Granite City Community Unit School District #9

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024 | 6:00 PM

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION; (The Board of Education begins each meeting with an Invocation. Citizens or parents with children in attendance, who do not wish to participate, may wait outside the Board Room until after the Board moves to Item IV, Public Comment.)

- Pastor Sam Hart with City Temple will offer the invocation.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT; (The Granite City Board of Education welcomes visitors – including employees, students, parents and other citizens – to its regular meetings. To accommodate the public, certain rules have been established. Any person wishing to give Public Comment(s) during a regular or special Board of Education meeting is encouraged to register with the Superintendent's Office prior to the meeting. Any person may comment to the School Board (public participation), subject to the reasonable constraints established and recorded in the guidelines below. During public participation, there will be a 20-minute minimum total length of time for any one subject. When public participation takes less time than these minimums, it shall end. To preserve sufficient time for the Board to conduct its business, any person appearing before the Board is expected to follow these guidelines:

1. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
2. Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, the time for any one person to address the Board during public participation shall be limited to five minutes.
3. Observe, when necessary and appropriate, the Shortening of the time for each person to address the Board during public participation to conserve time and give the maximum number of people an opportunity to speak;
4. Conduct oneself with respect and civility toward others. Petitions or written correspondence to the Board shall be presented to the Board in the next regular Board packet.
5. To maintain confidentiality, the BOE asks that any matters concerning personnel or students be communicated to the BOE privately.

The public should not expect a Board response during Public Comment. There may be discussion by the Board concerning Public Comment when the issue is addressed on the Agenda.

Please send any public comment requests/statements to any of the following individuals by 12PM on Thursday, October 17, 2024:

Donald J. Harris, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; superintendent.office@gcsd9.net
Tallin Curran, President, Board of Education; tallin.curran@gcsd9.net
Cory Ervay, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent; cory.ervay@gcsd9.net

V. MINUTES;

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on **October 8, 2024**. {available upon request}

VI. CONSENT AGENDA; (The Consent Agenda contains those items that are repetitive and routine in nature. Any member may make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda or request that any of the items be moved to Section VII for individual discussion and consideration.) Consent Agenda items are listed below and on the GCSD9 website.

A. **Bill List**; (1)

Bill List from October 3, 2024 - October 16, 2024;
{available upon request}

B. **Donations**;
{see page 2 for detailed information}

1. GCHS TRIBE FEST; Misc. Donations

VII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS - HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Rescind Retirements and Resignations; (3)

B. Retirements and Resignations; (3)

C. Leaves of Absence; (3)

D. Extensions to Leaves of Absence; (4)

E. Certified and Classified Substitutes for the 2024-2025 School Year; (5)

F. Employments;

1. Employment of ESL/Bilingual Paraprofessionals for the 2024-2025 School Year; (6)
2. Employment of Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 School Year; (7)
3. Employment of Social Emotional and Behavioral Monitor for the 2024-2025 School Year; (8)
4. Employment of Four-Hour Union Café Workers for the 2024-2025 School Year; (9)

VIII. OLD BUSINESS; N/A

IX. NEW BUSINESS;

A. FY24 Region I and Granite City CUSD9 Audit; (10)

B. SWIC Running Start Program Agreement for the 2025-2026 School Year; (11-15)

X. REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS;

A. Reconfiguration Update; (16)
{Dr. Don Harris, Superintendent of Schools}

B. GCSD9 Student Board Member Report; (16)
{LilyRose Cockrum, GCHS Senior}

C. Illinois Association of School Board {IASB} Liaison Report; (16)
{Linda Knogl, Treasurer, Board of Education}

XI. Executive Session

Exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2 Open Meetings:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; 2(c)(1)
- Student disciplinary matters; 2(c)(9)
- The purchase or lease of real property for use by the public body; or setting price thereof; 2(c)(5)(6)
- Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and 2(c)(2)
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed…is probable or imminent; 2(c)(11)
- To discuss school building safety and security and security procedures. 2(c)(8); and
- Student Safety; 2(c)(8)

XII. Executive Session Minutes;

A. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on **October 8, 2024**.

