

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
AUGUST 14, 2023  
CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Trevor Hicks, Principal, Richard Wylie  
Elle Hollrah, Jessi Price, Lisa Goodnight, Mike Davis

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Open Session Minutes, July Bills, 2023-24 Student Accident Coverage, Special Education Compliance Plan Certification, and Set 2023-24 Senior Graduation (May 17, 2024) Motion was made by Heather Bushner, seconded by Jerry Kiger, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board financial reports and discussed account balances.

**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**

➤ **Tax Levy: Ozark Co./Douglas Co.**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed the Assessed Valuations from Ozark and Douglas County with the board.

➤ **Teacher Contract Addendum**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the contract addendum to teacher's contracts who are under \$38,000.00. The grant is paying 100% of the addendums this year. Motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Jabet Wade to approve the teacher contract addendum for the 2023-24 school year. Vote carried 7-0.

➤ **SUBSTITUTE LIST FOR 2023-24**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board amendments to the substitute list for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Jabet Wade to approve the substitute list for the 2023-24 school year. Vote carried 5-0. Corey Hillhouse and Robby Walrath abstained.

➤ **TUITION**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the tuition price for the school district. Mr. Gilmore recommended raising the price to \$7,100.00 which is below the calculated amount, but higher than

previous years. Motion was made by Corey Hillhouse, seconded by Heather Bushner to approve the tuition rate at \$7,100.00 per student, per year. Vote was carried 7-0.

➤ **Ballpark specifications**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the specifications for the new ballpark. The bids for the specifications will run in next week's paper. Motion was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Jerry Kiger, to approve the ballpark specifications going out for bid. Vote was 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; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; and Hillhouse-yes. 6:20 p.m.

**Exit Executive Session 7:29 p.m.**

**BOARD ACTIONS -**

A **motion** was made by Heather Bushner seconded by Robby Walrath, to hire Sheryl Lawson as Critical Shortage 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Vote carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Heather Bushner seconded by Jabet Wade, to hire Cindy Potter as part-time food service, Edwina Welch as paraprofessional, and Carolyn Simons as cook for the 2023-24 school year. Vote carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Jabet Wade, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Kiger-yes, Walrath-yes, Bushner-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; Hillhouse-yes. 7:33 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education