MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **NOVEMBER 14, 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, JAYSON BAKER, JODY BATSON, GAYLA BENNETT, STEPHANIE BOYER, SARAH CORZINE, BRAD ERVAY, CORY ERVAY, DR. DONALD HARRIS, CINDY HEINTZ, DR. DAVID KEEL, STEVEN MATHES, TIM MCCHRISTIAN, CHRIS MCCULLOUGH, CHRIS MITCHELL, TIM MORAN, DR. LIZ NIEPERT, KRISTEN NOVACICH-KOBERNA, JIM PARKER, OFFICER SCOTT PENNY, NIKKI PETRILLO, KAREN ROBERTSON, TOM SCHOOLEY, BRAD SMITH, ERIC SMITH, ZACK SUHRE, MICKI WATKINS, ANN WILSON, AND MEGAN WEDEKIND.
STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER:	ANNA FORBES.
OTHERS PRESENT:	BLANE CORZINE, EMERY CORZINE, PASTOR JARAD CORZINE, REED CORZINE, DEBBIE HARRIS, DON HARRIS, EVELYN HARRIS, KEVIN HARRIS, LANDON HARRIS, LARRY HARRIS, LILLIAN HARRIS, LYDIA HARRIS, AND NICOLE HARRIS.

This was an open and virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There was a total of twenty-nine (29) Employees, one (1) Student Advisory Board Member, thirteen (13) 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 Jarad Corzine with Unity Baptist Church, offered the invocation.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;**

   A. GCSD9 BOE and Administration Recognized GCHS Freshman, **Landon Harris.** Landon qualified for the IHSA Class 3A State Tournament in Peoria on Saturday, November 4th, by placing 31st with a time of 15:05.03 at the Granite City Sectional. We are so proud of Landon!!

B. GCSD9 BOE and Administration Recognized Coolidge Junior High School Special Education Teacher **Gayla Bennett**. Ms. Bennett has been selected as one of Emerson's 2023 Excellence in Teaching Award recipients. She is an example of truly outstanding educational excellence!

3. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Stacy, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday **October 24, 2023**.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA; Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as follows:

A. **Treasurer's Report**;

1. Treasurer's Report for September 2023; (1-2) {available upon request}
2. Treasurer's Report for October 2023; (3-4) {available upon request}

B. **Bill List**;

1. Bill List from October 19 - November 8, 2023; {available upon request}

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

5. RESCIND RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS; (6) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve to rescind the following retirements and resignations:

Name	**Position**	**Reason**	**Effective**
Michelle Mueller	2nd Grade Teacher/Maryville	Rescind	End of 2025/2026 School Year

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

6. RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS; (6) Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to a to accept the following retirements and resignations:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Kindle Lyons	Paraprofessional/GCHS	Resignation	11/17/2023
Michelle Mueller	2nd Grade Teacher/Maryville	Retirement	End of 2024/2025 School Year
April Treakle	Paraprofessional/Grigsby	Resignation	11/16/2023

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

7. REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE; (6) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Kim Antonovich-Merz	4th Grade Teacher/Mitchell	Medical	11/20/2023 - 02/12/2024
Teri Beaver	Café/CJHS	Medical	11/16/2023 - 02/08/2024
Katherine Schnefke	7/8 Grade/Lake-ESSC	Personal	11/01/2023 - 01/24/2024
Sonja Stewart	7th Grade Math/CJHS	Medical	12/22/2023 - 03/15/2024

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

8. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE; (7) 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:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Kaylin Glenn	Paraprofessional/Wilson	Medical	11/06/2023 - 01/29/2024

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

9. EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (8) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extracurricular resignations for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position
Linda Ames	GCHS Head Girls Tennis Coach

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

10. EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (8) This item was held for Executive Session pursuant to section 2(c)(1).

11. EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE; (9) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to uphold an Employee two-day Suspension, without pay.

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

12. CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES; (10) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following certified and classified substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork:

    Certified
    Nicole Harris Nathan Novsek Megan Smith

    Classified; n/a

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

13. EMPLOYMENT OF {1} ONE ESL/BILINGUAL PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR; (11) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Silvia Oseguera** as an ESL/Bilingual Paraprofessional for the 2023-2024 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork. This will be a position to service our High School ESL students.

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

14. EMPLOYMENT OF {1} ONE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2ND SEMESTER OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR; (12) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Stacy Rollins** as a Special Education Teacher at Granite City High School for the 2nd Semester of the 2023-2024 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.
Members voting - Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", and Knogl, "aye", motion carried.

15. REQUEST TO INTERVENE IN APPEAL PROCEEDING AT THE PROPERTY TAX {P-TAB} APPEAL BOARD; SEALY LAKEVIEW CORPORATE DRIVE II LLC; (13-15) Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the Resolution to allow District Attorney Tom Schooley to intervene at the Property Tax Appeal Board with regard to an appeal by Sealy Lakeview Corporate Drive II LLC at 3951 Lakeview Corporate Drive, Granite City, Illinois 62040.