XIII. Setting of the Agenda; November 12, 2024 Board of Education Meeting.

XIV. Adjournment

VI - A - 1 BILL LIST FROM OCTOBER 3, 2024 - OCTOBER 16, 2024

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: ZACK SUHRE, CHIEF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL

RE: BILL LIST FROM OCTOBER 3, 2024 - OCTOBER 16, 2024

DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2024

{available upon request}

VI - B Gifts

It is recommended that the Board accept the following gifts with thanks and appreciation.

GRANITE CITY CUSD9 DONATIONS

1. GCHS TRIBE FEST; The following companies graciously made the following donations for GCHS Tribe Fest.

COMPANY	NAME	ITEM
O.E. Brokerage Company/ Nardone Pizza	Mike Rudolph	Various Items
Ford Hotel Supply Co.	Nancy Ritzel	Various Items
Brakebush Brothers Inc.	Tom Potocnjak	Various Items
Patterson Tire	Brian and Kevin Patterson	Mini Footballs

VIII - A RESCIND RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

It is recommended that the following retirements and resignations listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be rescinded:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Michelle Mueller	2nd Grade Teacher/Maryville	Rescind	11/28/2025

VIII - B RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

It is recommended that the following retirements and resignations listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be accepted:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Michelle Mueller	2nd Grade Teacher/Maryville	Retirement	End of 2024/2025
Kathy Robertson	Paraprofessional/Wilson	Retirement	10/11/2024

VIII - C REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE

It is recommended that the following requests for leaves of absence listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be approved:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Charlene Dapprich	Cafe/GCHS	FMLA	09/09/2024 - 10/10/2024
Connie Paterson	Monitor/GCHS	FMLA	09/30/2024 - 10/14/2024
Kelley Wallace	Special Ed. Teacher/CJHS	FMLA	09/10/2024 - 11/04/2024

VIII - D REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE

It is recommended that the following requests for extensions to leaves of absence listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be approved:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Michelle Mueller	2nd Grade Teacher/Maryville	FMLA	11/01/2024 - 01/31/2025

VIII - E CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RE: CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES

DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2024

It is recommended that the following applicants listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be Board approved as substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year.

Certified;

Brooke Webber

Classified;

Luci Blomme
Sundai Cavanagh
Catherine Cooper
Darlene Dunham
Mckenzie Munoz

VIII - F - 1 EMPLOYMENT OF ESL/BILINGUAL PARAPROFESSIONALS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

You have received detailed information about this item. The administration is prepared to make recommendations or hold for discussion in executive session.

VIII - F - 2 EMPLOYMENT OF PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

You have received detailed information about this item. The administration is prepared to make recommendations or hold for discussion in executive session.

VIII - F - 3 EMPLOYMENT OF SOCIAL EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL MONITOR FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

You have received detailed information about this item. The administration is prepared to make recommendations or hold for discussion in executive session.

VIII - F - 4 EMPLOYMENT OF FOUR-HOUR UNION CAFÉ WORKERS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

You have received detailed information about this item. The administration is prepared to make recommendations or hold for discussion in executive session.

X - A FY24 Region I and Granite City CUSD9 Audit

TO: Donald J. Harris, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Zack Suhre, Chief School Business Official

RE: FY24 Region I and Granite City CUSD9 Audit

DATE: October 22, 2024

The GCSD9 Administration is requesting approval of the attached FY24 Region I and Granite City CUSD9 Audits.

Approval is recommended.

X - B SWIC Running Start Program Agreement for the 2025-2026 School Year

TO: Donald J. Harris, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

FROM: David Keel, Ed.D., Executive Director of Educational Operations

RE: SWIC Running Start Program Agreement for the 2025-2026 School Year

DATE: October 22, 2024

The GCSD9 Administration requests authorization to continue to offer the Running Start Program with Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC). Since the 2013-14 school year the Board has approved ongoing student participation in this dual credit program at the parents' expense. SWIC has proposed to continue the program agreement with us at a rate of $4,318 per student per school year (this is the same price as last year's price). Eligible students would participate in their junior and senior year of high school and would have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an Associate Degree simultaneously.

