

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **JUNE 8, 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, and Erica Venne, Dennis Wilmsmeyer

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: STEPHANIE CANN, ED.S., MARY VOSS, CHRIS MITCHELL, AND ATTORNEY ROB JACKSTADT.

ZACK SUHRE and JIM PARKER ENTERED THE MEETING AT 5:51 P.M.

OTHERS PRESENT: PASTOR JARED CORZINE

This was a virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There were a total of six (6) Employees, seven (7) Board Members, physically present and practicing social distancing; Superintendent of Schools Stephanie Cann, Manager of District Communications Chris Mitchell, Executive Director of Human Resources and Recruitment Jim Parker, Executive Director of K-12 Professional Development/Curriculum Kristen Novacich-Koberna, Attorney Rob Jackstadt, Director of Information Systems/Student Services/Enrollment Brad Ervay, Director of Technology Brad Smith, Chief School Business Official Zack Suhre, Special Education/Region I Executive Director Micki Watkins, Special Education/Region I Coordinator Stephanie Boyer, Supervisor Facilities Management Eric Smith, Food Service Supervisor Chris McCullough, and Mary Voss.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

1. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM;** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm 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 Jared Corzine with Unity Baptist Church delivered the Invocation.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;** Public Comment is a period of time set by Board policy when the the general public may give oral and /or written testimony to the Board of Education. Participants wishing to give public comment should register with the Superintendent prior to the Board Meeting and notify her of the subject they wish to discuss. Comments are limited to two minutes.

Please send any public comment requests/statement to any of the following individuals by 4PM on Monday, June 7, 2021.

Ms. Stephanie Cann, Superintendent of Schools, stepanie.cann@gcsd9.net
Ms. Cory Ervay, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent, cory.ervay@gcsd9.net
Mr. Dennis Wilmsmeyer, Board of Education President, dennis.wilmsmeyer@gcsd9.net

3. **MINUTES;** Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member McMasters, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on May 25, 2021.

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

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

A. **Bill List:**

1. Bill List From May 20, 2021 to June 3, 2021

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

5. **RETIREMENT(S) AND RESIGNATION(S);** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following Retirement(s) and Resignation(s):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Linda Ames	Social Studies Teacher/GCHS	Retirement	End of the 2023/2024 School Year
Randall Burgess	Social Studies Teacher/GCHS	Retirement	End of the 2025/2026 School Year
Carla Finkes	Science Teacher GCHS	Retirement	End of the 2023/2024 School Year
Amy Heath	Science Teacher GCHS	Retirement	End of the 2024/2025 School Year
Kara Cooper	5 th Grade Teacher Grigsby	Resignation	May 28, 2021

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

6. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**; Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following Leaves of Absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Edward Connolly	Paraprofessional	Personal	08/16/2021- 01/02/2022

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

7. **EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATION(S) FOR GCHS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**; Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following Extracurricular Resignation(s) for the GCHS Yearbook Sponsor for the 2021-2022 School Year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Chandra Bristol	GCHS Yearbook Sponsor	2021-2022 School Year

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

8. **EXTRACURRICULAR(S) FOR COOLIDGE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**: Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Stacy upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the following Extracurricular Recommendations for the 2021-2022 School Year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Jeff Ridenour	Asst Baseball Coach
Mark Wilson	Asst Baseball Coach
Brandon Robinson	Asst Baseball Coach
Mike Bryant	Asst Baseball Coach
Scott Smallie	Head Baseball Coach
Keith Boyd	Asst Boys Basketball Coach
Brandon Owens	Asst Boys Basketball Coach
Greg Vaughn	Asst Girls Basketball Coach
Malori Meador	Asst Girls Basketball Coach
Gerard Moore	Head Boys Basketball Coach
Whitney Sykes	Head Girls Basketball Coach
Tim Wilson	Asst Bowling Coach
Melanie Williams	Head Bowling Coach
Meagan Watkins	Head Basketball/ Competition Cheer Coach
Hannah Goeller	Asst JV Basketball Cheer Coach
Barry Grote	Asst Girls Soccer Coach

Tim Henson	Asst Girls Soccer Coach
Ken Prazma	Head Soccer Coach
Becky Cook	Asst Softball Coach
Bill Carpenter	Asst Softball Coach
Bill Puhse	Asst Softball Coach
Tim Wilson	Head Softball Coach
Raffi Karibian	Head Boys Tennis Coach
Gerard Moore	Asst Boys Track Coach
Jake Janek	Asst Floater Track Coach
Brandon Owens	Asst Girls Track Coach
Tom Miller	Head Boys Track Coach
Aaron Werths	Head Girls Track Coach
Justin Warren	Head Boys Volleyball Coach
Ginger Harrison	Asst Boys Volleyball Coach
Matt Warfield	Asst Wrestling Coach
George Kirgan	Asst Wrestling Coach
John Venne	Head Wrestling Coach

