MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **OCTOBER 24, 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 {VIA ZOOM}.
EMPLOYEES PRESENT:	STEPHANIE CANN, ED.S., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, JODY BATSON, STEPHANIE BOYER, GENIE BRATTEN, CINDY COCHRAN, BRAD ERVAY, CORY ERVAY, KAYLIN GLENN, WENDY GUNTER, DR. DONALD HARRIS, DR. DAVID KEEL, STEVEN MATHES, TIM MCCHRISTIAN, CHRIS MCCULLOUGH, CHRIS MITCHELL, TIM MORAN, DR. LIZ NIEPERT, CHUCK NOUD, KRISTEN NOVACICH-KOBERNA, JIM PARKER, NIKKI PETRILLO, TOM SCHOOLEY, BRAD SMITH, ERIC SMITH, ZACK SUHRE, AND MICKI WATKINS.
STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER:	ANNA FORBES.
OTHERS PRESENT:	PASTOR JARAD CORZINE AND MARCI MOUTRIA.

This was an open and virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There was a total of twenty-six (26) Employees, one (1) Student Advisory Board Member, two (2) Guests, and six (6) 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 Corzine asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of fallen Pontoon Beach Officer Tyler Timmins. October 26th will be the 2-year anniversary of his passing. Pastor Jarad Corzine with Unity Baptist Church, then offered the invocation. offered the invocation.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**;

   A. GCSD9 BOE and Administration Recognized **Cynthia Cochran,** a Prather Elementary Education Center Café Cook, for her act of heroism in saving a student that was choking by performing the Heimlich maneuver. This is the 2nd time that she has saved this student this year!!! We are so proud of Ms. Cochran.

3. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING; Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday October 10, 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 Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as follows:

   A. **Bill List**;

      1. Bill List from October 6 - October 18, 2023; {available upon request}

   B. **Gifts**;

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

      1. **United Methodist Church of Christ;** United Methodist Women's Group donated items for Mitchell's Emergency Buckets.

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

5. RESCIND RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS; (2) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to a to rescind the following retirements:

Name	**Position**	**Reason**	**Effective**
Amy Heath	Science Teacher/GCHS	Rescind	End of 2024/2025 school year
Paul Macios	Media Center/GCHS	Rescind	End of 2024/2025 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; (2) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to a to accept the following retirements and resignations:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Amy Heath	Science Teacher/GCHS	Retirement	End of 2023/2024 school year
Paul Macios	Media Center/GCHS	Retirement	End of 2023/2024 school year
Paula Ward	Title I Paraprofessional/Prather	Retirement	12/21/2023
Stephanie Cann	Superintendent of Schools	Retirement	06/30/2024

- *Superintendent Cann announced her retirement. She was honored to be able to come back to her hometown as Superintendent of Schools. She thanked everyone and stated how much she will miss GCSD9.*
- *President Tallin Curran thanked Superintendent Cann for her hard work and is grateful for the time we had.*
- *Treasurer Linda Knogl thanked her for giving her all to GCSD9 and the community. She was always for our children and she will always have a little bit of her when she visits a classroom.*

THANK YOU SUPERINTENDENT CANN FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY!!

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; (2) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Stacey Bell	Paraprofessional/Coolidge	Medical	11/13/2023 - 02/05/2024
Richie Skirball	PE Teacher/Maryville/Wilson	Paternity	10/26/2023 - 01/18/2024
Vicky Torres	Administrative Assistant/Coolidge	Medical	12/14/2023 - 03/07/2024

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; (3) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for extensions to leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Cynthia Desper	Spec Ed Teacher/Grigsby	Medical	11/19/2023 - 01/15/2024

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

9. EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR; (4) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extracurricular resignations for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Position
Darrell Davis	GCHS Asst Football Coach
Mark Wilson	Coolidge Head Football 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 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR; (5) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular assignments for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Position
Kacie Bamert	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Ashley Boyce	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Robert Bragg	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Megan Brooks	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Lee Elliff	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Nikki Jordan	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Teresa Meador	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Julie Mueller	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Janet Niles	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Samantha Rydgig	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Amy Schnefke	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Melissa Scholl	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Sarah Stepanek	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Kelly Taylor	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Marla Weis	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Krista Whittleman	Grigsby 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty

