

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
APRIL 17, 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Clint Hall, Trevor Hicks, Erin Swofford, Treva Warrick, Josh Miller, Brent Blevins

The meeting was called to order by President Marti Warden at 6:01 p.m. with all seven members present.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, March 20, 2023 Open Session Minutes, March Bills, MSBA Membership, and Student Insurance. Motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Robby Walrath, to approve consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Superintendent Justin Gilmore and the board reviewed the financial reports, March general ledger. Mr. Gilmore discussed how the district is on track for this time of year.

**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**

➤ **MSBA 2023 UPDATE (FINAL READING)**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the board the MSBA 2023 Update. Mr. Gilmore recommended striking the policy language that allows virtual students to participate in extra-curricular, as it goes against our local policy. A motion was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Jabet Wade to approve MSBA updates with the recommended amendment. Motion carried 7-0.

➤ **Gainesville Complex (Did you know? Video, pictures)**

Mr. Gilmore showed the board the “Did you know?” video to the board that features past improvements. He also discussed with the board plans for the future Gainesville Multi-Purpose facility. Mr. Gilmore recommended moving forward with the project. A motion was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Jabet Wade to move forward with the Gainesville Multi-Purpose Complex. Motion carried 6-1 with Corey Hillhouse voting in opposition.

➤ **Lease Purchase Resolution/Lease Purchase bids and Financing**

Mr. Gilmore introduced Brent Blevins from Stifel Bank and discussed with the board a lease purchase agreement to finance the Gainesville Multi-Purpose Complex. Mr. Blevins and Mr. Gilmore recommended using Clayton Holdings to finance the lease purchase. A motion was made by Jabet Wade, seconded by Mason Eslinger to move forward with the lease purchase agreement as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

➤ **Crosswalk option**

Mr. Gilmore introduced Treva Warrick from the Gainesville City Council and discussed with the board crosswalk options for the new Multi-Purpose Complex across the street from the school. Ms. Warrick plans to take the board's ideas to the next City Council meeting.

**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. 7:39 p.m.

**Exit Executive Session 8:55 p.m.**

**BOARD ACTIONS**

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Robby Walrath to accept the MASC Rates for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Jabet Wade to accept the Classified Salary Schedule for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Jabet Wade seconded by Robby Walrath to accept the resignations of Renee Hambelton as Assistant Softball Coach, and Cindy Potter's retirement at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Robby Walrath seconded by Corey Hillhouse to accept the resignations of Kenzee Ellison, Linda Howerton, Calli VanRanken and Erin Swofford at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Corey Hillhouse, seconded by Jabet Wade to hire Rachel Canape and Julie Johnson as Elementary teachers, Grace Gray as JH Social Studies teacher, Duane Smith as High School Biology teacher, and Ashley Comstock as Varsity Softball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Jabet Wade, seconded by Heather Bushner to add Taylor Suter to the substitute list. Motion carried 7-0.

**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; Hillhouse- yes. 8:57 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education