



MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL 26, 2022

BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE ♦ 3200 MARYVILLE ROAD ♦ GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS 62040

MEMBERS PRESENT: TALLIN CURRAN, LINDA KNOGL, BILL MCMASTERS, ZACK NUNN, ERICA VENNE, AND DENNIS WILMSMEYER.

MEMBERS ABSENT: ERIC STACY.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: STEPHANIE CANN, ED.S., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, STEPHANIE BOYER, SRO BRIAN CAVE, DAREN DEPEW, CORY ERVAY, WENDY GUNTER, SHANE JONES, DAVID KEEL, CHRIS MITCHELL, JAIME PAMATOT, MELIA ROSENBERG, AND MICKI WATKINS.

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER: MAXWELL FORBES.

OTHERS PRESENT: BRIDGET BARNEY, BROOKLYN CAVE, BRISTOL CAVE, DEIDRE CAVE, BRIAN FORBES, MICHELLE FORBES, PASTOR KARLA FROST, BO PAMATOT, AND DAVE ROSENBERG.

This was an open and virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There were a total of twelve (12) Employees, one (1) Student Advisory Board Member, nine (9) Guests, and six (6) Board Members, physically present; Employees via Zoom; Prather Principal Genie Bratten, Director of Information Systems/Student Services Brad Ervay, Supervisor of Food Services Chris McCullough, COVID Renewal and Innovation Coordinator Steven Mathes, Executive Director of Human Resources and Recruitment Jim Parker, Special Education Supervisor Jill Relleke, Director of Technology Brad Smith, Supervisor of Facilities Management Eric Smith, and Chief School Business Official Zack Suhre.

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, 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. Pastor Karla Frost with St. John's United Church of Christ offered the invocation. Pastor Frost included Mrs. Jamie Kindle in prayer and asked for a moment of silence for her passing. Mrs. Kindle was a 1st Grade Teacher at the Wilson 1-2 Center and had 27 years of service with our district. Jamie was a true blessing to all that knew her and will be greatly missed.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;**

- A. Superintendent Cann and the Board of Education recognized and congratulated GCHS Senior Lawson Kimble, who qualified as an Illinois State Scholar. Lawson had a prior commitment and was not present at the meeting.

It takes extreme diligence and hard work to qualify and become an Illinois State Scholar. They are chosen by a combination of their grade point average and their SAT scores. We not only wanted to congratulate the students for all of their hard work, but also their families. Assistant Principal Stacie Miller does a wonderful job with these students and oversees the Illinois State Scholars qualification process.

- B. Superintendent Cann and the Board of Education recognized and congratulated the GCHS Scholastic Bowl Coach Jaime Pamatot, who was named the 2021-2022 Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association (IHSSBCA) Tom Durbin Class AA Coach of the Year! Coach Pamatot guided the Warriors this season to the IHSA Class Regional Championship for the 3rd straight year. GCHS Scholastic Bowl Team; Captain Lily Relleke, Ben Johnson, Lexi Kunz, Logan Light, Shane Tieman, and Jadon Wing.

- C. Superintendent Cann and the Board of Education presented a Certificate of Heroism to GCHS School Resource Officer, Brian Cave, for showing incredible bravery in a time of crisis. A student began to choke during lunch and walked over to SRO Cave who immediately performed the Heimlich Maneuver. We are very proud of SRO Cave!

3. **MINUTES;** Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Knogl, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on March 22, 2022.

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

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

✦ **GCSD9/Region I Treasurer's Report for February 2022**

✦ **Bill List;**

1. Bill List from March 17, 2022 – April 21, 2022

✦ **Accepted the following gifts with thanks and appreciation:**

DISTRICT Hot Dogs for EL Parent Night

Donated by: Novacich Meat Market

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

5. **RESCIND RETIREMENTS**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of administration, to rescind the following retirements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Carla Finkes	Physics Teacher/GCHS	Rescind	End of the 2023/2024 School Year

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Carla Finkes	Physics Teacher/GCHS	Retirement	End of the 2021/2022 School Year
Olivia Salanik	Paraprofessional/Prather	Retirement	04/30/2022
Randall Anderson	Custodian/Coolidge	Retirement	06/30/2024
Melissa Ray	Secretary/GCHS	Resignation	06/03/2022