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

9. **EXTRACURRICULAR(S) FOR GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR;** Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member McMasters upon the recommendation of administration to approve the following Extracurricular Recommendations for the 2021-2022 School Year.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Jeff Ridenour	Asst Baseball Coach
Mark Wilson	Asst Baseball Coach
Brandon Robinson	Asst Baseball Coach
Mike Bryant	Asst Baseball Coach
Scott Sallie	Head Baseball Coach
Keith Boyd	Asst Boys Basketball Coach
Brandon Owens	Asst Boys Basketball Coach
Greg Vaughn	Asst Girls Basketball Coach
Malori Meador	Asst Girls Basketball Coach
Gerard Moore	Head Boys Basketball Coach
Whitney Sykes	Head Girls Basketball Coach
Tim Wilson	Asst Bowling Coach
Melanie Williams	Head Bowling Coach
Meagan Watkins	Head Basketball/ Competition Cheer Coach
Hannah Goeller	Asst JV Basketball Cheer Coach
Barry Grote	Asst Girls Soccer Coach
Tim Henson	Asst Girls Soccer Coach
Ken Prazma	Head Soccer Coach

Becky Cook	Asst Softball Coach
Bill Carpenter	Asst Softball Coach
Bill Puhse	Asst Softball Coach
Tim Wilson	Head Softball Coach
Raffi Karibian	Head Boys Tennis Coach
Gerard Moore	Asst Boys Track Coach
Jake Janek	Asst Floater Track Coach
Brandon Owens	Asst Girls Track Coach
Tom Miller	Head Boys Track Coach
Aaron Werths	Head Girls Track Coach
Justin Warren	Head Boys Volleyball Coach
Ginger Harrison	Asst Boys Volleyball Coach
Matt Warfield	Asst Wrestling Coach
George Kirgan	Asst Wrestling Coach
John Venne	Head Wrestling Coach

Members voting - Venne, “abstain”, Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, and Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, motion carried.

10. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran upon the recommendation of administration to approve the following applicants as substitutes for the 2020-2021 School year.

Certified:

Josh Mills

Classified:

Brandie Johnson

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

11. **REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED POLICY 3 50 AP4 RESIDENCY;**

Each Board Member took a few minutes to discuss their thoughts on revising the current Residency Policy. Currently, administrators must reside in Granite City. Research shows that we are one of a few districts that still have that requirement. It was agreed upon that while we have excellent administrators, many will be retiring in the next few years, and right now, our pool of applicants is very limited. By allowing administrators to reside outside of our school district, we will be able to attract a larger number of applicants. It was noted that at this time, there are thirty employees with a Type 75 certificate. Some have had their Type 75 certificate for quite a long time, and have not applied for an administrative position. Member Curran and Member Stacy expressed if an applicant lives in Granite City, and are the best qualified, they should be given preference. All Members agreed that we need to have a

larger pool of candidates. President Wilmsmeyer thanked everyone for participating in the discussion and sharing their thoughts on the policy.

12. **OPT OUT OF BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL PROGRAM HEARING;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded Member Stacy to suspend the Regular Board Meeting to conduct the Public Hearing. **Members voting** - Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, Venne, “aye” and Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, motion carried.

Chief School Business Official Zack Suhre explained the “Breakfast After the Bell Program.” At this time, our students receive breakfast when they arrive at school. Students arriving late are given breakfast. After a cost analysis of the “Breakfast After the Bell Program” it was determined the program would cause a financial hardship for the district. Instructional time would be delayed and interrupted.

Members voting - Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, Venne, “aye” and Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, motion carried.

13. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OPTING OUT OF THE “BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL” DUE TO FINANACIAL HARDSHIP ON THE DISTRICT;** Motion by Member Stacy; seconded by Member Knogl upon recommendation of administration to approve the Resolution Authorizing Opting Out of the “Breakfast After the Bell,” Program.

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

14. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE TUCK POINTING BID #10-21 FOR GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL.** Motion by Members McMasters, seconded by Members Nunn upon recommendation of administration to approve the Tuck Pointing Bid #10-21 For Granite City High School.

The bid was awarded to James G Stat. They were the only company to bid.

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

15. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS;** For Review and Information

No reports at this time.

16. **EXECUTIVE 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:

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 – Curran, “aye”, Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, Venne, “aye”, Knogl “aye”, and Wilmsmeyer, “aye”; motion carried.

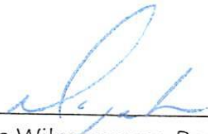
The Board was called into executive session at 5:51 pm.

Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Curran, to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the meeting at 6:57 pm.

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

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES;** No Executive Session on May 25, 2021.
18. **SETTING OF THE AGENDA;** The next Regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 5 p.m.

19. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Curran, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members voting – all aye; voice vote; motion carried.



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



Zack Nunn, Secretary
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