

**THE W. L. GILBERT SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024
THE GILBERT SCHOOL
6:30 PM
Library
MINUTES**

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting called to order at 6:27PM by Chair Holly Cassaday.

Scott Beecher (Absent Excused), Holly Cassaday (School Corp Chair), Shane Centrella, Jared Fritch, Ellen Marino (Absent Excused), Jonathan Morhardt, Theresa Padin, Renata Waldron, Kurt Werner, Greg P. Shugrue (Head of School), Deb Lewis (Principal) Shelby Salius & James Slauta (Student Representatives)

A. Pledge of Allegiance - Holly Cassaday

B. Vision and Mission Statement - Holly Cassaday

2. PUBLIC FORUM

A. General Public

None

B. Student Representatives Report

PSATs concluded. Fall sports completed. Little Mermaid in April. Winter Concert Dec 17th. Spirit Week. Midterms. Winter Sports.

3. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting - October 16, 2024

Motion to approve minutes of the October 16, 2024 meeting by Jared Fritch and seconded by Theresa Padin. Motion is approved. Renee Waldron and Kurt Warner abstain.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance: Renee Waldron reports. Building maintenance spending.

1. Monthly Finance Report

2. Next Meeting - December 18, 2024

B. Policy: Holly Cassaday reports: By-Laws updated.

1. Report on Meeting - November 7, 2024

2. Next Meeting - December 5, 2024

C. Building & Grounds: Holly Cassaday reports. Many building projects.

1. Report on Meeting - October 16, 2024

2. Next Meeting - December 18, 2024

D. Personnel

1. Next Meeting – TBD

6. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

A. Resignations

1. Matthew Mercure - MS English

B. Appointments/Certified Staff Hires

1. Thomas Durham - MS English

7. SECURITY UPDATE

A. ASO Update: Greg Shugrue reports.

MOU signed. Job posted yet not bringing applicants. One so far. Will NOT rush the process, need the perfect fit.

8. FIRST READING OF POLICIES

A. #5131.81 - Electronic Devices

B. #5141.27 - First Aid/Emergency Medical Care

9. SECOND READING OF POLICIES

A. #5142.4 - (Safety) Armed School Security Officers

B. #5142.41- (Students) Armed School Security Officers

10. APPROVAL OF POLICIES

A. # 5131.911 - School Climate (formerly Hazing/Bullying)

Motion to approve by Theresa Padin, seconded by Jonathan Morhardt and unanimously approved.

B. # 5145.44 - Title IX

Motion to approve by Renee Waldron, seconded by Theresa Padin and approved by the board. Jonathan Morhardt abstained.

11. 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

List of Board Meetings for 2025 provided by Greg Shugrue.

Lay-out of budgeting process by month.

Change: Building and Grounds meeting and Finance Committee meetings to begin at 6PM and join content. Agenda will specify whether or not additional meeting time is necessary or not.

12. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Deb Lewis reports.

Buildings and grounds apparently need updates as reported by visiting educators. Report for school by mid-December will include recommendations. PSAT results. Scores are up for all grades, the first time in 24 years.

8th grade average scores are higher than global average.

40% of Seniors have applied to a 2 or 4 year school as of today. Numbers are much higher than last year. Trending in a positive direction.

13. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

A. Greg P. Shugrue

1. Enrollment is steady at 438 students. 14 are international students.
2. Attendance: Steady and making small improvements. Close to 94%.
3. Food Service Report: 102 breakfasts and 354 lunches per day. Free for all students. New hire to help increase hot lunch options.
160 students enrolled in 7th-12 athletics. 137 participated.
Lock-down drill. Emergency security system in place and working effectively. Parents and the police department were notified of the drill beforehand.

14. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

A. Winchester

Renee Waldron, Shane Centrella and Jonathan Morhardt report. Veterans Day Celebration. Alignment of terms for WPS BOE and Gilbert School Corp representatives. Nominating Committee membership discussion.

15. SCHOOL CORPORATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Holly Cassaday

Next meeting will need to appoint officers prior to the start of the meeting. Once a month future meetings with WPS BOE and Superintendent to make sure we are working together in positive ways.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:09 PM by Jonathan Morhardt, seconded by Theresa Padin and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Jones Dombrowski