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

7. **REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE**; Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for leaves of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jamie Kindle	1 st Grade Teacher/Wilson	Medical	03/22/2022-06/14/2022
Lori Wicks	Parent Infant Educator/ Prather Pre-K	Medical	04/08/2022-07/01/2022
Amy Schnefke	Special Ed/ED Teacher/ Grigsby	Medical	03/21/2022-06/13/2022
Richard Dawes	Monitor/Grigsby	Deduct	04/25/2022-04/29/2022
Cynthia Nault	Cafeteria/Maryville	Medical	03/28/2022-06/20/2022

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kara Urioste	5 th Grade Teacher/ Grigsby	Maternity	04/03/2022-06/26/2022
Renee Weidner	Paraprofessional/ Prather Pre-K	Medical	03/15/2022-09/14/2022

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Christie Moad	GCHS Business Department Head
Allen Kirgan	CJHS Assistant Wrestling Coach
Candi Parker	GCHS Hockey Club Sponsor

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

10. **EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS FOR GCHS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR;** Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member McMasters, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular assignments for GCHS for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Earl Clark	Asst Girls Track Coach

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

11. **EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS FOR GCHS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular assignments for GCHS for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Bruce Frank	Driver's Ed Department Head
Kyle Thompson	Assistant Football Coach
Bill Puhse	Assistant Cross Country Coach
Eric Hill	Asst Athletic Director
Lindsay Doolittle	Hockey Club Sponsor
Chandra Bristol	Business Department Head

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

12. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES**; Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following certified and classified substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year:

Certified:

Katherine Henderson
Isabella Miller

Classified:

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

13. **EMPLOYMENT OF CJHS 7TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**; Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Nunn, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Bryan Welser** as a 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher at Coolidge Junior High School for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

14. **EMPLOYMENT OF CJHS 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STEM TEACHERS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR (2)**; Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Dennis Holland** as a 7th Grade STEM Teacher and **Brian Haerr** as an 8th Grade STEM Teacher at Coolidge Junior High School for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

15. **EMPLOYMENT OF CJHS 8TH GRADE ART TEACHER FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**; Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Anne Michalski** as an 8th Grade Art Teacher at Coolidge Junior High School for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

16. **EMPLOYMENT OF ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL TEACHING POSITIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR (9)**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ the following teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.

Kim Bailey;	1st Grade Teacher at Maryville
Hannah Boehme;	2nd Grade Teacher at Maryville
Kayla Bridick;	1st Grade Teacher at Wilson
Megan Busse;	1st Grade Teacher at Maryville
Heather Key;	4th Grade Teacher at Mitchell
Makenzi Meador;	1st Grade Teacher at Wilson
Angela Russell;	6th Grade Teacher at Grigsby
Lauren Smith;	3rd Grade Teacher at Frohardt
Ashlin West;	5th Grade Teacher at Grigsby

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

17. **EMPLOYMENT OF GCHS SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Mallory Glass** as a Social Studies Teacher at Granite City High School for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

18. **EMPLOYMENT OF GCHS PHYSICS TEACHER FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**; Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Chad Alexander** as a Physics Teacher at Granite City High School for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

19. **BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL OPT-OUT HEARING AUTHORIZATION;** Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Nunn, upon the recommendation of the administration, to authorize Administration to notify the State Board of Education and publish on the district's website, notification of a public hearing on June 28th at 6:00 PM at the regular Board of Education meeting regarding the Granite City School District opting out of the "Breakfast After the Bell" mandate for fiscal hardship reasons.

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

20. **CONTRACTUAL VISION ITINERANT/ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY TRAINING SERVICES;** Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, to authorize Administration to enter into a contract with Region III Special Education Cooperative, to provide Itinerant Vision Services and Orientation and Mobility Training.

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

21. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SCHNUCK'S MARKET, INC. FOR THE STEP PROGRAM FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to authorize Administration to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Schnuck's Market, Inc. The parties to this MOU will collaborate to allow training opportunities at the Granite City Schnuck's location for individuals participating in Granite City High School's Pre-Employment Training Program (STEP Program).

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

22. **CREATION OF JOB COACH POSITION;** Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, to authorize Administration to create a full time job coach position for the Special Education Vocational Training Program. IDEA Part B grant funds will support this position.

