Granite City Community Unit School District #9

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 | 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 Stacey Wilson with GCFirst Assembly of God 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, March 6, 2025:

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

A. GCHS Teacher Kenny Jackson would like to address the Board of Education, regarding the Students Use of Cell Phones Policy in the Handbook; (Policy 7:190 AP5, Electronic Devices).

B. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to Recognize the following Frohardt Elementary School students and their Custodian for being so courageous in a time of crisis!

On February 14, 2025, a student started choking during lunch. Bryton tried helping by hitting the students back several times and at the same time, Anna went and alerted Mr. Rich. Rich Wilson then performed the Heimlich Maneuver twice and the dislodged the food successfully. We are so proud of all three of these heroes for their quick thinking during a stressful situation!

ANNA MOUTON	4th Grade Student
BRYTON PRICE	4th Grade Student
RICH WILSON	School Custodian

C. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to the following Granite City High School Wrestlers who Qualified for the IHSA Girls State Wrestling Tournament on Friday, February 28, 2025, and Saturday, March 1, 2025, held at the Mossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington, Illinois.

AUDREY BARNES - 135 pounds

- Regional Champion
- Sectional Runner-Up
- **State Qualifier**
- 31-9 Record

DEMI BARNES - 170 POUNDS

- Regional Runner-Up
- Sectional Runner-Up
- **State Qualifier**
- 32-7 Record

V. MINUTES;

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on **February 25, 2025**. {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 February 20, 2025 - March 4, 2025
{available upon request}

B. **Donations**;
{see page 1 for detailed information}

Carol Steele Holbert; GCSD9

VII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS - HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Rescind Retirements and Resignations; (2)

B. Retirements and Resignations; (2)

C. Extracurricular Recommendations for the 2024-2025 School Year; (3-4)

D. Employee Termination Recommendation; (5-6)

E. Certified and Classified Substitutes for the 2024-2025 School Year; (7)

IX. OLD BUSINESS; N/A

X. NEW BUSINESS;

A. Illinois High School Association {IHSA} Membership Renewal for the 2025-2026 School Year; (9-10)

B. Alternative Education and K-12 Summer School Proposal; (11)

XI. REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS;

1. Administrative Reports and Updates

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests; {FOIA}; (12)
{for review only, no vote}

XII. 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)

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES; N/A

VIII. SETTING OF THE AGENDA; MARCH 25, 2025 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

VI - A - 1 BILL LIST FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2025 - MARCH 4, 2025

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

FROM: ZACK SUHRE, CHIEF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL

RE: BILL LIST FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2025 - MARCH 4, 2025

DATE: MARCH 11, 2025

{available upon request}

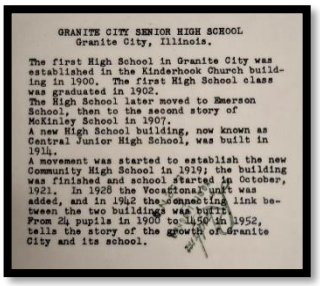
VI - B Gifts

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

GRANITE CITY CUSD9 DONATIONS

Carol Steele Holbert; Ms. Holbert has graciously donated one of the original Granite City Senior High School plates with the construction details listed on the back, to GCSD9. We greatly appreciate this detailed history of Granite City Senior High School!





GRANITE CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Granite City, Illinois.

The first High School in Granite City was established in the Kinderhook Church building in 1900. The first High School class was graduated in 1902.
The High School later moved to Emerson School, then to the second story of McKinley School in 1907.
A new High School building, now known as Central Junior High School, was built in 1911.
A movement was started to establish the new Community High School in 1919; the building was finished and school started in October, 1921. In 1928 the Vocational unit was added, and in 1942 the connecting link between the two buildings was built.
From 24 pupils in 1900 to 1450 in 1952, tells the story of the growth of Granite City and its school.

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
Laura Pavlovec	8th Grade English Teacher/Coolidge	Rescind	End of 2028/2029

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
Amy Griffith	Title I Teacher/Maryville	Retirement	End of 2029/2030
Laura Pavlovec	8th Grade English Teacher/Coolidge	Retirement	End of 2029/2030

VIII - C EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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

FROM: THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RE: EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

DATE: MARCH 11, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration is recommending that the following Extracurricular Assignments for the **2024-2025** school year listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be approved:

Name	Position
Kathy Claudia Cass	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amanda Corey-Cox	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Karen Kocarnik	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Ann Mayhall	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Brandy McFarland	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Staci Melvin	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Tanya Miller	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Jeremy Weaver	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Kacie Bamert	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Ashley Boyce	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Robert Bragg	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Megan Brooks	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Erin Ernst	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Kelly Fitzgerald	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Nikki Jordan	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Teresa Meador	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Julie Mueller	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Shelby Myatt	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Scott Pape	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Samantha Rydgig	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amy Schnefke	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sarah Stepanek	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Kelly Taylor	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Erynn Wachter	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sharon Albers	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Darla Bremer	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Michaela Genovese-Moss	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amy Griffith	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Cindy Heintz	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Carrie Sitton	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Denise Stout	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Lori Wilson	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty

Name	Position
Allison Bozarth-Downing	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Penny Feldt	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Meagan Harper	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Lori Hawthorne	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Laura Marzluf	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Patrick McBride	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Nancy Smallie	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Angie West	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Pam Brezger	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Tina Buck	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Holly Farnsworth	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Jessica Farris	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Chrystal Hanlon	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Christy Marana	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Katie Nappier	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sara Rials	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Leah Schreiber	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Ashley Swip	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Whitney Sykes-Rogers	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Mary Kay Wilson	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Aimee Bailey	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Holly Bladdick	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Lindsay Carney	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Angelique Dorris	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Josh Mills	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sarah Shaw	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Richie Skirball	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Mary Wright	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty

Approval is recommended.

