

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **AUGUST 22, 2023**

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



MEMBERS PRESENT: BECKY BRADLEY, TALLIN CURRAN, LINDA KNOGL, DON LIENEMANN, ERIC STACY, LORI SILVA, AND ERICA VENNE.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: STEPHANIE CANN, ED.S., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, STEPHANIE BOYER, GENIE BRATTEN, BRAD ERVAY, CORY ERVAY, CINDY HEINTZ, STEVE MATHES, TIM MCCCHRISTIAN, CHRIS MCCULLOUGH, CHRIS MITCHELL, TIM MORAN, DR. LIZ NIEPERT, KRISTEN NOVACICH-KOBERNA, JIM PARKER, NIKKI PETRILLO, KAREN ROBERTSON, TOM SCHOOLEY, BRAD SMITH, ERIC SMITH, ZACK SUHRE, MICKI WATKINS, AND ANN WILSON.

STUDENT ADVISORY
BOARD MEMBER:

ANNA FORBES.

OTHERS PRESENT: OFFICER MICHELLE WERNER, BRIAN FORBES, MICHELLE FORBES, PASTOR WILLIAM HALE, AL MAHAN, KEITH MOUTRIA, MARCI MOUTRIA, DON SCHEYER, ARI TYLER, AND GINGER WITTMANN.

This was an open and virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There was a total of twenty-two (22) Employees, one (1) Student Advisory Board Member, ten (10) Guests, and seven (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, Tallin Curran. Roll was called. All members were present and a quorum was declared. President Tallin 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 William Hale with St. John's Lutheran Church Offered the Invocation.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;**
 - A. Maryville Elementary Education Center parent Ari Tyler, addressed the Board of Education regarding event times at Prather Elementary Education Center.
 - B. The GCSD9 BOE and Administration recognized **Anna Forbes**, who qualified in March to represent the Granite City High School Speech and Debate Team in the Semi-Finals in "Congress Debate". She chose to compete in Impromptu Speaking and made it to the Double Octo-Finals placing 68th in the Nation! Sponsor Amy-Pennell-Davis was also recognized with Anna.

C. The GCSD9 BOE and Administration recognized the **American Legion Post #307**. Al Mahan is the 22nd District Commander and Don Scheyer is the Post #307 Commander. The American Legion funded the trip for Anna Forbes to represent Illinois at the American Legion Auxiliary's Girls Nation in Washington, D.C.

D. The GCSD9 BOE and Administration recognized **Anna Forbes**, who was chosen to represent Illinois at the American Legion Auxiliary's Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. Anna is one of only two participants who represented Illinois as a "senator" at ALA Girls Nation. Senators were able to participate in mock senate sessions, complete with caucuses and debating bills that ranged from personal to political interests. Other Agenda items was a visit the Arlington National Cemetery where she placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a visit to Capitol Hill to meet with real-life U.S. senators, and tours of D.C. monuments. We are extremely proud of Anna and cannot wait to see how she represents her fellow classmates as our Student Advisory Board Member for the 2023-2024 School Year.

3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING**; Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Lienemann, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday July 25, 2023.

Members voting - Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", and Silva, "aye", motion carried.

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

A. **Treasurer's Report**; (1-2)

1. Treasurer's Report for June 2023;
{available upon request}

B. **Bill List**; (3)

1. Bill List from July 19, 2023 - August 16, 2023;
{available upon request}

C. **Gifts;** (4)

The BOE and Administration accepted the following gift with thanks and appreciation;

