

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **FEBRUARY 27, 2024**



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 {ZOOM}.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: STEPHANIE CANN, ED.S., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, JAYSON BAKER, WESLEY COPPER, BRAD ERVAY, CORY ERVAY, WENDY GUNTER, DR. DONALD HARRIS, DR. DAVID KEEL, TIM MCCHRISTIAN, CHRIS MCCULLOUGH, CHRIS MITCHELL, DR. LIZ NIEPERT, KRISTEN NOVACICH-KOBERNA, JIM PARKER, AMY PENNELL-DAVIS, NIKKI PETRILLO, JILL RELLEKE, BRAD SMITH, ERIC SMITH, MICKI WATKINS, ZACK SUHRE, AND MEGAN WEDEKIND.

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER: ANNA FORBES.

OTHERS PRESENT: CURTIS DESPER, BRIAN FORBES, MICHELLE FORBES, MICHELLE DAVIS, MASHONDA GRAHAM, DANA BUGNITZ, BRAD EAVENSON, AVA GHIRARDI, JESSICA JACOBY, CHRISTOPHER KENKOFF, LINDA KENKOFF, NICK NOVACICH, AND ALEXSEI WIEMERS.

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, thirteen (13) 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. Lake-ESSC Principal Dr. Don Harris, offered the invocation.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;**
 - A. GCSD9 BOE and Administration recognized Ms. Mashonda Graham, a First Student bus driver. During her AM route to Frohardt Education Center, a student began choking. Since she was driving with students on board, she proceeded to nearby Gateway Regional Medical Center ER for treatment. We cannot say how thankful we are for her calm demeanor and quick response to save this student from choking!

B. GCSD9 BOE and Administration recognized the following students who qualified for the Illinois High School Association {IHSA} State Speech Tournament:

- Performance in the Round Actors who qualified for State by placing 2nd at the IHSA Sectionals for “Seriously, Cinderella Is So Annoying”;

Brooke Babillis	Kaniyah Hunter
Lily Booker	Tiesha Jackson
Adam Bright	Briana Moore
Bryan Calle	Khloe Nicol
Ezra Finley	Lorenze Robinson
Ava Ghirardi	Brandon Vogler
Travis Lofton	Shelby White
Christopher Kenkoff	Alexsei Wiemers
Lily Kupinski	



C. GCSD9 BOE and Administration Coach Wesley Copper for winning the 2024 Southern Illinois Speech and Acting League {SISAL} coach of the year “2024 Sisal League Coach of the Year”.

- GCSD9 BOE and Administration recognized our Student Advisory Board Member Anna Forbes, who qualified for State by placing 1st at the IHSA Sectionals in the category “Impromptu Speaking”.

- GCSD9 BOE and Administration recognized our **Student Advisory Board Member Anna Forbes** for placing **3rd at the 2024 IHSA Speech State** Finals in the category “Impromptu Speaking”.

3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING**; Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Knogl, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, **February 7, 2024**.

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

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**; (1-3) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as follows:

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for January 2024;
{available upon request}

Bill List

Bill List from February 8, 2024 - February 21, 2024;
{available upon request}

Gifts

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

American Musical and Dramatic Academy {AMDA} College of the Performing Arts; GCHS Speech Team and Coach Amy Pennell-Davis and AMDA, worked with our students at Granite City High School on February 20, 2024. AMDA gave complimentary workshops in acting and auditioning techniques. They have extended the opportunity for our Juniors and Seniors to audition for them here, as well. This is an opportunity that opens the doors for students who wish to pursue a career in theater or film.

Carl and Laura Stratman; Mr. and Mrs. Stratman donated a guitar to the GCHS Band.

