

Gainesville R-5 School District
Minutes of Board Meeting

Kind of Meeting: Regular
Date: January 17, 2017

Place: High School Library
Time: 6:00 PM

Present:

Corey Hillhouse, President
Marti Warden, Vice President
Jerry Kiger
Billy Pippin
Wes Uchtman
Heather Bushner
Robby Walrath
Joe Donley, Superintendent
Aaron Dalton, Principal
Jason Morris, Principal
Holly Hannaford, Secretary

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance

1. APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Billy Pippin, to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0

2. APPROVE OPEN SESSION MINUTES FROM 12/19/16

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Robby Walrath, to approve the open session minutes from December 19, 2016. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0

3. APPROVE TO PAY THE EXPENDITURES

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Heather Bushner, to approve the expenditures as listed. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0

4. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Monthly Financial Summary-The general ledger was available for the board to review.
Legislative Issues-Decreasing state revenue outlook
Administrators’ Reports-Building reports were included in the board packets.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

As per Missouri Sunshine Law: only items listed and noticed up on the agenda can be discussed by the public.
Approximately 40 patrons and employees of the district were present at this meeting. Halbert Smith requested to address the board in support of the current administration. He stated that the district was financially strong and the administrators know this district and its parents/students. He stated that the board members were elected to continue improving our schools and not let personal issues get in the way and not operate as individuals but as a unit. He asked that the board members please remember how well things are going and encouraged them to work together and not have axes to grind. Jimmy Kyle also requested to address the board. He stated that he felt everything Halbert had said was true and he wanted to hold Halbert up for stating what he stands for and believes.

6. REQUESTS FROM OUTSIDE GROUPS TO USE FACILITIES

PTO requested to use the elementary gym on February 18, 2017 for a basketball tournament. A **motion** was made by Billy Pippin, seconded by Marti Warden, to approve this event. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0

7. ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE LIST

Jerry Lane, Nicole Hambelton, Karri Stout, and Marie North

A **motion** was made by Billy Pippin, seconded by Heather Bushner, to approve additions to the list. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0

8. OPENING ALL VOTING PRECINCTS

Brian Wise addressed the board providing information regarding his office's process for determining what precincts in the county are open during each individual election. He stated that though cost is a factor, it is not the only factor, and consideration is given to what issue(s) are on the ballot(s). Mr. Wise stated that his office is charged with spending county money and he is entrusted to spend it wisely, so it is a give and take. Mr. Wise also stated that it is his office that makes the final decision of whether or not to open certain precincts or not. Mr. Wise said he visited with all the area Superintendents and Board Presidents, excluding Gainesville's, in order to be as transparent as possible, regarding their thoughts on all precincts being open at all elections involving schools. All of them opposed opening all precincts because of the large jump in costs to them. Mr. Wise reviewed his handout showing typical election costs, costs opening all precincts, and what additional factors he takes in to account, like hiring election judges to man the precincts, and supplying voting machines. Mr. Pippin stated his concerns are that there is a lot of confusion of where someone goes to vote and the inconsistency of what precincts are open. Marti Warden asked Mr. Wise if there is the option to open more precincts should the district request it due to what is on the ballot and if it would be the district's financial responsibility to pay for the increased costs. Mr. Wise stated yes it would be at the district's expense if such request was met.

9. BOARD ELECTION 2017

Mr. Donley stated that there are three (3) board positions up for election in April. The three (3) incumbents have filed: Corey Hillhouse, Marti Warden, and Jerry Kiger. Others who have filed are David Murphy and Tena McKinzie.

A **motion** was made by Billy Pippin, seconded by Heather Bushner, to approve holding a board election on April 4, 2017. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0

CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES LISTED IN SECTION 610.021

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Wes Uchtman, to convene executive session for purposes listed in section RSMo 610.021, (3) Hiring/Firing, (12) Personnel Records, (13) Protected Records. Roll Call Vote: Wes Uchtman, yes; Corey Hillhouse, yes; Marti Warden, yes; Jerry Kiger, yes; Heather Bushner, yes; Billy Pippin, yes, and Robby Walrath, yes. 6:40 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Marti Warden, to extend Mr. Joe Donley's current contract (2016-17, 2017-18) one year (2018-2019) with his salary to remain the same or increase by the same percentage as teachers' once new budget is approved. Roll call vote: Bushner-no, Walrath-no, Kiger-yes, Uchtman-no, Pippin-no, Warden-yes, and Hillhouse-yes.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Jerry Kiger, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Bushner-yes, Walrath-yes, Kiger-yes, Uchtman-yes, Pippin-yes, Warden-yes, and Hillhouse-yes. 9:55 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education