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

16. 2024-2025 RUNNING START PROGRAM CONTRACT; (16-21) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the 2024-2025 Running Start Program with Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC). Since the 2013-14 school year, the Board has approved ongoing student participation in this dual credit program at the parents' expense. SWIC has proposed to continue the program agreement with us at a rate of $4,318.00, per student, per school year. Eligible students would participate in their junior and senior year of high school and would have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an Associate Degree simultaneously.

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

17. TAX LEVY RESOLUTION FOR THE 2023 TAXES COLLECTED IN 2024; (22-26) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the proposed resolution for the tax levy for the 2023 taxes collected in 2024 and authorized the publication of a notice and Truth in Taxation Certificate. They set **December 12, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. in the BoardRoom as the time and place for the Public Hearing on the **2023** Levy.

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

18. RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED $20,000,000 WORKING CASH FUND BONDS OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 9 AND DIRECTING THAT NOTICE OF SUCH INTENTION BE PUBLISHED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW; (27-32) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to authorize the resolution declaring intention to issue not to exceed $20,000,000 working cash fund bonds of Community Unit School District Number 9 and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law. The tax rate will not increase.

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

19. GCHS SOUND SYSTEM BID; (33) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to award the GCHS Sound System Bid to the lowest bidder, DMaudio in the amount of $191,818.00. This will address multiple areas at Granite City High School.

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

20. ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS {IASB} DELEGATE TO REPRESENT THE GCSD9 SCHOOL BOARD; (34) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Stacy, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve Linda Knogl as the Illinois Association of School Boards {IASB} Delegate to represent the GCSD9 School Board.

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

21. CJHS STUDENT DISCIPLINE; (35) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the recommendation of administration to uphold the recommendation of the hearing officer to expel two CJHS students for one-year with services, if available.

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

22. CJHS STUDENT DISCIPLINE; (35) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Stacy, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the recommendation of administration to uphold the recommendation of the hearing officer for outside placement for a CJHS student.

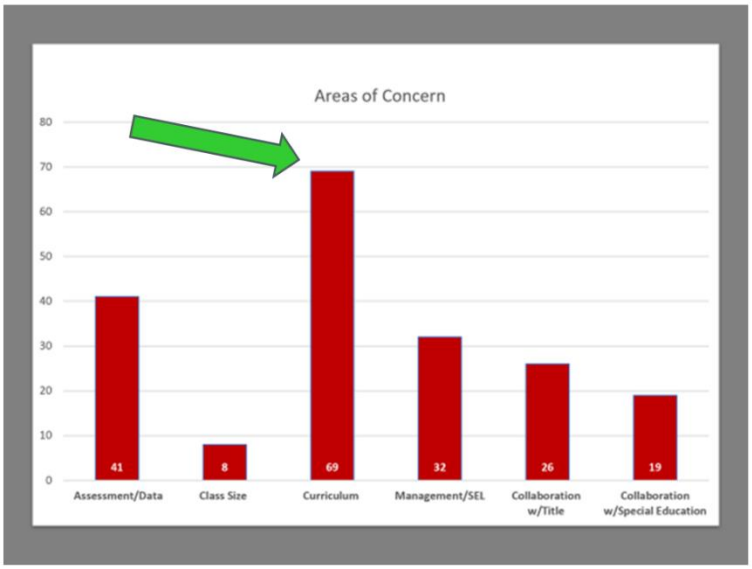
Members voting - Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Lienemann, "aye", motion carried.

23. REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS; the following reports were given. (36-37)

- ✓ **DONNA WHYTE PRESENTATION;** {VIA ZOOM}

  Donna Whyte, Contractual Reading Specialist, presented on the progress that K-6 is making in their work with students and staff on phonemic awareness and reading readiness.







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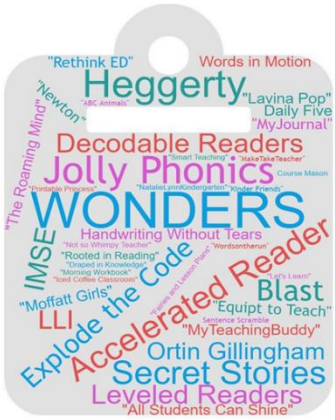
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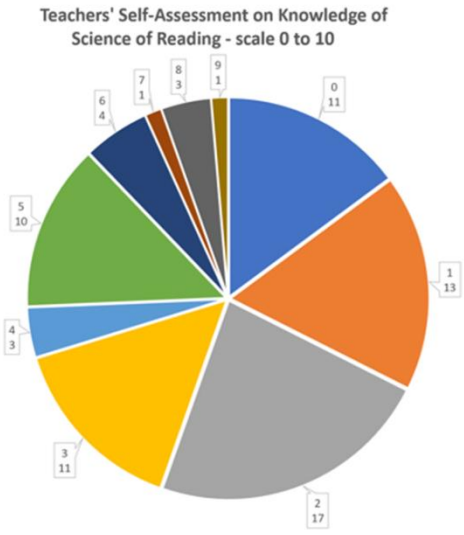




No results after hard work?



