

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
MAY 15, 2023  
CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

**ABSENT:** Heather Bushner, Member; Mason Eslinger, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Trevor Hicks, Clint Hall, Erin Swofford, Megan Lynne, Mary Ann Moore, Curtis Dobbs, Sheila Dobbs

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, April 17, 2023 Open Session Minutes, April 17, 2023 Reorganization Minutes, April Bills, Bid Invitations for Bakery, Dairy, Propane and Printing, moving June board meeting to June 26, 2023 at 7:00 a.m.. Motion was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Jabet Wade, to approve consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Superintendent Justin Gilmore and the board reviewed the financial report and Preliminary 2023-2024 Budget and the monthly financial report.

**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**

➤ **BUS BID**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board a bid for a 47 passenger bus. Motion was made by Corey Hillhouse, seconded by Robby Walrath to purchase the 47 passenger bus. Vote carried 5-0.

➤ **MSBA 2023B OVERVIEW (FIRST READING)**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the first reading of the MSBA 2023B Overview on updated policies.

➤ **4MOST SPORTS**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board a bid from 4MOST Sports to design the sports complex. After the design is made, jobs can be bid out locally. A motion was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Robby Walrath. Vote carried 5-0.

**CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES LISTED IN SECTION 610.021**

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Robby Walrath, to convene executive session for purposes listed in section RSMo 610.021, (3), (12) & (13) Personnel. Roll Call Vote: Kiger- yes; Walrath-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; and Hillhouse-yes. 6:28 p.m.

**Exit Executive Session 7:08 p.m.**

**BOARD ACTIONS**

A **motion** was made by Corey Hillhouse, seconded by Robby Walrath, to accept the resignation of Kokomo Harden, Rhonda Sheppard, Hannah Campbell, Cindy Parker, and Julie Harlan, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Vote carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Heather Bushner seconded by Robby Walrath, to hire Ben Hopper as Elementary Principal; Sherri Kyle as Elementary Special Education Teacher; Sydney Fox as Elementary Music Teacher, and James Barber as JH/HS Music Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Vote carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Corey Hillhouse seconded by Jerry Kiger, to hire Sara Walker as a Paraprofessional; Valerie Wylie as a Paraprofessional; Kenzee Ellison as Head Volleyball Coach; Melanie Johns as Assistant Softball Coach; Misti Eslinger as JH Softball Coach; Jared Walker as Assistant JH Softball Coach; and Stacy Garrison as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year. Vote carried 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Robby Walrath to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Walrath-yes, Bushner-yes; Wade-yes; Hillhouse- yes, Jerry Kiger-yes, Marti Warden-yes, 7:10 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education