Athletic Trainer's discretion per the Illinois Athletic Trainers Practices Act. Aforementioned agreement does not bind Granite City School District any financial obligation to Multi-Care Specialists or to the physicians for any consulting rendered.

➤ Request from Various Organization; (581)

1. **Granite City After Prom Committee;** They would like to request the use of the GCHS gymnasium complex for their after prom events on April 18-19, 2015, which will provide a safe and fun environment for students. This will be their 12th after prom event. There will also be use of inflatables and they will provide insurance.
2. **YMCA;** They would like to distribute information regarding their Young Author's contest sponsored by BSR Books for ages 14-21.
3. **Bethel Pentecostal Church;** They would like to distribute fliers regarding their Live Nativity on October 6-8, 2014, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.
4. **Chestnut Health Systems;** They would like to distribute information regarding their Drug Free campaign at Granite City Senior High School. They would also like to display posters, banners, yard signs, and also distribute campaign materials at sporting events with the help of clubs at Granite City Senior High School. The yard signs will also be displayed at Coolidge Junior High School and Grigsby Intermediate School.
5. **Elks Recreational Soccer League;** They would like to distribute fliers to all Elementary Schools in GCSD #9 in January 2015 regarding their recreational soccer program. They would also like to post 3' x 5' signs outside of each Elementary School as well as at Nameoki Rd and Fehling Rd. They signs will be placed in January and removed in February.

➤ Gifts; The following gifts were accepted with thanks and appreciation:

- ◆ **Prather and Wilson School,** Donation of school supplies and uniforms valued at approximately \$530.00.; Donated by First United Presbyterian Church.

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

5. **RESCIND ACTIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETING ON RETIREMENTS (582)**; Motion by Member Daily, seconded by Member Yates, upon the recommendation of the administration, to rescind the actions of previous meetings on the following retirements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Steve Nikonovich	Custodian/High School	June 30, 2017
Gail Kindle	Ex. Secretary/Personnel	June 30, 2018
Rick Wickham	Teacher/GCHS	June 30, 2016
Frank McHugh	Counselor/GCHS	June 30, 2016

Members voting—Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

6. **RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS (582)**; Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Jones, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following retirements and resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Angela Handling	Title I Aide	Resignation	October 29, 2014
Steve Nikonovich	Custodian/GCHS	District ERO Retirement	June 30, 2015
Gail Kindle	Ex Secretary/Personnel	District ERO Retirement	June 30, 2015
Dee Wright	Teacher/Prather	District ERO Retirement	End of 14/15 School Yr
Rick Wickham	Teacher/GCHS	District ERO Retirement	End of 14/15 School Yr
Frank McHugh	Counselor/GCHS	District ERO Retirement	End of 14/15 School Yr
Carla Taylor	Cook	Retirement	January 9, 2015

Members voting—Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

7. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE (582a)**; Motion by Member Hagnauer, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following leaves of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Susan Anderson	Ex. Secretary/Personnel	Medical	11/05/2014 – 01/28/2015
Jeanne Venne	Cafeteria/High School	Deduct (5 days)	12/08/2014 – 12/12/2014
Bonnie Swanson	Teacher/Prather	Medical	11/24/2014 – 12/22/2014
Theresa Phelps	Cafeteria/Mitchell	Medical	11/11/2014 – 02/11/2015

Members voting—Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

8. **EXTENSIONS TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE (582a)**; Motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Yates, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extensions to leaves of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Elaine Streicher	Cafeteria/Wilson	Medical	11/01/2014 – 01/12/2015

Members voting—Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

9. **EMPLOYMENT OF TITLE I AIDE** (582b); Motion by Member Hagnauer, Seconded by Member Jones, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ Alicia Johnson as a GCSD #9 Title I Aide.

Members voting—Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

10. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR** (582c); Motion by Member Dillard, Seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extra-curricular volunteers contingent upon completion of all required paperwork:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Scott Moss	Wrestling Volunteer/GCHS
Scott Penny	Wrestling Volunteer/GCHS

Members voting—McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

11. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES** (582d); Motion by Member Daily, seconded by Member Yates, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following certified and classified substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year:

Certified:

Scott Penny

Classified:

Laura Cell, Anita Miller, Jason Beard

Members voting—Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

12. **2014 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION** (583 & a-d); Motion by Member Hagnauer, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to adopt the tax levy resolution for the 2014 taxes.

Members voting—Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

13. **NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE** (583 & a-d); Motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Hagnauer, upon the recommendation of the administration, to authorize the publication of a notice on the proposed property tax increase for the Granite City CUSD #9 and Truth in Taxation Certificate.