We are seeking approval to continue to participate in this dual credit program and enter into this intergovernmental agreement (attached) where parents will pay the full tuition rate to provide their child with this opportunity while the district accepts the responsibility to manage the program with SWIC.

NOTE: SWIC bills the parents directly which eliminates the District from making payment to SWIC first then requesting reimbursement.

Approval is recommended.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this 22nd day of October, 2024, by and between the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF **Granite City High School District #9 (hereinafter referred to as "District9")**, and the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #522, ST. CLAIR, WASHINGTON, MONROE, MADISON, BOND, MONTGOMERY, PERRY, AND RANDOLPH COUNTIES, ILLINOIS (hereinafter referred to as "Southwestern Illinois College").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that units of local government may jointly contract or otherwise associate to obtain or share services and to exercise, combine, or transfer any power or functions, in any manner not prohibited by law or by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.) provides that any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or which may be exercised by a public agency may be exercised and enjoined jointly with any other public agency; and

WHEREAS, the parties are entering into this Agreement pursuant to and in accordance with the aforesaid constitutional and statutory authorities; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into an agreement to provide a dual credit program referred to as "Running Start", and that the high school students shall be full-time students at Southwestern Illinois College.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and benefits contained hereby, the parties agree as follows:

1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement.

2. Southwestern Illinois College agrees to provide the following for the benefit of the qualified students in **District9** in relation to the program, Running Start, which shall be offered at Southwestern Illinois College:

   a. College credit courses for **District9** junior and/or senior (Running Start 1.0) level high school students (from **Granite City High School**) that provide dual credit, meeting the requirements for both a high school diploma and a Southwestern Illinois College Associate degree simultaneously or one year of college credit for Running Start 1.0.

   b. The Running Start program will be administered through the Enrollment Development and Institutional Planning Division office at Southwestern Illinois College in conjunction with **Granite City High School.**

3. **District 9** high school students shall follow the stated Pre-Selection Criteria:

a. Meet with high school counselor regarding the selection process.

b. Have a 4.2/5.0 or 3.2/4.0 Cumulative GPA by the end of sophomore year.

c. Be on track for high school graduation at the end of referral year.

d. Complete one year of high school geometry and one year of high school algebra with a C or higher.

4. **District 9** high school students shall follow the stated Admission Steps:

a. Complete and submit a Southwestern Illinois College New Student Information Form together with Proof of Residency.

b. Complete incoming placement assessment and place into college algebra, a minimum of Math 112 and English 101, Rhetoric and Composition I.

c. Meet with SWIC staff member for advising.

5. **District 9** high school students must comply with the following:

a. Complete the course ORIE 110, College Success Strategies, with a grade of an A, prior to full-time enrollment.
b. Completion of English 101 and 102 with a grade of C or higher prior to entering the 2nd year
c. Meeting with SWIC staff member each semester.
d. Meeting with high school counselor each semester.
e. Maintain a SWIC cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher each semester.

6. The cost for the program is $4318 (Four Thousand Three Hundred and Eighteen Dollars) per school year, per student for each student who enters the program in the 2025-2026 school year. This amount covers the cost of tuition, course fees, student fees, and some direct expenses. Districts may choose to pay the entire cost of the program ($4318) for each participating student (Option One below), have the entire cost of the program billed directly to the student/parent(s) (Option Two below), or the District may indicate the amount it wishes to pay for each student and the remainder of the program cost will be billed directly to the student/parent(s) (Option Three below).

Please mark the line below which indicates the District's choice for billing:

_____ **Option One** Bill the district for the entire program cost of $4318 per student. Running Start contracts must state if the fees will be self-pay by the student or waive similar to other course fees under the Running Start program cost starting FY2025.