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

5. **REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE;** (4) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Lienemann, 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>
Karen Robertson	Principal/Frohardt	Medical	03/25/2024 - 06/17/2024
Sandra Engelke	KG Teacher/Prather	Medical	02/20/2024 - 05/31/2024

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

6. **EXTRACURRICULAR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR;** (5) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ben Dell	GCHS Baseball Coach
Vince Willaredt	GCHS Baseball Coach

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

7. **EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR; (6-7)**

Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Claudia Cass	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amanda Corey-Cox	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Karen Kocarnik	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Ann Mayhall	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Brandy McFarland	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Staci Melvin	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Jennifer Meznarich	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Brandi Widel	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Kacie Bamert	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Ashley Boyce	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Robert Bragg	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Megan Brooks	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Ed Connolly	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Robert Dettmers	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Lee Elliff	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Erin Ernst	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Nikki Jordan	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Julie Mueller	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Shelby Myatt	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amy Schnefke	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sarah Stepanek	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Kelly Taylor	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Marla Weis	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Krista Whittleman	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sharon Albers	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Darla Bremer	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Michaela Genovese-Moss	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amy Griffith	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Cindy Heintz	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Stephanie Medlin	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Carrie Sitton	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Denise Stout	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty

Allison Bozarth-Downing	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Penny Feldt	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Meagan Harper	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Lori Hawthorne	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Laura Marzluf	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Patrick McBride	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amanda McNamer	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Angie West	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Pam Brezger	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Meagan Cunningham	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Holly Farnsworth	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Jessica Farris	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Chrystal Hanlon	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Ashley Kipfer	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Christy Marana	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Katie Nappier	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sara Rials	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Leah Schreiber	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Whitney Sykes Rogers	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Mary Kay Wilson	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Aimee Bailey	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Holly Bladdick	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Lindsay Carney	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sarah Corzine	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Angelique Dorris	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sarah Shaw	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Richie Skirball	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Ginger Wittmann	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty

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

8. **EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (8)**

Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular recommendations for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Jaime Pamatot	Varsity Club Sponsor
Steve Roustio	GCHS Asst Football Coach
Kyle Thompson	GCHS Asst Football Coach

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

9. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES; (9)** Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Silva, 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:

Jamie Mills

Classified

Edward Lemmon

Heather Perigo

Christina McCall

Andrew White

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

10. **EMPLOYMENT OF ONE {1} GCSD9 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (10)** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Amy Burman** as a School Psychologist for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

11. **LAKE ESSC AND K-7TH GRADE SUMMER SCHOOL PROPOSAL; (11)** Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the K-7th grade Summer School Program. Kindergarten through third grade classes will be housed at Prather Elementary Education Center and fourth through seventh grade classes will be housed at Lake ESSC. Students attending the alternative school program at Lake ESSC will be offered summer school also. All programs will be Monday through Friday, student hours are 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Students will receive breakfast and lunch daily. Summer school is May 29, 2024 through June 26, 2024. All classes are in-person and bussing will be offered.

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

12. **GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL PROPOSAL; (11)** Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the Granite City High School Summer School Program. 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 May 29, 2024 through June 26, 2024. In-person and online courses will be offered. Courses will also be offered to incoming freshmen. There will be no transportation provided by the district.

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

13. **REPLACEMENT DEVICES BID #6-24;** (12) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of administration, to authorize the purchase of 475 Laptops for teachers and support staff. The current laptops were deployed in 2020. With the new devices, we are looking to extend our current 4-year replacement plan to a 5-year or 6-year rotation. Price includes: device, license, 4-year accidental damage warranty, and white glove services to pre-enroll, unbox, place asset tags, and bulk ship devices.

The only bidder was **Trafera** at **\$980 per device** for a total of **\$465,500**.

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

14. **WILSON SCHOOL ROOF BID #5-24;** (13) Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to award bid #5-24 for the Wilson School Roof Bid to **Bade Roofing**.

Following our bid opening on February 21st, we received proposals from three bidders: Lakeside Roofing, Bartch Roofing, and Bade Roofing. Upon review, it was found that Bartch Roofing submitted the lowest bid at \$909,737, Lakeside Roofing's bid came in at \$1,049,998, and Bade Roofing's bid was \$1,059,204.

We would like to draw attention to the significant price difference of \$149,467 between Bartch Roofing, Bade Roofing and Lakeside Roofing. Additionally, it was noted that pages 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3 were omitted from Bartch Roofing's bid, raising concerns regarding the completeness of their submission. Furthermore, we have received a recommendation from Tom Worley of RMT Roofing, who is responsible for overseeing and inspecting our roof installations. Mr. Worley does not recommend Bartch Roofing based on his assessment. It is important to note that we have had a positive working relationship with Bade Roofing, and we have been satisfied with the quality of their work in the past. Considering these factors, we believe it is in the best interest of Wilson School and GCSD9 to proceed with Bade Roofing for the replacement project.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Bartch Roofing	\$909,737
Lakeside Roofing	\$1,049,998
Bade Roofing	\$1,059,204

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

15. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS;** the following reports were given. (14-15)

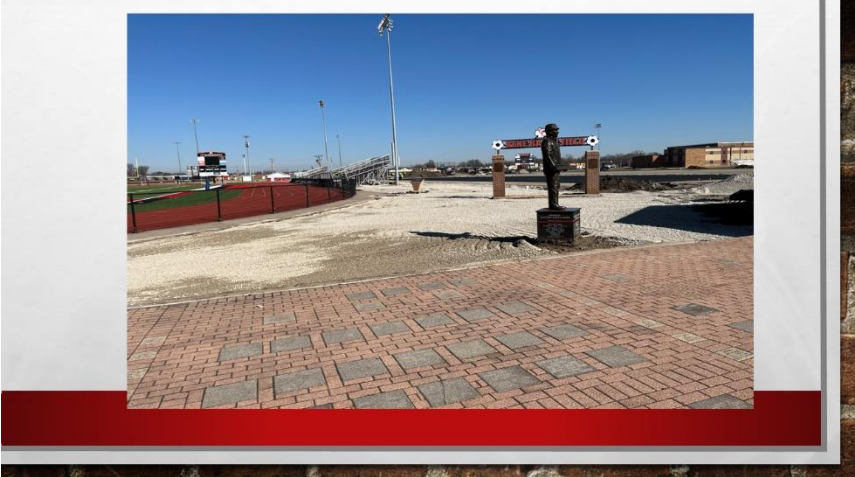
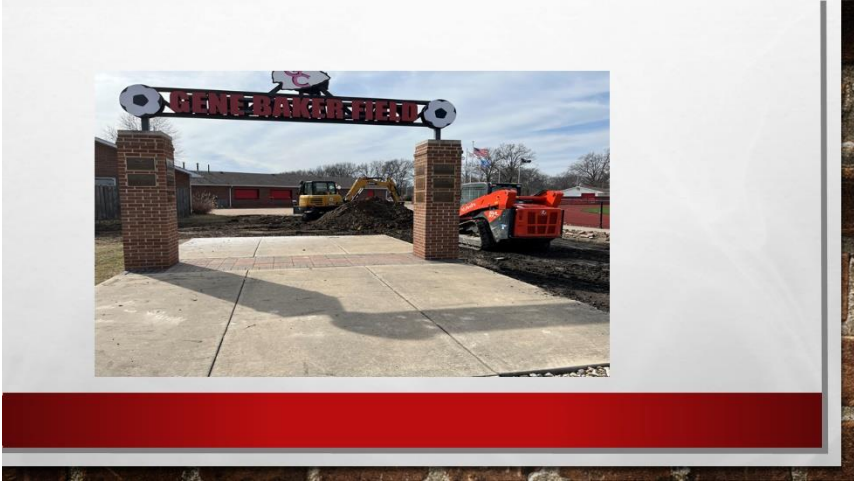
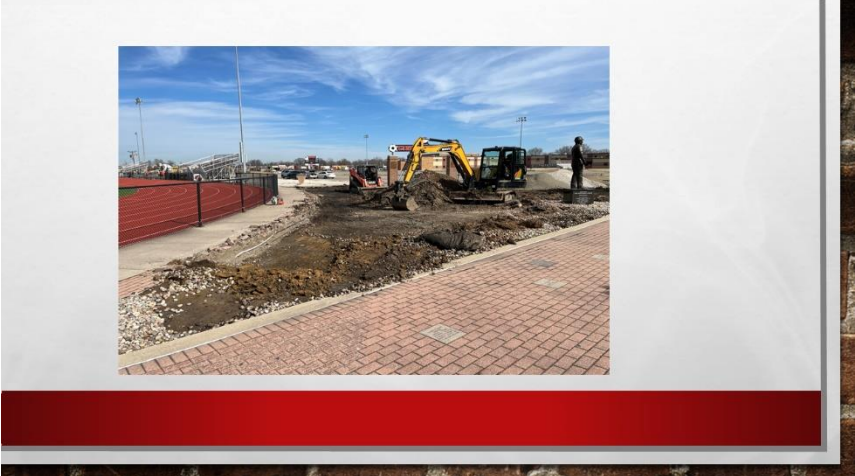
- ✓ **Freedom of Information Act {FOIA} Requests;** We received three {3} requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of February 7, 2024 through February 20, 2024.

1. The first request was received on February 7, 2024 from Illinois Policy Research. They requested the following information:
 - Records/documents relating to the suspension of John Manoogian's teaching license, as well as any documents pertaining to any correspondence between a representative of IFT or AFT or the local bargaining unit and any member of Granite City CUSD 9's administration, including any principals or school board members, about the events that occurred on March 25th 2021 as described in the following article: [Granite City High School Teacher John S. Manoogian Indicted on Multiple Charges of Sexual Abuse | RiverBender.com](#).
2. The second request was received on February 15, 2024 from Concerned Citizens of Freeburg. They requested the following information:
 - Records of FOIA requests made by the individuals named or their legal counsel. Jayson Baker or Lauren Baker, please provide relevant documents and information in accordance with FOIA regulations.
3. The third request was received on February 16, 2024 from Concerned Citizens of Freeburg. They requested the following information:
 - How many minutes of recesses do students receive daily by grade level at Wilson Elementary School? Please include by grade level recess schedules.

The requests were handled by Administration.

- ✓ **GCHS Sports Complex Update and Presentation;**
{Eric Smith, Supervisor of Facilities Management}







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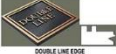
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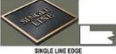
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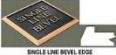
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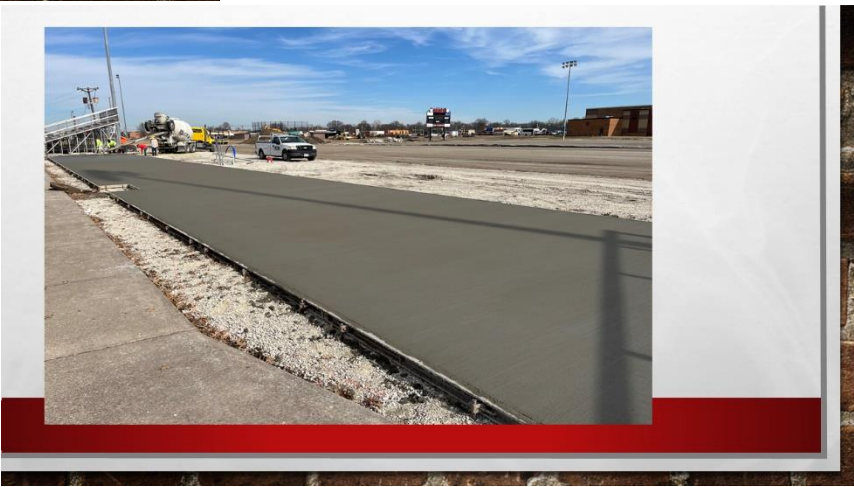
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16. **SETTING OF THE AGENDA** for our next Board of Education meeting that will be held on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024.**

17. **ADJOURNMENT**; Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Venne, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 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