It is imperative to identify what is being used and what is effective.



Science of Reading

Under SB 2243, the state board must develop and adopt a comprehensive literacy plan by Jan. 31, 2024, and create a rubric by July 1, 2024.

Local school districts could use the rubric to evaluate their reading lesson plans. In addition, the bill requires the state to develop training opportunities for educators by Jan.

Curriculum

- Beginning Stages of Evaluating Tier 1 Curriculum.
- Curriculum & Special Education Directors have begun to sort and eliminate unused or ineffective programs. This includes digital and hard copy. Their hard work is praiseworthy
- Adaption of an explicit and systematic phonics system is in development. On-going training is scheduled for PhonicsFirst.

Phonics First - Brain Spring

Teacher comments ~ Last Visit

We really like

- The student "buy in"
- The goal of mastery
- The consistent routine and repetition
- The ability to differentiate with choices
- Reading and Writing Connection
- Impact on Behaviors
- Success for ALL students



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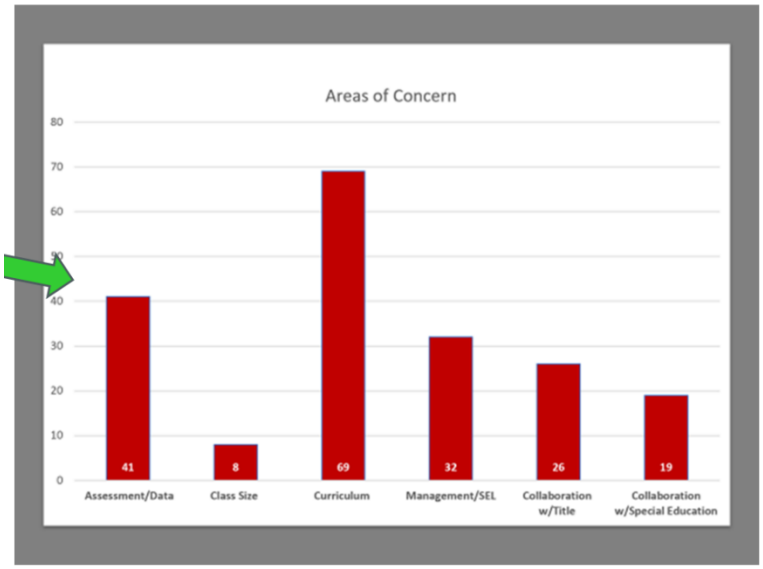
Professional Development

August – Introduction

September – Met with School Administers, Answered Questions, Created Quick and Easy Progress Monitoring of New Curriculum, Visited and Modeled in Classrooms

October – Visited with Teachers, Met with Title 1 and Developed PD for **November** 1st Institute Day

Consultation on Management and SEBL Skills





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Assessment

- Addition of Panorama Software for analyzing data
- Administrative Team met and reduced the number of assessments. While also identifying the assessments that are imperative to reporting and those that will aide teachers in identifying missing skills.
- Elementary teachers are being offered a quicker path forward in identifying lacking reading skills with the use of ESGI.



Questions

- ✓ Freedom of Information Act {FOIA} Requests; (14) We received one request under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of October 18, 2023 through November 7, 2023.

    1. The first request received on October 25, 2023 from Summer Moore. She requested the following information:

        a. 5 years of grades/percentages obtained by students in Mr. Delp's classes; include course and gender of student.

        b. Any and all complaints (student, parent, or peer) in any media form on Mr. Delp.

        c. All emails received from students to Mr. Delp, and the responses within a 5 years period.

        d. 5 years of quiz and test scores obtained by students in Mr. Delp's classes.

        e. 5 years of quiz and test scores obtained by students within the mathematics department by class.

        f. Student transfers from Mr. Delp's classes with reasons for transfer within a 5-year period.

        g. The average number of class transfers per teacher for a 5 years period.

        h. Student class drop rate from Mr. Delp's classes within a 5 years period.

        i. The average number of class drops per teacher for a 5 years period.

    The request is being handled by Administration.

- ✓ **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT;**
  BOARD TREASURER LINDA KNOGL AND BOARD MEMBER BECKY BRADLEY

  Linda Knogl gave an update about the meeting held on October 25th and the participant Survey.

- ✓ **MULTI-GRADE LEVEL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE UPDATE;**
  BOARD SECRETARY ERICA VENNE AND BOARD MEMBER BECKY BRADLEY

  Erica Venne gave an update regarding the Survey sent to staff and what the next steps will be.

24. EXECUTIVE SESSION; Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, 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 - Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", and Venne, "aye", motion carried.

The Board was called into executive session at 6:52 pm.

Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Lienemann, to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting at 8:03 pm.

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

25. EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (8) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Lienemann, to approve the following extracurricular assignments for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	**Position**
Debra Mills	GCHS National Honor Society Co-Sponsor

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

26. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES; Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Lienemann, to approve the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday **October 24, 2023**.

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

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

28. ADJOURNMENT; - Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 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
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