MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **MARCH 12, 2024**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:	BECKY BRADLEY, TALLIN CURRAN, LINDA KNOGL, DON LIENEMANN, ERIC STACY, AND ERICA VENNE.
MEMBERS ABSENT:	LORI SILVA.
EMPLOYEES PRESENT:	STEPHANIE CANN, ED.S., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DENISE ALBRECHT, LINDA AMES, JAYSON BAKER, JODY BATSON, STEPHANIE BOYER, GENIE BRATTEN, BRAD ERVAY, CORY ERVAY, DR. DONALD HARRIS, GINGER HARRISON, DR. DAVID KEEL, STEVE KNOGL, STEVEN MATHES, TIM MCCHRISTIAN, CHRIS MCCULLOUGH, CHRIS MITCHELL, TIM MORAN, CHUCK NOUD, KRISTEN NOVACICH-KOBERNA, JIM PARKER, NIKKI PETRILLO, JILL RELLEKE, TOM SCHOOLEY, BRAD SMITH, ERIC SMITH, ZACK SUHRE, MICKI WATKINS, ANN WILSON, AND MEGAN WEDEKIND.
STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER:	ANNA FORBES.
OTHERS PRESENT:	DAVE AMES, DEMI BARNES, PASTOR DERRELL BRAME, LOUIS COTTRELL, MARK CRIDER, ZANDER JOHNSON, LORI KNOGL, STEVEN KNOGL, LONDYN LONG, BRIAN MILLER, ELI MILLER, MARILYN MILLER, SUMMER MOORE, CRYSTAL NOUD, NEVAEH REDD, SERGEANT ROBERTS #234, COLTON STEARNS, MATT STEARNS, REBECCA STEARNS, EASTON TOLLEY, AND WHITNEY TOLLEY.

This was an open and virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There was a total of thirty (30) Employees, one (1) Student Advisory Board Member, twenty-one (21) 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. Six 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 Derrell Brame with Central Christian Church, offered the invocation.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT;

A. GCSD9 BOE and Administration recognized Ms. Linda Ames and Mr. Charles Noud who were selected as recipients of the Illinois State Board of Education {ISBE} 2024 Those Who Excel "**Award of Meritorious Service**". Educators who receive this award employ their talents and passions which have shaped their school community for the better. ISBE honored over 500 educators for their extraordinary contributions to education in Illinois.

B. GCSD9 BOE and Administration recognized the Coolidge Junior High School Wrestling Team, the "2024 Madison County Conference Champions" with an Undefeated Season with an 11-0 Record. Coach Scott Penny and Coach Steve Knogl brought several of the student athletes from the team to represent the over 50 wrestlers who participated this year.

Demi Barnes; 8th Grade
Londyn Long; 8th Grade
Nevaeh Redd; 8th Grade
Scott Kilmer; 5th Grade
Easton Tolley; 5th Grade
Stephen Knogl, 6th Grade
Jaxon Lynn; 7th Grade
Colton Stearns; 7th Grade
Zander Johnson; 8th Grade
Adrian Mendez; 8th Grade
Omar Mendez; 8th Grade
Eli Miller; 8th Grade
Long Ngo; 8th Grade

3. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, **February 27, 2024**.

Members voting - Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", and Curran "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

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

Bill List

Bill List from February 22, 2024 - March 7, 2024;
{available upon request}

Gifts

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

Arby's Restaurant Granite City Location; The Granite City Arby's restaurant donated student incentives that are good for one free kids' meal at the Granite City location. They were sent to GCSD9 KG-5th Grade buildings to use as "Positive Office Referrals".

GCFirst Assembly of God; They donated misc. clothing items to Prather KG Center.

Mr. Taras Waskurak; Mr. Waskurak donated an Elliptical Machine Cross Trainer to the GCHS Weight Room, valued at approx. $2000.00.

Members voting - Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", and Bradley, "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

5. RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS; (2) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to a to accept the following retirements and resignations:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Terri Kunz	Science Teacher/CJHS	Retirement	End of 2027/2028 School Year
Bethany Lang	7th ELA Teacher/CJHS	Retirement	End of 2028/2029 School Year
Ann Mayhall	SLP/Frohardt	Retirement	June 2029
Katherine Schnefke	7th/8th Grade Teacher/Lake-ESSC	Resignation	May 22, 2024
Lori Wilson	2nd Grade Teacher/Maryville	Retirement	End of 2027/2028 School Year

Members voting - Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Bradley, "aye", and Stacy, "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

6. REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE; (2) Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Makayla Campbell	Cafe/GCHS	Medical	03/01/2024 - 05/24/2024
Marisela Luna	ESL Teacher/GIS & Frohardt	Maternity	05/06/2024 - 08/13/2024
Angie West	Title Teacher/Mitchell	Medical	04/19/2024 - 07/12/2024

Members voting - Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", and Knogl, "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

7. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE; (2) Motion by Member Knogl, 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**
Cynthia Desper	Special Ed Teacher/Grigsby	Medical	07/13/2024 - 08/12/2024

Members voting - Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Lienemann, "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

8. EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR; (3) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extracurricular resignations for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	**Position**
Nancy Smallie	Mitchell 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty
Diana Karnafel	Prather 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty
LeAnn Oller	Prather 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty

Members voting - Curran, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", and Venne, "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

9. EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (4) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extracurricular resignations for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	**Position**
Pat Baker	GCHS Head Football Coach

Members voting - Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", and Curran "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

10. EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR; (5) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Position
Penny Feldt	Mitchell 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty
Traci Garrett	Prather 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty
Katie Nappier	Prather 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty

Members voting - Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", and Bradley, "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

11. CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES; (6) 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, pending the submission of the required paperwork:

Certified;	Classified
Erika Caldwell	Kevin Bellovich

Members voting - Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Bradley, "aye", and Stacy, "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

12. POLICIES; (7) Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following policies recommended by the Policy Committee**:**

3:40 AP3 School Board; Superintendent Evaluation Timeline

Granite City C.U.S.D. #9 3 40 AP3

School Board

Superintendent Evaluation Timeline

The Superintendent evaluation process is designed to review goals established by the board and superintendent at the beginning of the evaluation cycle. The evaluation cycle will run from July 1 through March 1 of a given year, with a monthly update from the Superintendent to the Board.

Data to support the superintendent goals shall be entered into an online evaluation tool (SuperEval) that allows the Board of Education to see a consistent picture of what the superintendent has done while allowing the current superintendent to enter a self-evaluation for the year.

Members voting - Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", and Knogl, "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

13. EMPLOYMENT OF TWO {2} GCSD9 SCHOOL NURSES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (8) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Keri Berg** and **Brooke Nemsky** as GCSD9 School Nurses for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

Members voting - Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Lienemann, "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

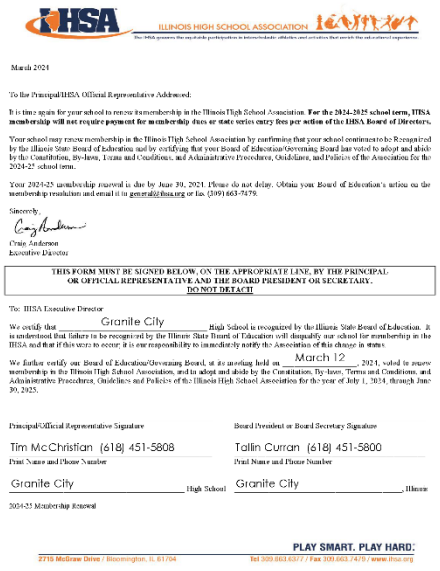
14. EMPLOYMENT OF COOLIDGE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (9) Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Keri Berg** and **Brooke Nemsky** as GCSD9 School Nurses for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

Members voting - Curran, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", and Venne, "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

15. EMPLOYMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (10)

    - Item was held for Executive Session pursuant to section 2(c)(1)

16. ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION {IHSA} MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (11-12) Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the request to renew the Illinois High School Association {IHSA} membership for the 2024-2025 school year. IHSA is waiving membership dues and any state series entry fees per action of the IHSA Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 school year.



IHSA ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

March 2024

To the Principal/IHSA Official Representative Addressed:

It is time again for your school to renew membership in the Illinois High School Association. **For the 2024-2025 school term, IHSA membership will not require payment for membership dues or state series entry fees per action of the IHSA Board of Directors.**

Your school may renew membership in the Illinois High School Association by confirming that your school continues to be Recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education and by certifying that your Board of Education/Governing Board has voted to adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines, and Policies of the Association for the 2024-25 school term.

Your 2024-25 membership renewal is due by June 30, 2024. Please do not delay. Obtain your Board of Education's action on the membership resolution and email it to general@ihsa.org or fax (309) 663-7479.

