

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
JULY 20, 2020  
CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

ABSENT: Heather Bushner, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Erin Swofford

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, June 25, 2020, Open Session Minutes, July Bills, Bus lease purchase agreement. Motion was made by Jabet Wade, seconded by Corey Hillhouse to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Heather Bushner joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Mr. Gilmore discussed the financial report for June, ending the 2019-20 school year with a deficit balance of \$360,476. Mr. Gilmore explained this was mostly due to COVID 19 and the shortfalls it caused to the projected \$7.2 million revenue. Mr. Gilmore explained how the CARES Act money will help supplement continued revenue shortfalls in the 20-21 school 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**

➤ **Set Tax Rate Hearing Date and Time**

Mr. Gilmore recommended the board set the Tax Rate hearing for August 17, 2020 at 5:55 p.m. Motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Robby Walrath to set the Tax Rate Hearing. Vote carried 7-0.

➤ **Reopening Procedures**

Mr. Gilmore discussed his ideas for reopening the District with COVID procedures in place, such as hand sanitizers on buses, temperature checks at the door in the mornings, and breakfast/lunch being served in classrooms. Masks will not be mandatory, but provided for teachers/students to make them more comfortable. Mr. Gilmore explained AMI (Alternative Methods of Instruction) and how teachers will prepare in case an alternative method is needed. An Administrative meeting is set next week to discuss the district's reopening procedure.

➤ **Real Life Church/facility use**

Mr. Gilmore recommended that the board decline Real Life Church’s request for an extended facility usage agreement. A motion was made by Heather Bushner, seconded by Mason Eslinger to not allow an extended facility usage agreement. Vote carried 7-0.

**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; Bushner-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Hillhouse-yes; and Warden-yes. 6:53 p.m.

**Exit Executive Session 7:17**

**BOARD ACTIONS**

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger seconded by Heather Bushner, to hire Louis Wiley as a Bus Route Driver (Step 2, \$8,531), Abby Britt as a Paraprofessional (Step 1, \$14,263), and Tracie Wilson as a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher (Step 6, MS, \$33,450) for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll Call Vote: Kiger-yes; Walrath-yes, Bushner-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Hillhouse-yes; Warden-yes.

A **motion** was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Heather Bushner, to accept the resignation of Katherine Pierson as Elementary Nurse for the 2020-21 School year. Roll Call Vote: Kiger-yes; Walrath-yes; Bushner-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Hillhouse-yes; Warden-yes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Robby Walrath to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Kiger-yes; Walrath-yes, Bushner-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; Hillhouse- yes. 7:19 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education