

Gainesville R-5 School District

Kind of Meeting: Special Open  
Date: May 31, 2016

Place: HS Library  
Time: 7:30 AM

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Billy Pippin at roll call; later joined

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

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

**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. Brandi Miller and Jabet Wade were present but had no comment at this time.

**BIOMASS REPAYMENT PLAN PROPOSED REVISION**

Mr. Donley presented a new amortization schedule from Community Foundation of the Ozarks for repayment. This new payment plan would raise the district's monthly payment from \$9,682 to \$10,476.18 and the district would pay off the total loan 6 months earlier.

\*Mr. Pippin joined the meeting

A *motion* was made by Billy Pippin, seconded by Heather Bushner, to approve revised amortization schedule starting with the June 2016 payment of \$10,476.18. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

Mr. Morris reviewed some of the basic remodeling items needed in the field house if a second classroom for preschool is added: facility cleaned out-removing current items being stored in there finding new location to store them, new carpet, new paint, updated bathroom facilities, electrical updated, new

communication resources such as phone, internet access, computer, classroom resources (mats, tables, chairs), and more.

\*Mrs. Ritter joined the meeting

Mr. Uchtman stated: What about transportation between the buildings on bad weather days.

Mr. Donley stated: shuttling the students between the buildings would be a challenge since we cannot transport them on a bus if under age 5; and walking between the buildings on bad weather days would not be an option since they are so young.

Mrs. Bushner stated: Some parents have contacted me and they do not like the idea of half days or every other day if we only have one preschool classroom. Their concern is they cannot contract half-time daycare.

Mr. Morris stated: Our decision should be based on how to best educate all kids with the resources we have, with plans to get community support for expansion.

Mr. Pippin stated: What about a driveway from road to field house regardless of whether there is a preschool there or not, but a road put in for emergency vehicle access, even if it's just that.

Mr. Kiger stated: Is there any other room in the elementary that could be switched out.

Mr. Morris stated: No other rooms are available and no classroom is large enough and they don't have restrooms.

Mr. Pippin stated: What about the option to move 6<sup>th</sup> graders up to the junior high to resolve the space issue at the elementary.

Mr. Donley stated: This administration has suggested this for the past three years and wanted to do that, but it was met with push back. We need to do our due diligence with the public and get information out to them in the fall of 2016 and make transition plans for the move in the fall of 2017. This would open up three classrooms desperately needed at the elementary level for expansion.

Mr. Kiger stated: So for 2016-2017 what about doing the half days four days a week or the 2 full days a week so we can serve 30 kids.

Mrs. Warden stated: Our options are for 2016-2017 to keep one preschool classroom and serve 20 kids full-time or what Jerry just said and then roll out in fall of 2017 two preschool classrooms serving 30 kids with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders moved up to the junior high.

Mr. Pippin stated: I think it's a political move-go ahead and do two preschools and stick one in the fieldhouse.

Mrs. Warden stated: Even though it is not the job of the board to develop a preschool plan, we ultimately need a solution. We need the preschool committee to come up with a feasible plan and the action plans to support such a proposal. The board is to be visionary and fiscally responsible in order for proposals to be considered and approved.

Mr. Morris stated: Several plans have been brought before the board and it's always been tabled or no action taken.

Mrs. Brandi Miller stated: We have an academic vision-but our facilities do not match up for preschool expansion. Even moving the sixth grade to the junior high in the fall of 2017 will not give us a solution for the 2016-2017 academic year. The fieldhouse does not seem appropriate even if it is remodeled, there are too many unknown challenges. I prefer the two full days a week idea better than four half days.

Mr. Kiger stated: Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday option for the fall of 2016 and then we can pitch the 6<sup>th</sup> grade move to junior high.

Mr. Uchtman stated: I agree with Jerry, and the field house is a dungeon.

Mr. Morris stated: If we did the other half day preschool half day enrichment option the enrichment classroom would require at least 2 paraprofessionals for supervision.

Mrs. Jabet Wade stated: I think the two full days a week would work for now. At least all the kids would be getting some exposure prior to starting kindergarten.

Mrs. Brandi Miller stated: I don't think we will lose many kids if we do the two days a week this coming year and we do have 4 to 7 on the waiting list now.

A ***motion*** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Wes Uchtman, to approve having two preschool classes served in one classroom on a two day a week schedule for the 2016-17 school year. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0

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

A ***motion*** was made by Billy Pippin, seconded by Jerry Kiger, to convene executive session for purposes listed in section RSMo 610.021, (3), (12) & (13) Personnel & Student Issues. Roll Call Vote: Hillhouse, yes; Warden, yes; Kiger, yes; Bushner, yes; Walrath, yes; Pippin-yes, and Uchtman, yes. 8:15 a.m.

### **Exit Executive Session 9:20 a.m.**

### **BOARD ACTIONS**

A ***motion*** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Billy Pippin, to accept Jack Harris' resignations/retirement effective June 1, 2016. Kiger-yes, Walrath-yes, Warden-yes, Hillhouse-yes, Bushner-yes; Uchtman-no; Pippin-yes

A ***motion*** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Marti Warden, to offer a probationary teaching contract to Laura Crawford for the 2016-2017 academic year. Kiger-yes, Walrath-yes, Warden-yes, Hillhouse-yes, Bushner-yes; Uchtman-yes; Pippin-yes

A ***motion*** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Jerry Kiger, to offer a probationary teaching contract to Raychel Miller for the 2016-2017 academic year. Kiger-yes, Walrath-yes, Warden-yes, Hillhouse-yes, Bushner-yes; Uchtman-yes; Pippin-yes

**ADJOURNMENT**

A ***motion*** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Marti Warden, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Uchtman-yes, Pippin-yes, Hillhouse, yes; Warden, yes; Kiger, yes; Walrath, yes; Bushner, yes.  
9:20 a.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education