MEMBERS PRESENT:	BECKY BRADLEY, TALLIN CURRAN, LINDA KNOGL, LORI SILVA, ERIC STACY, AND ERICA VENNE
MEMBERS ABSENT:	DON LIENEMANN.
EMPLOYEES PRESENT:	DR. DON HARRIS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, STEPHANIE BOYER, LISA COCKRUM, BRAD ERVAY, CORY ERVAY, DR. ADAM GARRETT, CHRIS HUTCHINGS, DR. DAVID KEEL, JULIE MATARELLI, STEVE MATHES, CHRIS MCCULLOUGH, CHRIS MITCHELL, TIM MORAN, DR. LIZ NIEPERT, KRISTEN NOVACICH-KOBERNA, NIKKI PETRILLO, JILL RELLEKE, ASHLEY RICHIE, TOM SCHOOLEY, BRAD SMITH, ERIC SMITH, ZACK SUHRE, MICKI WATKINS, AND ANN WILSON.
STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER:	LILYROSE COCKRUM
OTHERS PRESENT:	DEVERICK ADAMS, DETECTIVE FICKER #253, MAKENZIE HEINTZ, MADISON KIE, ABBY KNIGHT, CRAIG KNIGHT, PASTOR MARK MAYNARD, LONZELL MIDDLEROCK, GABRIELLE MITCHELL, AARON REEVES, DRAKE REEVES, NOELLE RICHEY, IVETTE RIOS, MANDY ROBINSON, VICTORIA ROBINSON, FRED SANSOUCIE, STEPHANIE SANSOUCIE, JUDE VALVERDE, AND JADE WILLIAMS.

This was an open and virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There was a total of twenty-four (24) Employees, nineteen (19) Guests, one (1) Student Advisory Board Member, and six (6) Board Members, physically present.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

1. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**; The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President, Tallin Curran. Roll was called. Six {6} members were physically present, and a quorum was declared. President Tallin Curran asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation. He stated that citizens or parents with children in attendance, who did not wish to participate in the Invocation, could wait outside the Board Conference Room until after the Board moved to Item IV, Public Comment. Pastor Mark Maynard with Calvary Life Church offered the invocation.

2. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING**; Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Knogl, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, **September 24, 2024**.

   Members voting - Bradley, "aye", Silva, "aye", Curran, "aye", Stacy, "abstain", Knogl, "aye", and Venne "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** - Lienemann

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**; (1-3) Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as follows:

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report from August 2024;
{available upon request}

Bill List

Bill List from September 19, 2024 - October 2, 2024;
{available upon request}

Gifts

GRANITE CITY CUSD9 DONATIONS; the GCSD9 Board of Education accepted the following gifts with thanks and appreciation.

AMAZON ST. LOUIS; The Amazon St. Louis Warehouse donated 400 backpacks with supplies to GCSD9. They delivered 200 to Prather Elementary Education Center and 200 to Wilson Elementary Education Center on Friday September 27th. Thank you Amazon as this is a very generous donation and will have a big impact on our GCSD9 students.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH; Central Christian Church donated $1000 in Walmart Gift cards to Frohardt Elementary Education Center. They are continually gracious in their donations to Frohardt and their students in need and we cannot thank them enough!

GRANITE CITY WORKS; Granite City Works donated $5,000 from United States Steel Corporation to assist in student hygiene during the 2024-2025 school year. Granite City Works General Manager Mike Patton presented Dr. Harris with a $5,000 check. Thank you US Steel for all you do in our community and for your generous donation to help our GCSD9 students.

Members voting - Silva, "aye", Curran, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Venne "aye", and Bradley, "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** - Lienemann

4. **RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**; (4) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following retirements and resignations:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
William Fithen	Custodian/ ESSC-Lake School	Retirement	11/18/2024
Frank Haynes	Monitor/ESSC-Lake School	Resignation	10/31/2024
Marc Mason	Custodian/ESSC-Lake School	Retirement	09/30/2029
Brandon Moerlein	Laborer/GCSD9	Resignation	10/01/2024
Roy Valdez	Custodian/GCHS	Retirement	12/01/2029

Members voting - Curran, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Venne "aye", Bradley, "aye", and Silva, "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** - Lienemann