1. **Costco Logistics;** Costco Logistics Supervisor Paul Swanson reached out to the Superintendent's Office last school year and asked about the students in need for all of GCSD9. On July 27th they brought over 350 backpacks to the BOE Office so that we had them to distribute to students in need and then send to each buildings Social Worker.
2. **1st MidAmerica Credit Union;** They donated \$500 to the GCSD9 for the FY24 school year.
3. **Midwest Members Credit Union;** They donated school supplies to GCSD9 for the FY24 school year.
4. **Gateway Regional Hospital;** They donated school supplies to GCSD9 for the FY24 school year.
5. **Student of the Month Contributors;** The local places listed below all started the Student of the Month program at the end of last year. All of them would love to continue for the 2023-2024 School Year!
 - a. **Granite City Cinema;** Their General Manager Jake Petrillo, donates movie passes for our Student of the Month program.
 - b. **Dairy Queen {Granite City};** Dairy Queen owner Robby Steen, donates a medium blizzard for our Student of the Month program.
 - c. **Sweet Treats from the Hart;** Owner Kimberly Hart, donates cookies for our Student of the Month program.
 - d. **Chocolate Covered Creations;** Owner Bree, donates a treat or drink for our Student of the Month program.

Members voting - Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", and Bradley, "aye", motion carried.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Johanna Wolfe	Paraprofessional/Prather	Resignation	08/18/2023
Colleen Tretter	Paraprofessional/Frohardt	Retirement	End of 2026/2027
Jennifer Paesano	RN/GCHS	Resignation	08/25/2023
Kathie Goodwin	Admin Assistant/Admin Office	Resignation	09/01/2023
Sherry Lamb	Admin Assistant/Admin Office	Resignation	08/25/2023

Members voting - Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", and Stacy, "aye", motion carried.

6. **REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE;** (5) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, 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>
Taylor Buchanan	Paraprofessional/Wilson	Personal	08/14/2023 - 05/22/2024
Chandra Bristol	Business Teacher/GCHS	Medical	08/14/2023 - 06/14/2024
Kaylin Glenn	Paraprofessional/Wilson	Medical	08/14/2023 - 11/06/2023
April Treakle	Paraprofessional/Grigsby	Personal	08/14/2023 - 01/03/2024

Members voting - Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", and Knogl, "aye", motion carried.

7. **REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE;** (6) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley, 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>
Austin Pellazari	Custodian/Grigsby	Medical	10/09/2023 - 01/01/2024
Bonnie Swanson	1 st Grade Teacher/Wilson	Medical	08/01/2023 - 06/01/2024

Members voting - Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Lienemann, "aye", motion carried.

8. **EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR;** (7) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extracurricular resignations for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>
Addaya Moore	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach	GCHS
Chandra Bristol	Business Department Head	GCHS
Chandra Bristol	Video Journalism Club	GCHS
Jake Janek	Assistant Floater Track Coach	GCHS
Candi Parker	Working Warriors Sponsor	GCHS
Michelle Rosenburg	1st Quarter Lunch Duty	Maryville

Members voting - Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", and Venne, "aye", motion carried.

9. **EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR;** (8-9) Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular assignments for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Allison Bozarth-Downing	Mitchell 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Meagan Harper	Mitchell 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Lori Hawthorne	Mitchell 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Laura Marzluf	Mitchell 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Patrick McBride	Mitchell 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Amanda McNamer	Mitchell 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Nancy Smallie	Mitchell 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Angie West	Mitchell 1st Quarter Lunch Duty

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Aimee Bailey	Wilson 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Holly Bladdick	Wilson 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Lindsay Carney	Wilson 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Sarah Corzine	Wilson 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Catherine Delmore	Wilson 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Angelique Dorris	Wilson 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Josh Mills	Wilson 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Richie Skirball	Wilson 1st Quarter Lunch Duty

