

Gainesville R-5 School District

Kind of Meeting: Regular Open  
Date: November 21, 2016

Place: HS Library  
Time: 6:00 PM

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Billy Pippin

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**APPROVAL TO APPROVE AGENDA**

A *motion* was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Robby Walrath, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote taken, motion carried 6-0

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

A *motion* was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Marti Warden, to approve the open minutes from October 17, 2016. Vote taken, motion carried 6-0

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

A *motion* was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Robby Walrath, to approve the expenditures as presented. Vote taken, motion carried 6-0

**EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- Monthly Financial Report-Superintendent: Review of state revenues and projections of possible state withholdings to come as soon as January.
- Legislative Report-Superintendent
- Monthly Building Reports-Principals
- Hams/Turkeys for Staff-Board consensus to continue with delivery to be December 14.
- Elementary Septic issue-Whiddon HVAC & Twin Lakes Plumbing are bidding on the project.
- Trimco is also looking at both buildings' rooftops and making long term recommendations.

*\*Mr. Pippin joined the meeting 6:10 p.m.*

**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. Doris Sayles was present and requested to speak on agenda item #6 Safe Room.

## **SAFE ROOM**

Doris Sayles was present and shared her personal story of a 1984 tornado in her home town of Lebanon, Illinois. She asked the board to pursue building a FEMA Shelter room for all students to get in and asked why the district hadn't built one when other surrounding districts are building or have one.

Mr. Donley thanked Mrs. Sayles for her concern and coming to speak with the board. He reviewed a FEMA grant history timeline. The district had previously applied for a FEMA Grant to build a shelter that would make the campus and community safer as far back as 2006. The grant was originally for construction of an emergency shelter that would be available for the school and community use in the event of a natural disaster. The original grant specs were to be able to house 1,134 people and the total square footage would have been 7,441 at a probably cost of \$930,125. At the time of this first funding of the FEMA grants it would have been a 75/25% grant share-cost. The district was approved for the initial FEMA grant and ran two bond issues with both failing and turned down the FEMA funding.

Since then, the district did reapply for FEMA money in an effort to harness outside monetary resources for the construction of a smaller shelter that would also be utilized as additional classroom space for the district. The current size FEMA is allowing is approximately 5,400 square feet which would shelter 900 people. FEMA funds would only cover the construction of the floor, exterior walls, roof, and very limited plumbing and electrical. The district will be required to pay for the additional expense of finishing out the space with interior walls & doors, lighting, technology infrastructure, desks, and other basic contents. Due to the district's refusal of the grant money previously it moved the district to the bottom of the stack for funding, therefore, surrounding districts, that applied after our initial grant, have accepted the funding. Monty Smith, SCOCOG, (the pass-thru state agency for FEMA funding) advised Mr. Donley, he was not certain when more funding might come through for these types of projects in this area of the state. The board discussed the need for current and accurate prevailing wage reports completed by local commercial contractors, as well as, the current tornado shelter areas for students within the campus.

Mrs. Warden asked what other options the district has to build without FEMA funding and if another bond issue would be feasible. Mr. Donley stated he would need to research what the costs would be on a FEMA spec building and report back to the board.

## **REQUESTS FOR USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES-None**

## **AT-RISK PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Mrs. Ritter reviewed the program evaluation and records of change with the board. *A motion was made by Billy Pippin, seconded by Jerry Kiger, to approve the At-Risk program evaluation. Votes taken 7-0, motion carried.*

## **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (DISTRICT)**

Mr. Donley stated the school's report card is called Annual Performance Report, or APR. Our APR score is based on five areas: Academic Achievement, Subgroup Achievement, College and Career Readiness, Attendance, and Graduation Rate. All K-12 school districts have a possible 140 points, and we received 136 points for a score of 97.1 percent. Scores statewide among the 553 traditional public school districts ranged from 28 to 100 percent. Our score of 97.1 percent is the highest of all schools in our county and the second highest in our conference. We rank ninth out of the 52 K-12 districts in south central Missouri. Our 97.1 percent score is also the highest score we have received since the start of the Missouri School Improvement Program's fifth cycle (the process MO-DESE uses to evaluate schools).

**MSBA POLICY 2016C UPDATES**

The board reviewed JFCF (Bullying), JFCG (Hazing), and JG-R1 (Student Discipline). House Bill 1583 (2016) requires districts to make changes to our bullying policies. This update includes major changes to policy JFCF based on the new law. MSBA has chosen to move hazing out of the bullying policy and into its own policy, so a new policy, JFCG, is also included. The new definitions of bullying required us to amend JG-R1 as well. A *motion* was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Billy Pippin, to approve the policy 2016C updates as presented. Votes taken 7-0, motion carried.

**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, (13) Records protected from disclosure by law. Roll Call Vote: Hillhouse, yes; Bushner, yes; Kiger, yes; Warden, yes; Uchtman, yes; Pippin, yes; and Walrath, yes. 7:10 p.m.

**Exit Executive Session 7:35 p.m.****ADJOURNMENT**

A *motion* was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Heather Bushner, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: -Warden-yes, Pippin-yes, Bushner-yes; Hillhouse, yes; Uchtman, yes; Walrath, yes; Kiger, yes. 7:36 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education