Pam Brezger	Prather 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Meagan Cunningham	Prather 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Holly Farnsworth	Prather 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Chrystal Hanlon	Prather 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Diana Karnafel	Prather 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Christy Marana	Prather 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
LeAnn Oller	Prather 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Sara Rials	Prather 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Kathy Roustio	Prather 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Leah Schreiber	Prather 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Donna Thomas	Prather 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty
Mary Kay Wilson	Prather 2nd Quarter Lunch Duty

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

11. CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES; (9) Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Lienemann, 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
Brooke Batson Holly Crider Vicki Harvey

Classified; n/a

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

12. EMPLOYMENT OF {1} ONE SAFETY, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND BEHAVIORAL MONITOR 1 FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR; (7) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Geraldine Harvey** as a Safety, Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Monitor 1 for the 2023-2024 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.
Members voting - Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "aye", and Stacy, "aye", motion carried.

13. IMRF OMITTED SERVICE CREDIT; (8) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the request to grant prior IMRF Omitted Service Credit for Randy Bailey, Kenneth Wilson and Vickie Branding.

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

14. REQUEST TO INTERVENE IN APPEAL PROCEEDING AT THE PROPERTY TAX {P-TAB} APPEAL BOARD; WPT INNER PARK DRIVE LLP; (9-11) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Knogl, 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 WPT Inner Park Drive LLP at 5620-5628 Inner Park Drive, Granite City, Illinois 62040.

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

15. GCHS SOCCER FIELD ALTERNATES DISCUSSION/APPROVAL; (12-13) After a brief discussion, this item was held for Executive Session pursuant to section 2(c)(8).

    Members voting - Curran, "aye", Silva, "aye", Bradley, "no", Stacy, "no", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", and Venne, "aye", motion carried.

16. REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS; the following reports were given.

    - ✓ Freedom of Information Act {FOIA} Requests; (14) We received one request under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of October 4, 2023 through October 17, 2023.

        1. The first request was received on October 12, 2023 from Michael Rost, Founder and CEO of Allium Data. He requested the following information:
            - A copy of the last property &casualty insurance renewal summary for all lines of insurance purchased by the school district (general liability, auto, workers comp, professional, directors and officers, etc.). This document summarizes the insurance terms, limits, deductibles, premium and exclusions.
            - A copy of the last employee benefits insurance renewal summary for health, dental and vision plans sponsored by the school district. This document shows plan options available to the district's employees and the pricing for employee, employee plus spouse, employee plus family.

        The request was handled by Administration.

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

The Board was called into executive session at 6:32 pm.

Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Lienemann, to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting at 8:11 pm.

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

18. GCHS SOCCER FIELD ALTERNATES DISCUSSION/APPROVAL; (12-13) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the GCHS Soccer Field Alternate Bids #1-3 to not exceed the already budgeted amount.

Alternate #1

Flipped Field;
Flip the field so that the turf bench area is on the East. Disassemble/reassemble existing bleachers on West side. Bleachers will be updated to meet code.

Alternate #2

Concrete Flatwork for Flipped Field;
Approximately 5,000 SF for sidewalks and walkways. Demo existing on the East side.

Alternate #3

Extend Turf 6' North; 1,470 SF
Demo existing concrete sidewalk. Turf/base/curb only. New concrete sidewalk by owner.

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

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES; Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Lienemann, to approve the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday October 10, 2023.

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

20. SETTING OF THE AGENDA for our next Board of Education meeting that will be held on Tuesday, **November 14, 2023**; n/a

21. ADJOURNMENT; - Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Bradley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. **Members voting** - all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

Tallin P. Curran, President
Board of Education
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Erica L. Venne, Secretary
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