Members voting—Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

14. **PUBLIC HEARING ON 2014 TAX LEVY** (583 & a-d); Motion by Member Hagnauer, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to set December 9, 2014, at 5:00 pm in the Board Room as the time and place for the Public Hearing on the 2014 Tax Levy.

Members voting—Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

15. **AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT THE ADMINISTRATION THE AUTHORITY TO START THE PROCESS TO INCREASE REVENUES** (583e); Motion by Member Hagnauer, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to authorize the Administration the authority to start the process to increase revenues.

The following statement was read by Superintendent Greenwald:



*GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT #9*

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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November 18, 2014

Due to the continuing decline in revenue from state and local property taxes over the past few years, the Board of Education has been forced to make major reductions in our budget by reducing personnel and eliminating programs. Those measures have included closing a building, reducing our teaching staff by over 50 teachers, reducing administrators, custodians, as well as many other staff positions. In addition, we have lowered energy costs, and have not been able to purchase new text books due to the elimination of the Illinois Text Book Loan Program. The decline in revenue has forced us to borrow money to meet operating expenses.

Each and every time that the District and Board of Education has taken steps to balance the budget the state has further reduced our revenue and tax dollars by decreasing assessed evaluation which is a loss of local revenue for our district.

It is the opinion of both the Administration and the Board of Education that there are no additional cuts to personnel or programs that can be made without seriously affecting the quality and type of instructional programs we offer our students.

We do not want an elementary program without art, physical education or music. We do not want a secondary program without a marching band or a football team. We do not want to eliminate our drama programs, our speech programs, or any other student activities that make a high school just that, a high school. We do not want to eliminate our college bound courses or our trade programs. We do not want classes with 40 students - and - we need to be able to keep our textbooks current.

We have no control over state or federal revenues. Our local revenues are dependent on the assessed evaluation and the tax rate. Like many Illinois school districts, we need to stabilize our declining revenue sources.

There are no good options - but - the Administration feels the best option is to ask the Board of Education to give our parents and taxpayers the opportunity to vote on saving our schools by increasing the Education Fund tax rate by eighty cents.

Discussion: This increase would only make our finances even. We will still have a deficit with this increase if we lose more funding.

Members voting—Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechnan, “aye”; Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”; Jones, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

16. **POTENTIAL US OF CAFETERIA/DINING ROOM AT NIEDRINGHAUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** (584); Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the drawing of a lease agreement with the GCHS Band Parents Association for the potential use of the Cafeteria/Dining Room at Niedringhaus Elementary School.

Discussion: The lease will have clause giving the GCHS Band Parents Association enough time to relocate should we sell the building. The Granite City Park District does not have the funding to relocate their offices to Niedringhaus.

Members voting—McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

17. **PLAYGROUNDS AT NIEDRINGHAUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** (584a); Motion by Member Hagnauer, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the offer of the Playgrounds at Niedringhaus Elementary School to not for profit groups pending the agreement set by the Building Services Department.

Members voting—Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

18. **SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM ACT OF 2014** (585 & a-b); Motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to adopt a resolution in Support of the School Funding Reform Act of 2014 also known as Senate Bill 16.

Members voting—Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

19. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

Committee Reports – Ratified the actions of the District Curriculum Committee.

Members voting—Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

Freedom of Information Act Report – There has been one request under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of October 23, 2014 through November 12, 2014.

The request was received on October 23, 2014 from Captain Mike Gagich of the Granite City, Illinois Police Department. He requested student enrollment information.

This request was handled by Administration.

Expulsions (588) Motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Daily, upon the recommendation of the administration, to expel (1) GCHS student with Services from November 18, 2014, through December 31, 2015, allowing re-entry at the semester break.

Members voting—Jones, “aye”; Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion by Member Dillard, seconded by Member Yates, to go into executive session for the exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2 Open Meetings:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, placement, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body;
- Student disciplinary matters;
- The purchase or lease of real property for use by the public body;
- Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed...is probable or imminent.

Members voting—Hagnauer, “aye”; McKechan, “aye”, Daily, “aye”; Yates, “aye”; Dillard, “aye”, Jones, “aye”; and Scroggins, “aye”; motion carried.

The Board was called into executive session at 5:32 pm.

Motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Hagnauer to exit executive session and resume the meeting at 6:17 pm.

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

21. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES;** We did not have an Executive Session at the October 28, 2014, Board of Education Meeting.

22. **SETTING THE AGENDA;** There were no items for the December 9, 2014 agenda.

23. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Member Yates, seconded by Member Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Members voting—all aye; voice vote; motion carried.