VIII - D EMPLOYEE TERMINATION RECOMMENDATION

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

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: MARCH 11, 2025

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;

Cody Trittschuh

Classified;

Whitney Dickerson
Sarah Laird

X - A ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION {IHSA} MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 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
TIM MCCHRISTIAN, PRINCIPAL, GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL
JOHN MOAD, GCSD9 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

RE: ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION {IHSA} **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

DATE: MARCH 11, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration request permission to renew the Illinois High School Association {IHSA} membership for the 2025-2026 school year. For the 2025-2026 school term, IHSA will not require payment for membership dues or state series entry fess per action of the IHSA Board of Directors.

The attached membership in the Illinois High School Association {IHSA} confirms that the Granite City High School {GCHS} continues to be recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education {ISBE} and certifies that our GCSD9 Board of Education has voted to adopt and abide by the constitution, by-laws, terms and conditions, and administrative procedures, guidelines, and policies of the IHSA for the 2025-2026 school year. Our membership renewal must be submitted by June 30, 2025.

Approval is recommended.

ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The IHSA governs the equitable participation in interscholastic athletics and activities that enrich the educational experience.

March 2025

To the Principal/IHSA Official Representative Addressed:

It is time again for your school to renew its membership in the Illinois High School Association. **For the 2025-2026 school term, IHSA membership will not require payment for membership dues or state series entry fees per action of the IHSA Board of Directors.**

Your school may renew membership in the Illinois High School Association by confirming that your school continues to be Recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education and by certifying that your Board of Education/Governing Board has voted to adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines, and Policies of the Association for the 2025-26 school term.

Your 2025-26 membership renewal is due by June 30, 2025. Please do not delay. Obtain your Board of Education's action on the membership resolution and email it to general@ihsa.org or fax (309) 663-7479.

Sincerely,

Craig Anderson
Executive Director

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BELOW, ON THE APPROPRIATE LINE, BY THE PRINCIPAL OR OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE BOARD PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY.
DO NOT DETACH

To: IHSA Executive Director

We certify that Granite City High School is recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education. It is understood that failure to be recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education will disqualify our school for membership in the IHSA and that if this were to occur; it is our responsibility to immediately notify the Association of this change in status.

We further certify our Board of Education/Governing Board, at its meeting held on March 11, 2025, voted to renew membership in the Illinois High School Association, and to adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines and Policies of the Illinois High School Association for the year of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Principal/Official Representative Signature

Tim McChristian, Principal 618-451-5808
Print Name and Phone Number

Granite City High School

Board President or Board Secretary Signature

Tallin Curran, President 618-451-5800
Print Name and Phone Number

Granite City, Illinois

2025-26 Membership Renewal

X - B ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION AND K-12 SUMMER SCHOOL PROPOSAL

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

FROM: DAVID KEEL, ED.D., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS
MICKI WATKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
KRISTEN NOVACICH-KOBERNA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF K-12 CURRICULUM

RE: ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION AND K-12 SUMMER SCHOOL PROPOSAL

DATE: MARCH 11, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration request permission to offer a K - 7 Summer School Program at Lake School. Students attending the alternative school program at Lake ESSC will be offered summer school also. All programs will be Monday through Friday, student hours are 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Students will receive breakfast and lunch daily. Summer school will begin on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, and end on Wednesday, June 25, 2025. All classes are in-person and bussing will be offered.

Permission is also requested to offer a Granite City High School Summer School Program. The cost will be $100 per class. Summer school dates are the same as above. In-person and online courses will be offered. Courses will also be offered to incoming freshmen. There will be no transportation provided by the district for high school summer school.

Approval is recommended.

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

FROM: CHRIS MITCHELL, MANAGER OF DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT {FOIA} REQUESTS

DATE: MARCH 11, 2025

The Freedom of Information Act Requests listed below and on the GCSD9 website were handled by Administration:

We received four {4} requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of February 18, 2025 through March 4, 2025.

The first request was received on February 21, 2025 from Karen of SmartProcure. She requested the following information:

- Current employee/staff contact information
    1. First Name
    2. Last Name
    3. Position Title
    4. Department
    5. Direct Phone Number (if does not exist, list main phone number with extension)
    6. Business Cell Phone (if provided by Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9)
    7. Email Address
    8. Office Address (Address, City, State, Zip)

The second request was received on February 24, 2025 from Justin Wenig of Star Jump. He requested the following information:

- Materials possessed by Granite City CUSD9 for all of the following student transportation vendors with which you have a relationship:
    1. HopSkipDrive, FirstAlt, Adroit, Pawar

The third request was received on February 25, 2025 from Lori Grainger, Union Shop Stewart at the Granite City First Student location. She requested the following information:

- Any and all billing documents received by the district from First Student-Granite City from August 1, 2024-current date.

The fourth request was received on February 26, 2025 from Allison Hester of The Data Branch. She requested the following information:

- All purchase orders from January 1, 2020, to present day.

The requests were handled by Administration.