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

23. **SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR;** Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year:



Granite City Community Unit School District #9

Ms. Stephanie M. Cann, Ed.S. | Superintendent of Schools

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 15-16	Teacher Institute - Staff Reports
August 17	First Day of Student Attendance
September 5	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
October 7	NO SCHOOL - County Institute
October 10	NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
November 7	NO SCHOOL
November 8	NO SCHOOL - Election Day
November 9	NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences {PM schedule}
November 10	NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences {AM Schedule}
November 11	NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day
November 23-25	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
December 22, 2022 - January 2, 2023	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
January 3	Teacher Institute; NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE
January 4	Full Day Professional Learning {PLD - #1}; NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE
January 5	Students Return for Spring Semester
January 16	NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
February 8	Full Day Professional Learning {PLD - #2}; NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE
February 20	NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
March 6	NO SCHOOL - Casimir Pulaski Day
March 15	Full Day Professional Learning {PLD - #3}; NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE ; Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 3-10	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
May 26	Last Day of Student Attendance if <u>NO</u> Additional Emergency Days Used
May 29	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day <u>*If Necessary*</u>
June 5	Last Day of Student Attendance If <u>ALL</u> Emergency Days Used

Approved at the 04.26.2022 Board of Education Meeting – {SUBJECT TO CHANGE}

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

24. **PURCHASE OF NETWORK SWITCHES WITH ESSER II GRANT FUNDING**; Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to award the purchase of 20 Network Switches to Secure Data for a total of \$105,406.00. This purchase will be paid with ESSER II Grant Funds.

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

25. **PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT BACKHOE**; Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the request to the purchase a used backhoe from ERB Equipment Company for \$33,104.00. The backhoe we had was unrepairable and we had to scrap it.

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

26. **GCHS COOLING TOWER REPAIR**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the request to repair the Granite City High School Cooling Tower to make it run more efficiently. Total cost is \$30,051.00.

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

27. **GCHS BATHROOM PARTITION REPLACEMENT**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the request to replace all toilet partitions at Granite City High School due to recent vandalism and abuse. Total cost from MJ Products Company is \$49,152.00.

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

28. **GCHS UPDATE FIRE ALARM DETECTORS**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the request to purchase 180 smoke and heat devices at Granite City High School that have exceeded their life expectancy. They must be replaced to bring our fire system up to date. Total cost for the devices is \$48,000.00.

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

29. **GCHS GYMNASIUM ROOF FALL RESTRAINT SYSTEM;** Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the request to purchase a fall restraint system for the roof of the Granite City High School Gymnasium. This will help our HVAC technicians, carpenters, etc. be 100% tied off for fall restraint. Total Cost for this system is \$40,480.00.

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

30. **COOLIDGE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL COOLING SYSTEM UPGRADE;** Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member McMasters, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the request to upgrade the cooling system at Coolidge Junior High School. By upgrading the controls and replacing the chillers, we can balance the temperature better and keep moisture out of the building. Our HVAC technicians will also be able to see if all units are running effectively and see if valves are open or closed, etc. Total Cost to replace defective chiller and upgrade the controls is \$705,532.00.

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

31. **GCHS UPDATE TEMP CONTROLS TO ONE SYSTEM;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the request to upgrade the HVAC controls at Granite City High School. This will help with the efficiency of our heat pump univents so we can balance the temperature, troubleshoot, and help the units run more efficiently. Total cost for the upgrade is \$105,324.00.

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

32. **GCHS TUCKPOINTING BID #11-22;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to award the Granite City High School Tuckpointing Bid #11-22 to Staat Inc. This is an ongoing project to eliminate water intrusion. Staat Inc. was the only bidder for the job with a total price of \$153,170.00.

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

33. **PURCHASE OF GARAGE AT 1947 ADAMS STREET;** Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the request to purchase a Garage for the 1947 Adams Street location. This will take the place of the old Lumber Yard/AV building that is scheduled to be torn down sometime in the future. We will use this garage to store equipment, vehicles etc. Building size is 40x100 and the total cost to purchase is \$78,803.00.

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

34. **GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL PROPOSAL**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the request to offer a Granite City High School Summer School Program. Classes will be housed at GCHS and the cost will be \$100 per class, which will be reduced to \$50 per class after the successful completion of the course. Summer school is June 1, 2022 - June 29, 2022. In-person and online courses will be offered. There will be **no transportation** provided by the district.

