MEMBERS PRESENT:	BECKY BRADLEY, TALLIN CURRAN, LINDA KNOGL, DON LIENEMANN, LORI SILVA, ERIC STACY, AND ERICA VENNE
EMPLOYEES PRESENT:	DR. DON HARRIS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, JODY BATSON, STEPHANIE BOYER, GENIE BRATTEN, LISA COCKRUM , SARAH CORZINE, MIKE DOWDY, BRAD ERVAY, CORY ERVAY, DR. ADAM GARRETT, ADAM HENNINGSEN, DR. DAVID KEEL, TIM MCCHRISTIAN, CHRIS MCCULLOUGH, CHRIS MITCHELL, ERIC MITCHELL, TIM MORAN, KRISTEN NOVACICH-KOBERNA, NIKKI PETRILLO, JILL RELLEKE, BRAD SMITH, ERIC SMITH, ZACK SUHRE, AND MICKI WATKINS.
STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER:	LILYROSE COCKRUM
OTHERS PRESENT:	PASTOR SAM HART, AND LIEUTENANT JEREMY HUNTER #215.

This was an open and virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There was a total of twenty-four (24) Employees, two (2) Guests, one (1) Student Advisory Board Member, and seven (7) 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. Seven {7} 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 Sam Hart with City Temple offered the invocation.

2. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING**; Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Lienemann, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, **October 8, 2024**.

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

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**; (1-2) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as follows:

Bill List

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

Gifts

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

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

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

4. RESCIND RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS; (3) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to rescind the following retirements and resignations:

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

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

5. RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS; (3) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following retirements and resignations:

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

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

6. **REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE**; (3) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for leaves of absence:

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

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

7. **REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE**; (4) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for extensions to leaves of absence:

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

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

8. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES**; (5) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, 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;
Brooke Webber

Classified;
Luci Blomme
Sundai Cavanagh
Catherine Cooper
Darlene Dunham
Mckenzie Munoz

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

9. **EMPLOYMENT OF ESL/BILINGUAL PARAPROFESSIONALS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**; (6) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Estefani Garcia** and **Mckenzie Munoz** as ESL/Bilingual Paraprofessionals for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

10. **EMPLOYMENT OF PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**; (7) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Lindsey Courtwright** as a Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

11. **EMPLOYMENT OF SOCIAL EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL MONITOR FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**; (8) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **April Brumley** as a Social Emotional and Behavioral Monitor for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

12. **EMPLOYMENT OF FOUR-HOUR UNION CAFÉ WORKERS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**; (9) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of administration, to employ **Jessica Bladdick** and **Starrlet Parker** as Four-Hour Union Café Workers for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

13. **FY24 REGION I AND GRANITE CITY CUSD9 AUDIT;** (10) Motion by Member Venne seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the FY24 Region I and Granite City CUSD9 Audits.

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

14. **SWIC RUNNING START PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR;** (11-15) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to continue to offer the Running Start Program with Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC). 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 will continue to participate in this dual credit program and enter into the intergovernmental agreement 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.

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

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

    A. Reconfiguration Update
    {Dr. Don Harris, Superintendent of Schools}

    Boundaries have been finalized for both Pre-K through 6th and Pre-K through 4th grade models. For this process we looked at two years of enrollment data to finalize the boundaries.

    We are in the process of finalizing the special education model which will be utilized with the Pre-K through 6th and Pre-K 4th models.

    Moving forward we will be giving a detailed presentation for both the Pre-K through 6th and Pre-K through 4th grade re-configuration models to the Board of Education. This presentation will take place in open session at the November 12th Board of Education meeting. After the presentation, we will share the information with district families and also post the presentation to the district website.

At the December 12th Board of Education meeting, we will provide the Board of Education an agenda item of a re-configuration model to vote on. Once the decision is made, we will start the restructuring process to prepare for the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

B. GCSD9 Student Board Member Report;
{GCHS Senior LilyRose Cockrum}

GCHS Senior LilyRose Cockrum gave a report on the ESL co-op Program, which she is a part of:

Buenas tardes amigos. Mi nombre es LilyRose. Mucho gusto.

I work for the district as an ESL co-op. This is an opportunity that seniors are given to allow us to work as part of our school curriculum. We go to school for a half day and then we work for half a day. I go to school in the morning from first through fifth hour and then work sixth through eighth hour. I have been assigned to Prather to assist with translating for kindergarten and preschool students. My job is to act as a translator and aid students, their families and faculty. In the past few years the Hispanic community in our school district has increased. Currently we have just under 500 ESL students district wide. This increase in the ESL student population leaves a need for someone that can act as a bridge between the Spanish speaking students and their peers and teachers. The ESL co-ops' job is to be that bridge. Granite City has made it a priority to assist our ESL students in preschool through fourth grade with ESL co-ops. Covid-19 caused a slight dip in the population of ESL co-ops, but in recent years our numbers have increased to their normal stability. In addition, we were able to provide a new position as an ESL co-op at the high school this year to work with fellow students. I hope to see growth in the relationship between the ESL students and our community. It is hard to fathom how isolating it must be for these students. They are surrounded by kids their age, but they cannot interact with them. I feel so proud that I can make a difference in these kids' days. The position I hold is important as well as rewarding. The English speaking students in my classes are beginning to pick up on some Spanish. These ESL students' days are becoming less isolating and that is a beautiful thing to see. Gracias. Hasta Luego.

Note: The BOE asked LilyRose what her favorite part of being an ESL co-op at Prather is. She loves kids and she gets to work with all students, not just the ESL students. LilyRose is one of eight ESL co-ops throughout the district.

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

BOE Treasurer Linda Knogl briefly discussed the IASB Southwestern Division Legislative Event that she attended with Member Lori Silva on September 25th in Sparta, Illinois.

Member Knogl also discussed the IASB Liaison October talking points below:

1. The Fall Legislative Events are ongoing through October. Registration is open and available on the IASB website.

2. School Board Members Day in Illinois is November 15, 2024. Information and resources that your district can use to recognize this day can be found on the IASB School Board Members Day webpage.

3. The 2024 Joint Annual Conference is November 22-24, 2024. Registration information as well as general JAC information, including the keynote speakers, can be found on the Conference webpage. Please check back, as this page is updated regularly.

   Several GCSD9 BOE Members will be attending this conference along with Dr. Harris.

4. With elections coming up, IASB has a lot of resources for candidates available to you and your board. Some of the dates have changed, so be sure to check these pages especially if your term is up in 2025.

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

17. The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 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.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm.

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

Tallin P. Curran, President
Board of Education
Community Unit School District #9

Erica L. Venne, Secretary
Board of Education
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