

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
MAY 18, 2020  
CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Justin Gilmore

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, April 27, 2020 Open Session Minutes, April Bills, Bid Invitations for Bakery, Dairy, Propane and Printing, 2020-2021 Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Services and 2020-2021 Student Insurance Application. Motion was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Heather Bushner, to approve consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

**EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Superintendent Jeff Hyatt, Justin Gilmore and the board reviewed the financial report and Preliminary 2020-2021 Budget.

**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**

➤ **Elementary HVAC**

Dr. Hyatt reviewed with the board the Elementary HVAC system and contingency of funding with White River Valley Electric Cooperative. Motion was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Mason Eslinger to approve the Elementary HVAC system pending funding. Vote carried 6-0.

Mr. Jerry Kiger joined the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

➤ **COVID-19 Funding/County**

Dr. Hyatt advised the board of COVID-19 funding through the county to purchase cleaning supplies for the district. Motion was made by Heather Bushner, seconded by Jabet Wade to approve the purchase of cleaning supplies with free county COVID-19 funding. Vote carried 7-0.

➤ **4 Day Week/ MSBA**

Dr. Hyatt, Justin Gilmore and the board discussed a 4-day school week.

➤ **WRVEC – Revolving Loan Fund Application**

Dr. Hyatt discussed with the board and recommended starting the approval process of a site improvement loan with WRVEC. The loan details are as follows: 3 to 5-year loan for \$385,000 and interest of 1.5%-2.00%. Motion made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Heather Bushner, to approve loan process with WRVEC as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Marti Warden, 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. 7:01 p.m.

**Exit Executive Session 7:14 p.m.**

**BOARD ACTIONS**

A **motion** was made by Heather Bushner, seconded by Jabet Wade, to hire Phillip Center (Step 2/\$4,266. plus, extra duty extend route \$375.) and Luke Cooley (Step 26/\$8,671.) as bus drivers for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll Call Vote: Kiger-yes; Walrath-yes; Bushner-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; Hillhouse- yes.

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Mason Eslinger, to hire Erin Swofford (\$72,000) as Elementary Principal for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll Call Vote: Kiger-yes, Walrath-yes; Bushner-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; Hillhouse-yes.

A **motion** was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Heather Bushner, to hire Brianna Johnson as a probationary teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll Call Vote: Walrath-yes; Bushner-yes; Wade-yes; Hillhouse-yes. Eslinger-abstained.

A **motion** was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Jerry Kiger, to accept the resignation of Heath Treat as bus driver, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Roll Call Vote: Kiger-yes; Walrath-yes; Bushner-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; Hillhouse-yes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Mason Eslinger to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Walrath-yes, Bushner-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Hillhouse- yes 7:15 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education