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

35. **STUDENT BOARD MEMBER ADVISOR FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**; Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the recommendation from the Student School Board Member Advisor interview committee consisting of Board Secretary Zack Nunn, Board Member Erica Venne, Superintendent of Schools Stephanie Cann, and GCHS Principal Daren Depew, to name **Catelynn Liniger** as the Student School Board Member Advisor for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

36. **PHASE ONE SPORTS FACILITY UPDATE/ARCHITECTS; CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Nunn, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the recommendation for Administration to negotiate a contract for Architectural services for Phase One of the Sports Facility Upgrade. Items will include the GCHS Girls Softball field and fencing and walkways to the facilities. The recommendation is Paragon Architecture.

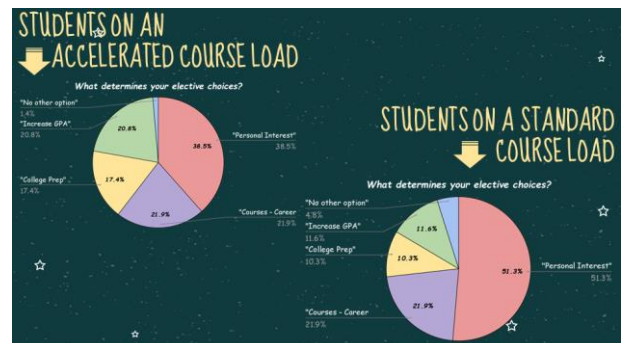
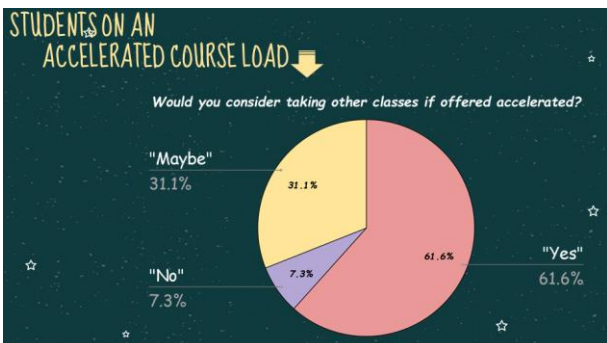
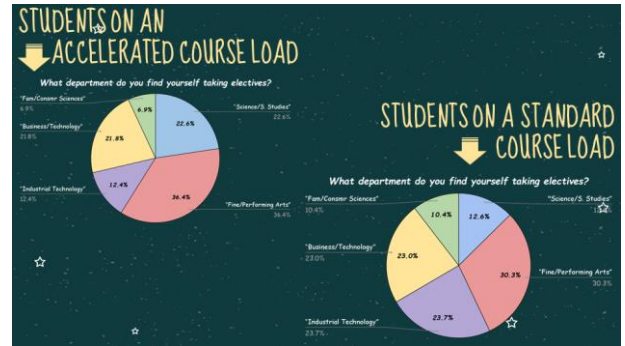
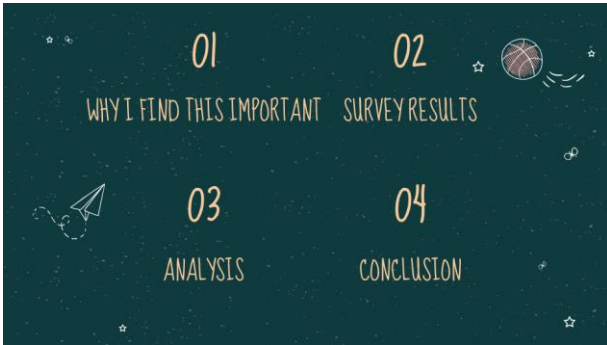
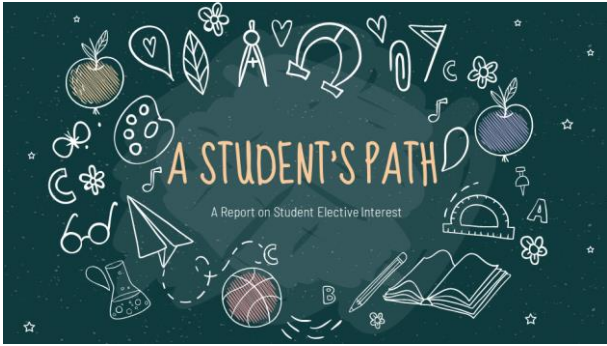
Members voting - Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Venne, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Wilmsmeyer, "aye", motion carried. Member Absent: Stacy.