5. **REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE**; (5) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Rachel Clark	Occupational Therapist/Prather	FMLA	03/28/2025 - 05/09/2025
Megan Cunningham	KG Teacher/Prather	FMLA	10/08/2024 - 01/01/2025
Christina Rigsby	Paraprofessional/Prather	FMLA	10/14/2024 - 10/29/2024
James Riskovsky	Custodian/Coolidge	FMLA	08/20/2024 - 10/06/2024

Members voting - Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Venne "aye", Bradley, "aye", Silva, "aye", and Curran, "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** - Lienemann

6. **EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**; (5) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extracurricular resignations for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position
Alex Boker	GCHS Asst Boys Tennis Coach

Members voting - Knogl, "aye", Venne "aye", Bradley, "aye", Silva, "aye", Curran, "aye", and Stacy, "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** - Lienemann

7. **EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**; (6) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular assignments for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position
George Kirgan	Coolidge Asst Wrestling Coach
Jake Roustio	GCHS Asst Boys Basketball Coach

Members voting - Venne "aye", Bradley, "aye", Silva, "aye", Curran, "aye", Stacy, "aye", and Knogl, "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** - Lienemann

8. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES**; (7) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following certified and classified substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork:

Certified;
Madeline Lee

Classified;
Taylor Campbell
Patricia Ramirez
Jake Roustio
Shannon Roustio

Members voting - Bradley, "aye", Silva, "aye", Curran, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Venne "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** - Lienemann

9. **RESCIND EMPLOYMENT OF ESL/BILINGUAL PARAPROFESSIONALS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**; (8) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to rescind the recommendation of **Monica Tamayo** as an ESL/Bilingual Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year, due to her declining the offer.

   Members voting - Silva, "aye", Curran, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Venne "aye", and Bradley, "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** – Lienemann

10. **EMPLOYMENT OF GCSD9 LABORER FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**; (9) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Hunter Gray** as a GCSD9 Laborer for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

    Members voting - Curran, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Venne "aye", Bradley, "aye", and Silva, "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** - Lienemann

11. **RECOMMENDATION FOR SUBSTITUTE PAY RATE INCREASE**; (10-11) Motion by Member Venne seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the following increased rates of pay for substitute employees effective on October 21, 2024.

Substitute Position	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Substitute Certificate/Nursing License	$130 per day	$135 per day
Certified Teacher/School Nurse	$145 per day	$150 per day
Retired Teacher/School Nurse	$155 per day	$160 per day
Substitute Administrator Assistant Principal/Extra Help	$220 per day	$225 per day
Substitute Building Principal	$235 per day	$240 per day
Retired GCSD9 Administrator	$245 per day	$250 per day

Substitute Paraprofessionals holding required licensure	$15.75 per hour	$16.75 per hour
Substitute paraprofessionals requiring a license while working to obtain them	$15.00 per hour	$15.75 per hour
Administrative Assistants, Building Aide, Cafeteria, Custodian, Monitor	$15.00 per hour	$15.75 per hour

(excluding retired Administrative Assistants, Cafeteria Custodians, and Paraprofessionals whose rate is set per contract)

No benefits will be provided for any substitute position.

In addition, the administration would like to recommend a long-term rate of pay for substitutes. After 20 consecutive days in the same position, a substitute teacher and paraprofessional would be paid at the following rates of pay:

Title	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Long term paraprofessionals holding required licensure (after 20 consecutive days in the same position)	$15.75 per hour	$17.82 per hour
Long term substitute teacher (after 20 consecutive days in the same position)	n/a	$225 per day

Members voting - Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Venne "aye", Bradley, "aye", Silva, "aye", and Curran, "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** - Lienemann

12. **BUSHUE HR CONSULTING AND BACKGROUND SERVICES;** (12-26) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to enter into a service agreement with Bushue HR Consulting and Background Services..

    Bushue HR Inc. will provide Human Resource, Risk Management, and Insurance Consultation on a retainer basis for an annual cost of **$1,300** per month.

    Bushue Background Screening Services will perform the 5 year annual check for all employees in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9 at the rate of $3.00 per employee. In addition, Bushue Background Screening Services can be utilized for Employment History Review Checks and ELIS verifications of all new applicants, as needed.