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Abigail Mincy	GCHS Asst Band Director Percussion Specialist
Abigail Mincy	GCHS Asst Band Director Percussion Specialist Fall
Abigail Mincy	GCHS Asst Band Director Percussion Specialist Winter
Abigail Mincy	GCHS Asst Band Director Percussion Specialist Spring
Greg Vaughn	GCHS Asst Boys Golf Coach
Marcia Dodds	Department Head Early Childhood
Ann Mayhall	Department Head Speech Pathologist
Christy Ledbetter	Department Head Psychologist/Social Worker
Karen Hatch	Lead Therapist OT/PT
Amy Cox	Maryville IRP
Michelle Rosenberg	Maryville IRP
Lori Wilson	Maryville Recycling Coordinator
Lori Wilson	Maryville Young Authors
Kate Becker	Maryville Character Ed/Student Council
Darla Bremer	Maryville 1st Quarter Lunch Duty
Karen Kocarnik	Frohardt IRP
Tanya Kennedy	Frohardt IRP
Tanya Kennedy	Frohardt Recycling Coordinator
Cara Embick	Frohardt Spelling Bee/Science Fair
Cara Embick	Frohardt Young Authors
Karen Kocarnik	Frohardt Character Ed/Student Council
Christy Marana	Prather IRP
Deanne Laub	Prather IRP
Laura Rotter	Prather Recycling Coordinator
Kim Boyd	Prather Young Authors
Leah Schreiber	Prather Character Ed/Student Council
Jessica Farris	Prather Character Ed/Student Council
Chris Harrison	GCHS Department Head Business Department
Kellie Hutchings	GCHS Video Journalism Sponsor
Kellie Hutchings	GCHS Working Warriors Sponsor
Craig Sykes	GCHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
Loretta Cox	GCHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
	*pending completion of required paperwork.

Members voting - Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", and Curran, "aye", motion carried.

10. **EXTRACURRICULAR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR;** (10) Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name**Club**

Ben Dell

CJHS Baseball Coach

Members voting - Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", and Silva, "aye", motion carried.

11. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES;** (11) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following certified and classified substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year:

CertifiedAnnabell Ambuel
Mandy RobinsonAddaya Moore
Margaret ScharfJune Oney
Lacey Wilkerson**Classified**Cherri Callender
Justina Greene
Faith Prather
Brandi WebbGeorge Callender
Stacy Hogan
Theresa SheetsMegan Dorris
Silvia Oseguera
Brianna Sturm

Members voting - Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", and Bradley, "aye", motion carried.

12. **RESCIND EMPLOYMENT OF PARAPROFESSIONAL;** (12) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley, to approve rescinding the recommendation of employment, due to **Helen Thomas** declining the offer of a 2023-2024 Paraprofessional position.

Members voting - Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", and Stacy, "aye", motion carried.

13. **RESCIND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION/ED TEACHER;** (12) Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Knogl, to approve rescinding the recommendation of employment, due to **Richard Ramsay** declining the offer of a 2023-2024 Special Education/ED Teacher position.

Members voting - Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", and Knogl, "aye", motion carried.

14. **EMPLOYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION/REGION I FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR;** (13) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Sherri Schubert** as the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director of Special Education for the 2023-2024 school year.

Members voting - Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Lienemann, "aye", motion carried.

15. **EMPLOYMENT OF PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR;** (14) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Autum Spink** as a Paraprofessional for the 2023-2024 school year.

Members voting - Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", and Venne, "aye", motion carried.

16. **EMPLOYMENT OF GCSD9 NURSE FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR;** (15) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Amber Billick** as a GCSD9 School Nurse for the 2023-2024 school year.

Members voting - Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", and Curran, "aye", motion carried.

17. **EMPLOYMENT OF KINDERGARTEN MUSIC TEACHER FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR;** (16) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Stacy, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Stacey Unfried** as a Kindergarten Music Teacher at Prather Elementary Education Center for the 2023-2024 school year.

Members voting - Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", and Silva, "aye", motion carried.

