

Gainesville R-5 School District

Kind of Meeting: Regular Open
Date: August 15, 2016

Place: HS Library
Time: 6:00 PM

Present:

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

Absent:

Billy Pippin

Pledge of Allegiance

**Mr. Pippin joined the meeting*

APPROVAL TO AMEND AND APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Billy Pippin, seconded by Wes Uchtman, to amend the agenda as presented, and add Facility Use Approval. Vote taken, motion carried 7 yes-0 no

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Heather Bushner, to approve the open minutes from July 18, 2016. Vote taken, motion carried 7 yes-0 no

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Marti Warden, to approve the expenditures as presented. Vote taken, motion carried 7 yes-0 no

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Monthly Financial Report-General Ledger Review-Superintendent
- Legislative Report-Superintendent
- Monthly Building Reports-Principals
- Other Miscellaneous-Superintendent: Explanation of asphalt project falling behind deadline; Sewer line repairs to old clay pipes 30-50 foot section; Care To Learn Initiative with community

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. Becky Grisham (Salary Committee Member) was present to hear board discussion regarding agenda item 2016-2017 Certified Salary Schedule that was proposed and approved in May by the board.

ANNUAL GEO-THERMO MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Mr. Donley reviewed the two bid proposals received (Geo-Thermo \$3,750; Whiddon HVAC \$3,600). Mr. Donley recommended the district contract with Whiddon HVAC for 2016-2017 services.

A ***motion*** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Heather Bushner, to approve the 2016-17 maintenance contract with Whiddon HVAC for \$3,600 servicing 30 units, supplying all filters, and with work being done during holidays. Vote taken, motion carried 7 yes-0 no

SET 2017 GRADUATION DATE AND TIME

A ***motion*** was made by Billy Pippin, seconded by Heather Bushner, to set the 2017 senior graduation ceremony for May 12, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Vote taken, motion carried 7 yes-0 no

BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESOLUTION

Review of the portion of Board Policy BFFA dealing with the financial interest statement to be adopted in open session every other year by September 15, pursuant to subsection 4 section 105.485 RSMo. A certified copy of this portion/resolution will be sent to the Missouri Ethics Commission within 10 days of the adoption.

A ***motion*** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Billy Pippin, to adopt the resolution as presented for board member conflict of interest statement to be forwarded to the Missouri Ethics Commission. Vote taken, motion carried 7 yes-0 no

BOARD DISCUSSION TO POSSIBLY MOVE 6TH GRADE TO JUNIOR HIGH BUILDING

This is a continuing open public discussion to facilitate the conversation with the public regarding the space challenges the district is facing in both buildings. The administration asked the board for additional input regarding this.

Mr. Dalton stated that the initial conversation with teachers was introduced in this past week's in-service for staff. Most of the responses were negative, along the lines of keeping students separated (junior high from high school), more lockers needed, trading one overcrowding issue at the elementary for overcrowding at the junior/senior high building.

Mr. Morris stated that his teachers do not support moving the 6th grade to junior high unless there is a building project and a whole new 6-8 grade facility is built. Mr. Uchtman stated he felt it was a waste of time having this discussion because the district would just be trading one overcrowding issue for another. Mr. Pippin asked if the district did have a building project would it be a separate new junior high, stating it's a good conversation to have with the public.

Mr. Uchtman stated if the district could get a building project passed for a new 6-8 grade junior high, how the district handled those grades' specials (P.E., Art, Music/Band) would need to be taken into consideration as well. Mr. Hillhouse stated he agreed that whether it be a bond issue for a new 6-8 building or adding on to the elementary additional classrooms those options would be better received by public/parents and teachers than just moving the 6th graders up to the current junior high.

Mr. Walrath stated this information should be put in the paper so the public will have this information. Mr. Pippin agreed and stated that the district needs to communicate to the public our current space issues at the elementary and try to gain their support for a building project. He also stated that this is a discussion not born out of just adding a second preschool classroom, but rather an overall space issue.

It was the consensus of the board not to continue this discussion to move the 6th grade to junior high, but rather look at the overall space challenges/needs of the district to educate all students and go to the public.

CERTIFIED SALARY SCHEDULE 2016-2017

Mr. Pippin stated that when the certified salary schedule was previously approved by the board he didn't realize there was a specialists and doctorate degree column. He recommended these two be removed and the salary schedule only pay for education through Masters +24. Mrs. Grisham stated that the salary committee when reviewing surrounding districts' salary schedules found that half had these educational columns and the committee wanted to be competitive with them. Mr. Uchtman stated he didn't feel those two columns needed to be on there. Mr. Kiger asked why not and stated that the district had always been for teachers continuing their education. Mrs. Warden stated that the district's argument all along has been for teachers to continue their education and this would send a contradicting message. Mr. Pippin stated he didn't see the district hiring a teacher with a doctorate degree. Mrs. Grisham stated that she and a few other teachers currently do have their specialist degree.

*A **motion** was made by Billy Pippin, seconded by Wes Uchtman, to rescind the doctorate column on the 2016-2017 certified salary schedule. Vote taken, 4 yes-3 no (Pippin-yes, Uchtman-yes, Walrath-yes, Bushner-yes, Warden-no, Kiger-no, Hillhouse-no) motion passed*

FACILITY USE BY PRIVATE GROUP/INDIVIDUAL

*A **motion** was made by Billy Pippin, seconded by Wes Uchtman, to allow Jared Walker to use the ballfields for a ragball tournament on September 10, 2016. Vote taken, motion passed 7 yes-0 no*

CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES LISTED IN SECTION 610.021

*A **motion** was made by Billy Pippin, seconded by Robby Walrath, to convene executive session for purposes listed in section RSMo 610.021, (3), (12) & (13) Personnel Issues. Roll Call Vote: Hillhouse, yes; Walrath, yes; Kiger, yes; Warden, yes; Bushner, yes; Pippin-yes; and Uchtman, yes. 6:50 p.m.*

Exit Executive Session 6:55 p.m.**BOARD ACTIONS**

*A **motion** was made by Billy Pippin, seconded by Wes Uchtman, to hire Debbie Snelson and Bill Talley on an as-needed basis for training purposes of new staff. Roll call vote: Kiger-yes, Walrath-yes, Warden-yes, Bushner-yes; Hillhouse-yes, Uchtman-yes; Pippin-yes*

*A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Robby Walrath, to hire retiree Susan Ravert under the critical shortage rule with retirement as a regular route bus driver. Roll call vote: Kiger-yes, Walrath-yes, Bushner-yes, Hillhouse-yes, Warden-yes, Uchtman-yes, Pippin-yes*

*A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Heather Bushner, to hire the presented list of substitutes for teachers, cooks, nurses, bus drivers, and custodians on an as-needed basis. Roll call vote: Kiger-yes, Walrath-yes, Bushner-yes, Hillhouse-yes, Warden-yes, Uchtman-yes, Pippin-yes*

*A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Heather Bushner, to hire Kay Young as a substitute on an as-needed basis. Roll call vote: Kiger-yes, Walrath-yes, Bushner-yes, Hillhouse-abstain, Warden-yes, Uchtman-yes, Pippin-yes*

ADJOURNMENT

*A **motion** was made by Billy Pippin, seconded by Jerry Kiger, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Uchtman-yes, Pippin-yes, Bushner-yes; Hillhouse, yes; Warden, yes; Walrath, yes; Kiger, yes. 6:55 p.m.*

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education