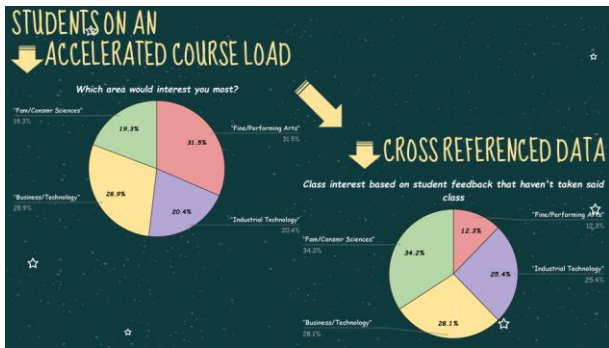
37. **GCHS MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member McMasters, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the recommendation to authorize Administration to move forward with a contract with A.T.G. Sports for installation of a multi-purpose turf field at GCHS.

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

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

✓ **Student Board Member Advisor Presentation by Maxwell Forbes**
{Attached}





KEY FINDINGS

01. Students wanting to take Fine and Performing Arts want to it whether it is offered accelerated or not.
02. Between both groups, elective choice is evenly taken into consideration based on career path. Both groups do separate when it comes to increasing GPA/College Prep vs Personal Interest
03. Vocational and Family/Consumer science classes have a large interest for accelerated course load students that currently don't take it.



STUDENTS WANT MORE ACCELERATED OPTIONS

Two Things

Under current stature, this could inflate valedictorian student body or we need to re-evaluate what classes are offered accelerated.

LIMIT ACCELERATED CREDIT TO COURSES RELATED TO STATE TESTING

What does this achieve?
Pros:

- Keeps what qualifies a class for accelerated credit fair
- May boost test scores
- Leaves electives to be truly electives! Instead of debating on taking a class based on its credit, a student can evaluate their decision on the class material!

"I want to expose students to potential career choice so that they're able to make their own decision when it comes to determining their career choice."

-Billy Laycock

THANKS!

Do you have any questions?

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✓ **State of the District Presentation by Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Stephanie M. Cann. {Attached}**



OVERVIEW -COVID 19 Effects on the District

Re-focusing job duties- Board Office

- **Superintendent**- Oversaw all COVID responses in district-Developed Return to Learn plans according to all Federal, State and local requirements and guidelines. Worked with local Health Dept, local pediatricians, and admin to assure guideline adherence. Union MOU's
- **Human Resources**-Focus on staff COVID requirements- Insurance, leave, staff recruitment
- **Finance**-Managed ESSER Grant expenditures, real time COVID dashboard by site
- **Curriculum and Learning** -Change in instruction and learning processes
- **Ed Operations**-Oversaw health and safety student side, school nurses, COVID rooms
- **Food Service**-Managed safe service during remote and in-person, overcame supply chain issues
- **Facilities**- Protecting staff and students with materials and sanitation procedures
- **Communications**-Disseminated all vital information to GCSD9 families (website, important info on social media, transportation, and recruitment)
- **Students services**-Registration, transportation, and academic material distribution
- **Special Education**-Worked within guidelines to address student needs, remote IEPs and related services
- **Technology**- Distributed and maintained new devices for students and staff while continually developing new technology and support (Tech Help Hotline)

Board Office Administration

Evolved into a COVID Response Team

- Shift to COVID-19 response within educational systems
- Continually reviewed and implemented guidance from ISBE, Madison County Health Department, IDPH, and CDC with regard to COVID mandates
- Navigated the ever-changing academic guidelines from ISBE with regard to remote instruction and return to learn
- Created and oversaw Bldg CARE Teams to address student social/emotional well being
- Developed a dedicated Educational Team to better address student learning

Education Team-During COVID-all encompassing approach to education and problem-solving

Members:

- Executive Director of Educational Operations and AEP (**David Keel**),
- Executive Director Special Education and Region I (**Micki Watkins**),
- COVID Renewal and Innovation Coordinator (**Steve Mathes**)
- Executive Director of Curriculum and Professional Development (**Kristen Novacich-Koberna**).

