

**GAINESVILLE R-V DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN MEETING
October 20, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Gainesville R-V School District was held on the 20th day of October, 2014, with President Wayman King presiding and Holly Hannaford as secretary.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Mr. Wayman King, Mr. Bruce DeWeese, Mrs. Kelli Humphries, Mr. Corey Hillhouse, Mr. Jerry Kiger, Mrs. Marti Warden and Mrs. Karen Brantingham. Administrators present: Mr. Joe Donley, Mr. Jason Morris, Mr. Pat Rapert, and Mrs. Tamitha Ritter. Also present: Donnie Miller, Joyce Noah, Lee & Connie Davidson, Cheryl Beason, Sheila Thomas, April Luna, Susan Swearingin, Tina Poe, Byron Jackson, Vicki Smith, Debbie Snelson, Mandy Headrick, Stacy Garrison, Linda Howerton, Chris & Alica Rutherford, Melanie Willingham, Tracy Curtis, Luke Cooley, Edwina Welch, Rachel Hogan, Sheryl Lawson, Candi Lundry, Gier Turner, Kim & Wes Uchtman, Darrin Reed, Melanie DeWeese, Heather Bushner, Dan Brantingham, Elaine Waterman, Billy & Mindy Pippin, Jim & Tina Britt, Walker Blackburn, Kim Smith, Craig Campbell, David Murphy, Jared & Sarah Walker, Becky Grisham, Aaron Swanson, Luke Whiddon, Braden Voss, Cody Neal, Brady Jenkins, Josh Cockrum, Treydon Rackley, Drew & Thomas Ritter, Melinda Walrath, Tina McKinzie, Carole Long, Jon Wilson, Gene Britt, Jessi Dreckman, Montana Howerton, Steve Rackley, Bill & Patsy Hambelton, Sage McGinnis, Jeff & Kim Nash, Logan Stone, Kris Ledbetter, Robert Kline, and Mark Suter.

Agenda—Mrs. Humphries moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Hillhouse seconded the motion, and it was approved. (Unanimous—7 members)

Minutes—Mr. Kiger moved to approve the open minutes from the September & October 7th meetings. Mr. DeWeese seconded the motion, and it was approved. (Unanimous—7 members)

Expenditures—Mrs. Warden moved to approve the expenditures as listed. Mrs. Brantingham seconded the motion, and it was approved. (Unanimous—7 members)

General Ledger—Mr. Donley reviewed September's general ledger with the board.

WOODCHIP BIDS—The district received woodchip bids from Missouri Mulch, Foster Brothers, and Smith Flooring. Smith Flooring had the lowest price per ton on the highest quality chips. Mr. Donley recommended the district accept Smith Flooring's bid. Mr. Hillhouse moved to approve Smith Flooring's woodchip bid of \$30/ton with 3 days notice on delivery. Mrs. Humphries seconded the motion, and it was approved. (Unanimous—7 members)

SALE OF BUS—Mr. Donley recommended the board solicit bids for the sale of a used bus 2003 GMC Bluebird 71-passenger gasoline engine 74,073 miles that the district no longer uses. The bus has not been used in the last 5 years. The other option would be to have the bus crushed for approximately \$1,700. Mr. Donley feels confident the bus could be sold for around \$4,000.

Mr. Hillhouse moved to solicit bids for the used bus with a minimum of bid of \$4,000. Mrs. Humphries seconded the motion, and it was approved. (Unanimous—7 members)

PEPSI-COLA CONTRACT—Mr. Donley reviewed the proposed contract with the board. Pepsi would provide a one-time upfront monetary contribution of \$9,100 toward the purchase of

two new electronic basketball scoreboards with Pepsi privilege panels. The district would agree to a 10-year contract to purchase, display and dispense only beverages provided directly by Pepsi. The district would not be paid commission on beverages and snacks sold through Pepsi vending machines. The district concessions would be required to buy 20 ounce packages of carbonated soft drinks and all other products directly from Pepsi as full wholesale pricing.

Mr. Hillhouse moved to approve the 10-year Pepsi contract. Mrs. Humphries seconded the motion, and it was approved. (Unanimous—7 members)

AT-RISK PROGRAM EVALUATION—The principals reviewed the evaluation and record of change with the board and recommended board approval. The record of changes were as follows: 1. Through the new RtI (Response to Intervention) programs, added in 2013 at GHS, we are implementing strategies to meet needs of struggling students who do not qualify for special education but need assistance in course work. Enrichment and remediation courses are available to meet students' individual needs. 2. GHS has added courses to the master schedule and expanded courses in our alternative school setting to meet the varied educational needs of our students. The alternative program curriculum is a modernized, web-based program (Odyssey Ware) with increased rigor that allows students to work at their prescribed rate. Working in partnership with MSU-West Plains we have added college dual enrollment classes with plans to continue to expand offerings to meet students' needs. We currently offer seven dual enrollment classes.

Mr. DeWeese moved to approve the program evaluation. Mrs. Brantingham seconded the motion, and it was approved. (Unanimous—7 members)

MSBA 2014C PROPOSED BOARD POLICY REVISIONS—This is the first reading. MSBA has recommended the board address these changes as soon as possible. There will be a 2nd review in November's meeting and board approval to ADF, BBB, EF, and IND will be given. Several of the changes involve candidate filing for the April 2015 School Board Elections. The board members were directed to carefully read the explanation that precedes each document in the update. The explanation clearly states why MSBA has modified or created the document, and when applicable, the legal basis for the changes.

ELEMENTARY PROCEDURAL COMPLAINT FROM PARENT—Mrs. Carol Latham had requested to address the board. She was not present at meeting time.