18. **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE; FY24;** (17) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Bradley, to approve the following dates for the Board of Education meetings for the 2023-2024 school Year:



Board of Education Meetings

2023-2024 {July-June}

*July 25, 2023	*January 23, 2024
*August 22, 2023	February 13, 2024
	February 27, 2024
September 12, 2023	
September 26, 2023	*March 26, 2024
October 10, 2023	April 9, 2024
October 24, 2023	April 23, 2024
*November 14, 2023	*May 28, 2024
*December 12, 2023	*June 25, 2024

BOE Approved the Addition of a Second Board Meeting per Month with the Following Exceptions;

- July is one meeting for the start of our fiscal year and staff vacations
- August is one meeting for the start of the school year
- November and December are one meeting for the Holidays
- January will be one meeting due to the New Year and Professional Learning
- March will be one meeting due to Spring Break {March 28-April 1}
- May will be one meeting due to the end of the school year
- June is one meeting for the end of our fiscal year and staff vacations

BOE Approved; **08.22.2023**
{BOE will re-evaluate the necessity for bi-monthly meetings at the end of school year}

Members voting - Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", and Bradley, "aye", motion carried.

19. **HEARING OFFICERS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR;** (18) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the following as hearing officers for the Granite City School District for the 2023-2024 school year:

Dottie Falter
Lisa Yarbrough
Daren DePew

Members voting - Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", and Stacy, "aye", motion carried.

20. **FY24 CHESTNUT HEALTH SYSTEMS AGREEMENT;** (19-20) Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the FY24 Contract with Chestnut Health Systems. Counselors from Chestnut Health Services have provided services to students in the Granite City School District for several years. They see students twice a week at Granite City High School, twice a week at Grigsby Intermediate School and provide services at Coolidge Junior High School one day a week. Last year, Chestnut Health Services asked for a \$10,000 annual fee to help in continuing these services. Due to the extreme difficulty of finding a school social worker and/or counselor, we are recommending the board approve this agreement for the 2023-2024 school year.

Members voting - Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", and Knogl, "aye", motion carried.

21. **ADMINISTRATOR AND TEACHER COMPENSATION REPORT;** (21-32) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to authorize the posting of the 2022-2023 Teacher and Administrator Salary Report on the website to meet the requirement of Sections 10-20.47 and 34-18.38 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/10-20.47 and 5/34-18.38]. to electronic resources or library-based technology to support student research.

Members voting - Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Lienemann, "aye", motion carried.

22. **PROPOSED 2023-2024 REGION I SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT BUDGET;** (33)

A. Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, to temporarily adjourn the BOE meeting and Open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Region I 2023-2024 Budget.

Members voting - Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", and Venne, "aye", motion carried.

- B. Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Lienemann, to reconvene the Regular Board of Education meeting.

Members voting - Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", and Curran, "aye", motion carried.

- C. Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, to adopt the resolution , the 2023-2024 Region I Special Education District Budget and secured all signatures.

Members voting - Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", and Silva, "aye", motion carried.

23. **FY24 ADULT MEAL PRICING;** (34) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the FY24 Adult Meal Pricing at \$4.50 for lunch and \$2.75 for breakfast.

Members voting - Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", and Bradley, "aye", motion carried.

24. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS;** the following reports were given by Superintendent Cann and the BOE members listed.

- ✓ Superintendent Cann gave a presentation on the new GCSD9 Strategic Plan
- ✓ Multi-Grade Level Schools Committee; Erica Venne and Becky Bradley

25. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS {FOIA};** (37)

We received one request under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of July 18, 2023 through August 15, 2023.

1. The first request was received on July 30, 2023 from Lori Grainger - mom29of4monkeys@gmail.com - She requested the following information:

- Full 12-month-monthly breakdown of all paid days (176 attendance days) included in the district's contract with First Student for the 2023-24 school year.

The requests were handled by Administration.

26. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES;** No Executive Session at the July meeting.

27. **SETTING OF THE AGENDA** for our next Board of Education meeting that will be held on Tuesday, **September 12, 2023;**

28. **ADJOURNMENT;** - Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Silva, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Members voting - all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

Tallin P. Curran, President
Board of Education
Community Unit School District #9

Erica L. Venne, Secretary
Board of Education
Community Unit School District #9