

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
APRIL 15, 2024  
CENTRAL OFFICE**

PRESENT: Jabet Wade, President; Robby Walrath, Vice-President, Jerry Kiger, Member; Heather Bushner, Member; Mason Eslinger, Member; Corey Hillhouse, Member; Marti Warden, Member; Allisa West, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Justin Gilmore, Richard Wylie, Trevor Hicks, Benjamin Hopper, Brenda Frye

The meeting was called to order by President Marti Warden at 6:02 p.m. with all seven members present.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, March 18, 2024 Open Session Minutes, March Bills, MSBA Membership, and Student Insurance. Motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Jerry Kiger, to approve consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Superintendent Justin Gilmore and the board reviewed the financial reports, March general ledger.

**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.*

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

**MSBA 2024A Policy Update; EHBD AND AP-EHBD (first reading)**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the board the MSBA 2024 Update regarding artificial intelligence.

**Approval of Bus routes**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the board the bus routes for the 2024-25 school year. A motion was made by Corey Hillhouse, seconded by Heather Bushner, to approve the bus routes for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

**Bus Purchase**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the board the purchase of two new buses to continue the district's progress of keeping the fleet updated. A motion was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Corey Hillhouse to purchase the buses presented. Motion carried 7-0.

☐ **Sports Complex Naming Committee**

Mr. Gilmore asked Dr. Wylie and Mr. Hicks to present the names the Sports Complex Naming Committee had chosen. A motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Corey Hillhouse, to name the new sports complex “Melvin C. Bushong Memorial Complex.” Motion carried 7-0.

☐ **Care to Learn Expansion**

Mr. Gilmore asked Brenda Frye to speak on the current Care to Learn and YEP process for the backpack program, and meeting children’s needs. Brenda spoke about needing more space, and wanting a centralized location between buildings to help better meet those needs. The Central Office will move across the street to the church building to allow Care to Learn to move.

☐ **Bank Bid (Century Bank, Stockmens Bank)**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the board the bank bids completed by Century Bank and Stockmens Bank. Mr. Gilmore also discussed his conversation with MSBA regarding a conflict of interest statute 105.454 and 105.450. A motion was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Robby Walrath to accept the Stockmens Bank with the highest interest bid, as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Mason Eslinger, Jabet Wade, Corey Hillhouse, and Heather Bushner abstained.

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

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Mason Eslinger, to convene executive session for purposes listed in section RSMo 610.021, (3), (12) & (13) Personnel. Roll Call Vote: Kiger-yes; Walrath-yes; Bushner-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes, and Hillhouse-yes. 7:39 p.m.

**Exit Executive Session 8:55 p.m.**

**BOARD ACTIONS**

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Robby Walrath to accept the MASC Rates for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Mason Eslinger to accept the Classified Salary Schedule for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Robby Walrath seconded by Heather Bushner to accept the resignations of Ashley Comstock and Mandy Headrick, and the retirement of Sherri Kyle at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger seconded by Jerry Kiger to accept the extra-duty resignations of Melanie Johns Oxley (HS Assistant Softball) and Cheyenne Alms (Junior Class Sponsor) at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Jerry Kiger to hire Myra Walker as JH/HS Music-Band, and Dion Hargrove as P.E./Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Marti Warden to hire Paul Walker as a Paraprofessional for the 2024-25 school year.. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Marti Warden to accept the extra-duty salary schedule of Misti Eslinger and Julie Kiger for the 2024-25 school year.. Motion carried 5-0. Jerry Kiger and Mason Eslinger abstained.

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Marti Warden to accept the extra-duty salary schedule, except Misti Eslinger and Julie Kiger, for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A **motion** was made by Jerry Kiger, seconded by Robby Walrath to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Kiger-yes, Walrath-yes, Bushner-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; Hillhouse-yes. 8:52 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education