STUDENT DRUG TESTING POLICY—Chris & Alica Rutherford requested to address the board regarding this item. (Board Policy JFCI)

Mr. Rutherford asked the board several questions regarding the procedures of the drug testing policy. He asked who generates the random selection list for students, if all student athletes and coaches are tested, and who oversees the drug testing results. Mr. Rapert stated that West Plains Occupational was the 3rd party administrator of our student and staff drug testing. They independently collect the samples and send out for testing then forward the results to Mrs. Ritter on the students and Mr. Donley on the employees. Mr. Donley stated that all students involved in any extra-curricular activities are required to be in the random drug pool. Any staff that

sponsors or coaches an extra-curricular activity volunteer to be randomly drug tested as well. Mr. King asked Mr. Rutherford if he had any other questions, he did not, and thanked him for his questions.

KG POLICY and PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE—Mr. Donley reviewed the proposed policy and procedure changes and fee schedule with the board.

Under FEES section 1st paragraph: taking out the sentence that states: *the board will set the fees annually after a recommendation from the superintendent or designee*; replace it with: *The board will set the fees and revise as needed after recommendation from the superintendent*; also adding at the end of paragraph: **See fee schedule in Administrative Procedure Manual KG-AP.*

Under FEES section 2nd paragraph: taking out the sentence that states: *Groups using the district facilities must provide proof of insurance in an amount set by the superintendent or designee and must agree to indemnify and hold the district harmless for any damages and pay for the actual cost of replacing or repairing damaged property*; and replacing with: *For-profit groups using the district facilities must provide proof of insurance in an amount recommended by the district's liability carriers and must agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district for any damages and pay for the actual cost of replacing or repairing damaged property. All other community groups will be encouraged to provide proof of insurance or purchase the "special events" coverage offered through the district's carrier as well as sign a hold-harmless agreement.*

Under FEES section 3rd paragraph: taking out: *Association*; and replacing with: *Organization or Parent run Project Graduation*. Also taking out: *provide proof of insurance*

Mr. King recognized the four patrons who requested to address the board regarding this agenda item. Jeff Nash, Donnie Miller, Chris & Alica Rutherford.

Mr. Nash stated he was on the board whenever some of the policy violation took place. He stated to the best of his knowledge it was never the board's intention to do anything maliciously by not board approving each for profit group to use district buildings. He said as a board member he knows any outside group or individual or group that ever used the school was in violation of the policy because the board did not approve any individual or group who used facilities. Mr. Nash stated he was personally very involved with Relay for Life, but the event did not obtain board permission. He says he now understands Relay will need to be properly approved this year. He also said the main focus is to try to keep our focus on what's good for the kids, and that he didn't think there was anybody on the board that had purposely done anything that wasn't meant to be good for the kids.

Mr. Miller stated he was not here to point fingers but he has questions regarding the private youth basketball league. He asked how much was taken in and that all the money should have been given to the school. Mr. King stated that the board and district had already made a public statement regarding this private youth basketball league and that it was not a district sponsored event and that all questions regarding it should be directed to Mr. Rapert after this meeting on his own private time, not during the hours that he works for the district. Mr. Rapert addressed Mr. Miller and told him that he had all the financial records with him and he'd be happy to meet with

him after the meeting and answer any questions he might have. Mr. Miller agreed to meet with him after the meeting.

Mr. Rutherford spoke next. He asked if KG policy would be enforced for school faculty and board members using school facilities. Mr. Donley answered yes. Mr. Rutherford also recommended the board add an agenda item for public comment at the end of each meeting, so that patrons could openly discuss what they wanted. He stated he felt the community deserved the right to speak at board meetings without having to put in writing their request to speak at least five days before the meeting.

Mr. Hillhouse moved to approve the revisions as presented on KG and KG-AP. Mr. DeWeese seconded the motion, and it was approved. (Unanimous—7 members)

PROJECT GRADUATION FUNDRAISER—Mrs. Warden approved Project Graduation group holding a bake sale fundraiser during the Red & White Scrimmage games on November 14, 2014. Mr. Kiger seconded the motion, and it was approved. (Unanimous—7 members)

COMMUNITY SUPPORT—Mr. King recognized Steve Rackley.

Mr. Rackley first apologized to the community for a recent exchange on FaceBook in which he said he had behaved unprofessionally. He stated that he agreed with Chris and Donnie about the need for a more open discussion involving community members. He said that he thought with community support you need to have some transparencies. He also stated that with open forums some things brought up cannot be discussed legally in open session and would need to be addressed in closed session. Mr. Rackley stated he believes that academics should be the priority of the district, and extra-curricular activities, including sports, must be a secondary benefit to a student. He stated he had heard no complaints from parents that the private youth basketball league wasn't good for our kids.

Mr. King thanked the community for coming to the meeting.

Mrs. Humphries moved to go into Closed Session at 7:00 p.m. Mr. DeWeese seconded the motion, and it was approved by roll call vote. (Brantingham-yes, Hillhouse-yes, Warden-yes, Kiger-yes, DeWeese-yes, Humphries-yes, King-yes)

Reconvened to Open Session 7:40 p.m.

Mrs. Warden moved to hire Kristina Frazier as a paraprofessional one-on-one aide to student. Mr. Hillhouse seconded the motion, and it was approved by roll call vote. (Brantingham-yes, Hillhouse-yes, Warden-yes, Kiger-yes, DeWeese-yes, Humphries-yes, King-yes)

Mr. Kiger moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Mrs. Warden seconded the motion, and it was approved by roll call vote. (King-yes, DeWeese-yes, Humphries-yes, Brantingham-yes, Kiger-yes, DeWeese-yes and Warden-yes) 7:45 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary