

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 2025  
CENTRAL OFFICE**

PRESENT: Jabet Wade, President; Robby Walrath, Vice-President; Heather Bushner, Member; Corey Hillhouse, Member; Marti Warden, Member; Mason Eslinger, Member; Dakota Nash, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Trevor Hicks, Richard Wylie, Ben Hopper

The meeting was called to order by President Jabet Wade at 6:00 p.m. with seven members present.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, December 16, 2024 Open Session Minutes, December Bills, Motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Marti Warden to approve consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Superintendent Justin Gilmore and the board reviewed the financial report and monthly newsletter.

**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**

**SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION 2025**

Allisa West announced to the board the candidates for the upcoming board election.

**MSBA 2024D: BBBB, BDC, DFI, GCBA, IGBI, IGCD, IGCDA, JEA, JED-C, JHDF**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the board the MSBA policy updates in 2024D. A motion was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Mason Eslinger to accept MSBA 2024D policies with an amendment to IGCD striking Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities. Motion carried 7-0.

**APPOINTMENT OF HOMELESS LIAISON (IGBCA) and LEA EL COORDINATOR**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board MSBA policy IGBCA and recommended changing the policy to the High School Counselor. A motion was made by Robby Walrath to accept the board policy change on IGBCA, and appoint the high school counselor as the district liaison for homeless students and the Superintendent as the LEA Elementary Coordinator, per board policy IGBH. Motion carried 7-0.

□ **BUILDING CLIMATE SURVEY, ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION HANDBOOK**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the building climate survey that has been used the last several years, and the administrator evaluation handbook. A motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Marti Warden to strike the Superintendent and Director of Special Services from the Administrator Evaluation Handbook. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0.

□ **BAXTER HEALTH SCHOOL BASED CLINIC MID-YEAR REPORT**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the current data for the school based clinic. Mr. Gilmore stated the numbers for the Gainesville clinic are on track and it has been a positive thing for the students and parents. Mr. Gilmore stated he plans on continuing to look for grants to help keep the program going.

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

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Corey Hillhouse to convene executive session for purposes listed in section RSMo 610.021, (3), (12) & (13) Personnel. Roll Call Vote: Nash, yes; Walrath, yes; Bushner, yes; Wade, yes; Warden, yes; Mason Eslinger, yes; and Hillhouse-yes. 7:25 p.m.

**Exit Executive Session 10:16 p.m.**

**BOARD ACTIONS**

A **motion** was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Corey Hillhouse to accept Jennifer Winrod and Josh Richer's resignation. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Mason Eslinger to hire Gwyndalin Brazeal as an elementary paraprofessional at a prorated rate for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Dakota Nash to extend Mr. Gilmore's contract to a 3 year term (25-26, 26-27, 27-28) with a 3% increase for the 2025-26 school year. Vote taken, motion carried 5-2, with Corey Hillhouse and Heather Bushner opposed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Robby Walrath to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Nash-yes; Walrath-yes; Bushner-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; Eslinger-yes; and Hillhouse-yes. 10:18 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education