__X__ **Option Two** Bill the student/parent(s) for the entire program cost of $4318 per student.

_____ **Option Three** Bill the district for $_____ and the student/ parent(s) for $_____. In Option Three, the total to be billed to the District and the student/parent(s) must equal $4318.

In Options One and Three above, the district will be billed on or about August. In options Two and Three above, the student/parent(s) will be billed after the registration has been processed by Southwestern Illinois College.

_____ If the District wishes to be billed for students' books and required supplies, check this line. By checking this line, the high school district agrees to place a credit card on hold with the bookstore for required rental books. Books will be sold back during book buy back period and the proceeds returned to the District. Running Start contracts must state if the fees will be self-pay by the student or waive similar to other course fees under the Running Start program cost starting FY2025.

_____ If the District wishes to be billed for breakfast ($5 per day) and lunch ($7 per day) per student on school days when classes are in session at Southwestern Illinois College, check this line.

7. In the event that a student withdraws from the Running Start program and the District has selected Option One or Option Three above, a refund will be made to the District on the following schedule. If a student withdraws at least five calendar days before the start of the ORIE 110 class for which the student is registered, a full refund will be issued. Should a student withdraw after the student has completed ORIE 110 in the summer, but more than five (5) days prior to the start of the Fall Semester, a full refund less the cost of ORIE 110 will be issued. If a student withdraws at least five calendar days from the start of the Spring Semester, a 50% refund will be issued. No refunds will be issued for students who withdraw from a semester less than five calendar days before the semester begins. Refunds will be issued to the school districts if Option One (above) is selected, refunds will be issued to the student/parent(s) if Option Two (above) is selected, and refunds will be prorated between the district and student/parent(s) if Option Three (above) is selected.

8. Running Start participants will be excused from class at Southwestern Illinois College to participate in mandatory state testing at the high school.

9. Annually and within sixty (60) days after the end of each fiscal year (June 30), Southwestern Illinois College and **District 9** will provide each other reports (shared data) with regard to academic performance data including grades, test scores and attendance. These shared data can and shall be used for reporting to the state and for publication.

10. The term of this Agreement is for one year beginning May 1, 2023, and shall automatically renew for successive one-year periods unless terminated by mutual agreement or the actions of a party. This Agreement may be terminated upon written notice to the other party not less than ninety (90) days before July 1 of any year of this Agreement; provided, however, that the students enrolled in the Running Start Program at the time of such termination shall be afforded an opportunity to complete it the following year subject to the terms of this Agreement. It is understood that the summer term classes between the two years of the program are offered as part of the first year of the program.

11. Each party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party from any claim or cause of action resulting from the act or omission of the indemnifying party, its agents and/or employees, with regard to this Agreement. Both parties specifically represent that this Agreement for indemnity does not waive any statutory immunity to which the parties may be entitled by law, nor does it create any rights of action in any third party.

12. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.

13. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto and there are no agreements, understanding, restrictions, warranties, or representations between the parties other than those set forth herein or herein provided for.

Dated the year and date first above written.

SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE

By:_____ _____
Nick Raftopoulus, Board of Trustees Chairman Date

By:_____ _____
Beverly Fiss, Board of Trustees Secretary Date

REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF **DISTRICT 9**

By:_____ 10/22/2024
Superintendent of Schools Date
Granite City CUSD9

XI - A RECONFIGURATION UPDATE
{DR. DON HARRIS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS}

- DR. HARRIS WILL GIVE A BRIEF UPDATE ON THE RECONFIGURATION.

XI - B GCSD9 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT;
{GCHS SENIOR LILYROSE COCKRUM}

- LILYROSE WILL GIVE A BRIEF REPORT.

XI - C ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS {IASB} LIAISON REPORT
{LINDA KNOGL, TREASURER, BOARD OF EDUCATION}

- MS. KNOGL WILL GIVE A BRIEF IASB REPORT.