Sincerely,

Craig Anderson
Executive Director

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BELOW, ON THE APPROPRIATE LINE, BY THE PRINCIPAL OR OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE BOARD PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY. DO NOT DETACH

To: IHSA Executive Director

We certify that Granite City High School is recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education. It is understood that failure to be recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education will disqualify our school for membership in the IHSA and that if this were to occur it is our responsibility to immediately notify the Association of this change in status.

We further certify our Board of Education/Governing Board, at its meeting held on March 12, 2024, voted to renew membership in the Illinois High School Association, and to adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines and Policies of the Illinois High School Association for the year of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Principal/Official Representative Signature — Board President or Board Secretary Signature

Tim McChristian (618) 451-5808 — Tallin Curran (618) 451-5800

Print Name and Phone Number — Print Name and Phone Number

Granite City High School — Granite City, Illinois

2024-25 Membership Renewal

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Members voting - Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", and Curran "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

17. **Purchase of Two {2} Lots in the Donnalynne Subdivision for the GCHS Building Trades Program Proposal**; (13) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the request to purchase two {2} lots in the Donnalynne Subdivision from RLP Development. The lots will be used for our GCHS Building Trades Program and are located near homes previously completed and sold.

    In the past, we paid for the lots after the homes were sold. We will now pay RLP Development directly, which will allow us to save the fees associated with a title company.

Lot #/Address	Lot Price	Subordinated
Lot 196; 4829 Bailey Drive	$36,500.00	May 24, 2022
Lot 195; 4825 Bailey Drive	$38,500.00	October 6, 2023
Total Due:	**$75,000.00**	

    Members voting - Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", and Bradley, "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

18. DATE CHANGE FOR APRIL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY {PLD} #3; (14) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Stacy, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the request to change the date of our April Professional Learning Day #3 in April 2024. The current date is Wednesday, April 24, 2024 and the request is to change the date to Monday, April 8, 2024. April 8, 2024 is the date of the Solar Eclipse.

    Members voting - Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Bradley, "aye", and Stacy, "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

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

    ✓ **Freedom of Information Act {FOIA} Requests**; (15)

    We received three {3} requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of February 21, 2024 through March 5, 2024.

    1. The first request was received on February 23, 2024 from Concerned Citizens of Freeburg. They requested the following information:

        - How many days of Physical Education do students receive at Wilson Elementary School per week. Please include by grade level PE.

2. The second request was received on February 23, 2024 from Garrett P. Hoerner of Becker, Hoerner & Ysursa, P.C. He requested the following information:

   - Access to and copies of any and all documents related to e- mails to and/or from District Principal Jayson Baker at jayson.baker@gcds9.net that in any way reference Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 and/or it's Superintendent, Dr. Melanie Brink.

3. The third request was received on February 26, 2024 from Concerned Citizens of Freeburg. They requested the following information:

   - A waiver from the county or state ROE, granting Wilson Elementary and Principal Baker the ability to break state law.
   - Any emails between Principal Baker, school staff, and parents regarding Principal Baker's knowledge of breaking (105 ILCS 5/27-6) section 27-6 A. PE schedules and meeting times per week.

The requests were handled by Administration.

✓ **IASB Liaison Report**; (16)
{BOE Treasurer Linda Knogl}

Linda Knogl gave the board a brief IASB update.

✓ **Multi-Grade Level Schools Update**; (16)
{GCSD9 Administration}

The FY25 Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Don Harris, gave an update regarding the multi-grade level schools.

Dr. Harris had a meeting with Central Office Administration on February 27, 2024. Here are some of the items they will continue to research:

- Two options being considered;

  1. K-6 model with Pre-K at Prather and Grigsby.
  2. K-4 model with Pre-K at their current building.

- Staffing needs and future hiring will be discussed based on where boundaries will split.
- Reviewing all buildings and maps, classrooms, sizing, etc. Boundaries will change classroom sizes depending on the level. If we choose to offer transfers due to child care, that is a factor that needs to be looked at as well.

- Bussing will be looked at by model. For instance, if we choose the K-6 model, we would not be able to have all buildings start at the same time due to bussing availability.
- Will develop a timeline in late April or early May regarding the completion of tasks for the new grade level configuration.

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

    The Board was called into executive session at 6:38 pm.

    Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting at 6:58 pm.

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

21. EMPLOYMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (10) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Adam Garrett** as the Executive Director of Human Resources for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

    Members voting - Venne, "aye", Curran, "aye", Bradley, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Lienemann, "aye", motion carried. **Member absent;** Lori Silva

22. SETTING OF THE AGENDA for our next Board of Education meeting that will be held on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024.**

23. ADJOURNMENT; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 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