    Members voting - Knogl, "aye", Venne "aye", Bradley, "aye", Silva, "aye", Curran, "aye", and Stacy, "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** – Lienemann

13. **GCSD9 School Calendar Options for the 2025-2026 School Year;** (27-29) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Knogl, to Adopt the following calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. Members from the Granite City Federation of Educational Professionals (formerly Local 743), and Illinois Federation of Administrative Assistants Local 4956, reviewed both calendar options presented in the agenda and voted to recommend this calendar as well.

Granite City Community Unit School District #9
Donald J. Harris, Ed.D. | Superintendent of Schools

2025-2026 School Calendar

August 11-13	Teacher Institute - Staff Reports
August 14	First Day of Student Attendance
September 1	No School - Labor Day
October 10	No School - County Institute
October 13	No School - Columbus Day
November 10	No School - Non Attendance Day
November 11	No School - Veterans' Day
November 24	No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences {PM Schedule}
November 25	No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences {AM schedule}
November 26-28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 22, 2025 January 2, 2026	No School - Winter Break
January 5	Full Day Professional Learning {PLD - #1}; No Student Attendance
January 6	Students Return for Spring Semester
January 19	No School - MLK Day
February 16	No School - Presidents' Day
March 18	Full Day Professional Learning {PLD - #2}; No Student Attendance / Parent Teacher Conference
March 30, 2026 - April 6, 2026	No School - Spring Break
April 29	Full Day Professional Learning {PLD - #3}; No Student Attendance
May 22	Last Day of Student Attendance
May 25	No School - Memorial Day {If Necessary}
June 1	Last Day of Student Attendance If ALL Emergency Days Used

Approved at the 10.08.2024 Board of Education Meeting - {Subject to Change}

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Members voting - Venne "aye", Bradley, "aye", Silva, "aye", Curran, "aye", Stacy, "aye", and Knogl, "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** - Lienemann

14. **GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL HVAC BID #18-24;** (30) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of administration, for **Vayden Mechanical** to install eight {8} new air conditioning units in the High School Gymnasium. Over the years, the large rooftop units have sustained damage, and despite multiple compressor replacements in the rhythm room, the unit continues to malfunction. This project will not include the annex or the weight room. We believe that replacing all the units will significantly improve building comfort. The cost of this project will be **$255,231.20** and will be paid through ESSER funding.

    Members voting - Bradley, "aye", Silva, "aye", Curran, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Venne "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** - Lienemann

15. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS;** the following reports were given.

    A. Freedom of Information Act Requests; {FOIA}
    {for review only, no vote}

    We received two {2} requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of September 18, 2024 through October 1, 2024.

    The first request was received on September 21, 2024 from Sheri Red of SmartProcure. She requested the following information:

    1. Any and all purchasing records from 01/25/2024 to current:
        - Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number
        - Purchase date
        - Line item details (detailed description of the purchase)
        - Line item quantity
        - Line item price
        - Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address

    2. The second request was received on September 24, 2024 from Lana Turley of Illinois Federation of Teachers. She requested the following information:
        - Salary schedules for all those not covered by a collective bargaining agreement for the following school terms: 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024.

    The requests were handled by Administration.

B. IASB Division Meeting Report;
{GCSD9 Board Members Linda Knogl and Lori Silva gave a brief report}

BOE Members Linda Knogl and Lori Silva attended the IASB Southwestern Division Legislative Event in Sparta, Illinois on September 25, 2024. This was a very informative and interesting event for our area. There were many Senators in attendance and learned that these meetings are generally the first time they even hear of the issues presented. We need the community to voice their concerns or write to our local legislators if we want change to happen.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION;** Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Knogl, to go into executive session for the 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 a price thereof; 2(c)(5)(6)
- Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; 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)

Members voting - Silva, "aye", Curran, "aye", Stacy, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Venne "aye", and Bradley, "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** – Lienemann

The Board was called into executive session at 6:17 pm.

Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Curran, to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Members voting - all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING**; Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Knogl, to approve the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, **October 8, 2024**.

Members voting - Curran, "aye", Stacy, "abstain", Knogl, "aye", Venne "abstain", Bradley, "aye", and Silva, "aye", motion carried. **Members absent** - Lienemann

18. The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Board of Education Offices located at 3200 Maryville Road, Granite City, Illinois 62040-5144. The meeting will be held in the New Board Room.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**; Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.

    Members voting - all aye; voice vote; motion carried.
    Members absent - Lienemann

Tallin P. Curran, President
Board of Education
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Erica L. Venne, Secretary
Board of Education
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