

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2024
CENTRAL OFFICE**

** Time changed from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. due to inclement weather. Time change shared on District's Facebook page.

PRESENT: Marti Warden, President; Jabet Wade, Vice-President; Robby Walrath, Member; Heather Bushner, Member; Corey Hillhouse, Member; Jerry Kiger, Member; Mason Eslinger, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Trevor Hicks, Richard Wylie, Ben Hopper, Nick Jones, Chelsey Gilmore, and Cheyenne Alms

The meeting was called to order by President Marti Warden at 6:00 p.m. with seven members present.

CONSENT ITEMS

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, December 18, 2023 Open Session Minutes, December Bills, Motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Jabet Wade to approve consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Superintendent Justin Gilmore and the board reviewed the financial report. Mr. Gilmore stated he believed we were on track for projected budgeted revenue for the 2023-24 school year with expected federal draw-downs and property taxes expected to come in soon. Building Reports were included for board review.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OPEN AGENDA ITEMS

As per Missouri Sunshine law: only items listed and noticed up on the agenda can be discussed by the public.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

☞ PROM TRANSPORTATION

The board discussed prom transportation. A motion was made by Corey Hillhouse, seconded by Heather Bushner, to allow students to drive to prom with parent waivers, as long as prom isn't held in Branson, and a bus option is still given. Four board members expressed their reasoning for abstaining was based upon prom transportation not being a board decision. Votes were recorded as follows: Corey Hillhouse-yes; Heather Bushner-yes; Robby Walrath-no; Mason Eslinger-abstain; Jabet Wade-abstain; Jerry Kiger-abstain, Marty Warden-abstain. Motion passed.

☞ SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION 2024

Mr. Gilmore announced to the board the candidates for the 2024 election

∞ JH/HS APR Data/EL APR Data

Dr. Wylie and Mr. Hopper presented to the board data from mandatory testing that showed Gainesville School District in the top 10% of MO Schools Academically and the High School in the top 5%.

∞ QUALITY SPORTS NET

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board a bid for netting at the sports complex. Mr. Gilmore recommended the board accept the bid as presented. A motion was made by Corey Hillhouse, seconded by Jerry Kiger to accept the Quality Sports Net bid as presented. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0.

∞ HOWARD HOUSE MOVING, LLC, MLH EXCAVATION, LLC

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board bids from Howard House Moving, LLC and MLH Excavation, LLC for the removal of the house next to the sports complex. Mr. Gilmore recommended the board go with the Howard House Moving, LLC bid. A motion was made by Corey Hillhouse, seconded by Robby Walrath to accept the Howard House Moving, LLC bid as presented. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0.

CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES LISTED IN SECTION 610.021

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Mason Eslinger to convene executive session for purposes listed in section RSMo 610.021, (3), (12) & (13) Personnel. Roll Call Vote: Kiger, yes; Walrath, yes; Bushner, yes; Wade, yes; Warden, yes; Mason Eslinger, yes; and Hillhouse-yes. 3:28 p.m.

Exit Executive Session 4:39 p.m.

BOARD ACTIONS

A **motion** was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Jabet Wade to hire Misty Uchtman for High School Cook, and John Harden for Custodian for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Jerry Kiger to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Kiger-yes; Walrath-yes, Bushner-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; Eslinger-yes; and Hillhouse-yes. 4:52 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education