GOALS:

- To address PreK-12 student learning
- To build consistent, relevant & research based academic and social/emotional instruction
- To plan effective and collaborative Educator Professional Development
- To create and hire new and innovative educator and administrative positions to help address the academic effects of COVID on both staff and students
- To build a system where all student data is addressed and used to develop interventions at all levels

District COVID Job Refocus

District Staff:

- **Building Administration**-Oversaw all school COVID change
- **School Nurses**-handled all of the myriad of guidelines required by IDPH and local Health Dept. for students.
- **Custodial**- new guidelines for sanitation
- **Crafts**- built isolation rooms
- **Teachers**-adjusted and conquered new and remote 1:1 instruction.
- **Technology Team**- In house support- Tech Help Hotline (weekends too) some districts emulated our process

What's Next for GCSD9?

Silver Linings of COVID:

- New technology to move our students into the 21st century with their peers across the country
 - Devices for every student K-12
 - Devices for support staff
- Teacher growth in technological approach to instruction
 - E-learning days
 - Easier Homebound instruction
- Re-evaluation of District Curriculum and Systems
 - Developing effective and equitable interview and hiring process
 - More teacher collaboration in developing curriculum
 - Developing consistent district procedures
 - Movement towards a more scaffolded approach to district curriculum

A more comprehensive understanding of the Health & Safety of our students and Staff in the face of a health emergency. Behaviors, sanitation, PPE, local communication with health care providers.

On the Horizon for GCSD9

- New Building and Grounds improvements: HVAC, roofs, sidewalks
- Parking Improvements-
- New bus company
- New Food Service menu items and procedures
- New sports facilities
- Continued improvements in district communications
- More collaboration with community & business partners- Granite City, Pontoon Beach, Mitchell, Six Mile Library District, GC Park District, America's Port, local businesses, and many others.
- Strategic planning to provide a consistent and innovative approach to district improvement.

Thank you to the Community and this very progressive GCSD9 Board of Education for their continued support of this District as we move forward together.

- ✓ **Freedom of Information Act Requests {FOIA}** We received two requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of March 12, 2022 through April 19, 2022:

1. The first request was received on March 16, 2022 from Timothy Oliver of Sycamore Learning Company - tim@sycamorelearning.com - he requested the following information:
 - *Students name, students grade level, students name of school and parents email addresses.*
2. The second request was received on April 11, 2022 from Michael A. McCall-Delgado of Amalgamated Transit Union - research@atu.org - he requested the following information:
 - *Current contract between the district and First Student for the provision of student transportation services including all addenda, amendments, attachments, exhibits and extensions.*

These requests were handled by Administration.

✓ **District Activity and Memorial Fund Statements from March 2022**

39. **DISCIPLINE OF CJHS STUDENTS;** This item was held for Executive Session pursuant to sections **2(c)(8)** and **2(c)(9)**.
40. **DISCIPLINE OF GCHS STUDENTS;** This item was held for Executive Session pursuant to sections **2(c)(8)** and **2(c)(9)**.
41. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl 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 - McMasters, "aye", Venne, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", and Wilmsmeyer, "aye", motion carried. Member Absent: Stacy.

The Board was called into executive session at 8:22 pm.

Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Wilmsmeyer, to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting at 9:02 pm.

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

42. **DISCIPLINE OF CJHS STUDENTS;** Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration to uphold the recommendation for Expulsion in Abeyance for five (5) Coolidge Junior High School students with specified services and requirements, for one year from the date of the Board of Education meeting; April 26, 2022 through April 26, 2023.

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

43. **DISCIPLINE OF GCHS STUDENTS;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration to uphold the recommendation for Expulsion in Abeyance for eight (8) Granite City High School students with specified services and requirements, for one year from the date of the Board of Education meeting; April 26, 2022 through April 26, 2023.

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

44. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES;** Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Nunn, upon the recommendation of the administration to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on March 22, 2022.

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

45. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Knogl, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. Members voting - all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

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

Zack Nunn, Secretary
Board of Education
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