

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2023
CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

ABSENT: Heather Bushner, Member; Corey Hillhouse, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

The meeting was called to order by President Marti Warden at 7:00 a.m. with five members present.

CONSENT ITEMS

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, May 15, 2023, Open Session Minutes, May Bills, amend 2022-2023 Budget to actual or as advised by the auditors. Transfer from Fund 1 to Fund 4, up to \$283,954.00 or amount as advised by the auditors, Physical Therapy Contract for the 2023-24 year, and moving the board meeting to July 24, 2023 at 7 a.m.. Motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Robby Walrath to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Superintendent Justin Gilmore and the board reviewed current year account balances. Summer School payroll will be cut after board meeting, before July 1. The District is still waiting on DESE to reimburse Federal payments. Will receive before July.

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

➤ **Budget 2023-2024**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the 2023-2024 Budget. Mr. Gilmore discussed his plans to draw down the last of the ESSER III funds budgeted for the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Gilmore also discussed estimated WADA, teacher minimum grant and lease purchases. Motion made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Jerry Kiger, to approve the 2023-2024 Budget as presented. Vote carried 5-0.

➤ **300,00 Grant Selection**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board a grant that the district received for an electric bus. The grant was written for one bus, but will need to replace an old bus. The grant covers the cost of the bus 100% and includes the charging station. The district will use the bus on a town route. It must be

kept for 3 years, and comes with a 5 year warranty. Motion was made by Mason Eslinger seconded by Robby Walrath to accept the electric bus grant. Vote carried 5-0.

➤ **Bid Approval for: Bakery, Dairy, Propane and Printing**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board bids for Bakery, Dairy, Propane and Printing for the 2023-24 school year. Motion was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Mason Eslinger to approve Springfield Grocer for Bakery and Dairy, PFG for food products, Enterprise Printing for printing, and West Plains Propane for propane. Vote carried 5-0.

Heather Bushner enters meeting at 7:52 a.m.

➤ **Elementary Security Entrance/Elementary Vestibule/ HS/JH Secure Doors**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the board to use a \$100,000 safety grant that was awarded to the district to purchase new doors and hardware for the High School classrooms, fix any outside window safety concerns, and change Elementary vestibule to make it safer. The grant should cover all improvements, at no cost to the district. Motion was made by Jabet Wade, seconded by Mason Eslinger to move forward with the safety improvements. Vote carried 6-0.

➤ **Elementary Covered Walkway**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board a bid from Suter Fencing and Welding for the steel work for the elementary covered walkway. Motion made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Heather Bushner to approve the Suter bid. Vote carried 6-0.

➤ **MSBA 2023 B OVERVIEW (Final Reading), Policies**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board a final reading on the MSBA 2023 policy and procedure changes. Motion was made by Heather Bushner, seconded by Mason Eslinger to accept MSBA changes. Vote carried 6-0.

➤ **Baseball/Softball Complex Design**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the design for the Baseball/Softball Complex. The design was created by professionals with safety as top priority.

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; and Warden-yes. 8:32 a.m.

Exit Executive Session 8:41 a.m.

BOARD ACTIONS

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Robby Walrath, to hire Opal Croney and Tonya Kropp as cooks for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Heather Bushner, seconded by Mason Eslinger to add Tena McKinzie to the substitute list for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 5-0. Robby Walrath abstained.

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Robby Walrath, to accept the resignations of Janine Jenkins, Lisa Breshears and Terri O'Dell. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Mason Eslinger, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Kiger-yes; Walrath- yes; Bushner-yes; Eslinger- yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes.
8:42 a.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education