

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **APRIL 9, 2024**

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



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

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: STEPHANIE CANN, ED.S., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, JAYSON BAKER, JODY BATSON, STEPHANIE BOYER, GENIE BRATTEN, BRAD ERVAY, CORY ERVAY, DR. DONALD HARRIS, CINDY HEINTZ, DR. DAVID KEEL, STEVEN MATHES, TIM MCCHRISTIAN, CHRIS MCCULLOUGH, CHRIS MITCHELL, TIM MORAN, KRISTEN NOVACICH-KOBERNA, NIKKI PETRILLO, TOM SCHOOLEY, ERIC SMITH, ZACK SUHRE, MICKI WATKINS, AND MEGAN WEDEKIND.

STUDENT ADVISORY
BOARD MEMBER:

N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: SRO ELLIOTT BRINKMEYER, SRO SCOTT PENNY, PASTOR STACEY WILSON, AND CAROL WALLACE.

This was an open and virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There was a total of twenty-two (22) Employees, four (4) 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. 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 Stacey Wilson with GCFirst Assembly of God offered the invocation.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;** n/a
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING;** Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Knogl, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, **March 12, 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 Knogl, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as follows:

Treasurer's Report;

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

Bill List;

Bill List from March 8, 2024 – April 3, 2024;
{available upon request}

Requests from Various Organizations;

EF Tour Group Leader; {Terri Kunz}; Ms. Kunz is a Coolidge Junior High School teacher and would like to distribute information to students and parents regarding a tour through EF Educational Groups where they will explore Journey Through the Galapagos in the Summer of 2026. The student cost will be \$5,249 and the adult cost is \$6,159, for an 11-day trip. The first informational parent meeting will be on April 18, 2024 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Coolidge Junior High School.

Gifts;

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

Duke Bakery; The owner of Duke Bakery, Ben Hollis, donated 75 donuts for the GCHS Debate Team Tournament at Granite City High School. Mr. Hollis is always happy and willing to help out anytime we need it!

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

5. **RESCIND RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS;** (4) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to rescind the following retirements and resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Melissa Sholl	Title I Teacher/Grigsby	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;** (4) Motion by Member Lienemann, 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>
Kelsie Mook	Life Skills Teacher/CJHS	Resignation	End of 2023/2024 School Year
Melissa Sholl	Title I Teacher/Grigsby	Retirement	12/22/2024

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;** (4) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, 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>
Benita McIntyre	Café/Grigsby	Medical	03/06/2024 - 05/29/2024
Nicole Parker	Art Teacher/CJHS	Medical	04/02/2024 - End of 2023/2024 School Year
Amanda Wilson	KG Teacher/Prather KG	Medical	03/06/2024 - 05/29/2024

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

8. **EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR;** (5) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extracurricular resignations for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Steve Roustio	GCHS Asst Football Coach
Alexandria Miller	Coolidge Head Volleyball Coach
Sara Delp	Coolidge Asst Volleyball Coach

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;** (6) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name

Brian Byrd
Kellie Hutchings

Position

GCHS Asst Girls Track Coach
GCHS Photography Club

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; (7)**

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

11. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES; (8)** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, 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:

Preston Miller

Classified

Pamela Burries
Monte Williams
Shawn Wylde

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

12. **RESCIND RECOMMENDATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF GCSD9 SCHOOL NURSE FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (9)** Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to rescind the recommendation of **Keri Berg** as a GCSD9 School Nurse from the March 12, 2024 Board of Education meeting. Ms. Berg declined the offer.

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

13. **EMPLOYMENT OF GCSD9 SCHOOL NURSE FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (10)** Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Talisha Nyman** as a GCSD9 School Nurse for the 2024-2025 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.

14. **EMPLOYMENT OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR;** (11) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Annabell Ambuel** as a Granite City High School English Teacher for the 2024-2025 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. **EMPLOYMENT OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR;** (12) Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Rachel Wallace** as a Granite City High School Science Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

16. **EMPLOYMENT OF ESSC - LAKE SCHOOL 7TH / 8TH GRADE TEACHER FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR;** (13) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Angie Suhre** as 7th / 8th Grade Teacher at ESSC - Lake School for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

17. **AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM;** (14) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the request to offer an after-school tutoring program for a select number of students in kindergarten, first and second grades. The program will allow 25 students each from Prather, Maryville and Wilson to receive additional help with reading. Grant funds will be used for teacher salaries and bussing. The program will begin in April and end in May (approximately 20 days).

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

18. **DISPOSAL OF OUTDATED EQUIPMENT;** (15) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the request to dispose of the following microscopes from Granite City High School that are outdated or broken and cannot be used any longer:

Microscopes with Mirrors, no Electricity

66941	74E1816
68W1743	74E1826
68N2536	74E11951
110-2000	607940
110-2000	78E14749
77068	607905
82E1822	78E14767
76E2321	68N1786
78E15067	78E14524
76E2275	706899
78E14928	74E3552
75E4195	74E3294
74E3489	607963
73E12126	74E11612
74E1251	68N1746
74E11669	

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

19. **STUDENT DISCIPLINE;** (16) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to uphold the recommendation of the hearing officer to expel two {2} GCHS students for two-years with services, if available.

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

20. **STUDENT DISCIPLINE;** (17) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of administration, to uphold the recommendation

of the hearing officer to expel two {2} GCHS students for one-year with services, if available.

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

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

✓ **Freedom of Information Act {FOIA} Requests; (18)**

We received one request under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of March 6, 2024 through April 2, 2024.

1. The first request was received on March 21, 2024 from Concerned Citizens of Freeburg. They requested the following information:
 - Please provide the "Go Noodle" schedule, the number of minutes per week, the curriculum, and the grading scale to constitute a PE class.
 - Please provide all teachers who are certified in Physical Education along with the teachers who are not certified in Physical Education.

The request was handled by Administration.

✓ **IASB Liaison Report; (19)** {BOE Treasurer Linda Knogl}

Linda Knogl gave the board a brief IASB update.

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

The Board was called into executive session at 6:25 pm.

Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Lienemann, to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting at 8:59 pm.

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

23. EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (7)

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Steve Roustio	GCHS Head Football Coach
Tiffany Kimmel	GCHS Head Cheer Coach
Gerard Moore	GCHS Head Boys Basketball Coach
Rodney Bond	GCHS Asst Boys Basketball Coach
John Venne	GCHS Head Wrestling Coach
Matt Warfield	GCHS Asst Wrestling Coach
Kyle Thompson	GCHS Asst Wrestling Coach
Mason Baker	GCHS Asst Wrestling Coach
Melanie Lohman	GCHS Head Bowling Coach
Tim Wilson	GCHS Asst Bowling Coach

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

24. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES; Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, to approve the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024.**

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

25. SETTING OF THE AGENDA for our next Board of Education meeting that will be held on **Tuesday, April 23, 2024.**

26. **ADJOURNMENT**; Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Lienemann, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 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
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