



MEMBERS PRESENT: Becky Bradley, Tallin Curran, Don Lienemann, Lori Silva, and Erica Venne.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Knogl and Eric Stacy.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Dr. Don Harris, Superintendent of Schools, Denise Albrecht, Mason Baker, Stephanie Boyer, Genie Bratten, Lisa Cockrum, Amanda Corey-Cox, Sarah Corzine, Brad Ervay, Cory Ervay, Dr. Adam Garrett, Keesha Jackson, Kenny Jackson, Dr. David Keel, Julie Matarelli, Steve Mathes, Tim McChristian, Chris McCullough, Chris Mitchell, Tim Moran, Dr. Liz Niepert, Kristen Novacich-Koberna, Jill Relleke, Tom Schooley, Brad Smith, Eric Smith, Zack Suhre, Matt Warfield, Micki Watkins, Megan Wedekind, Ann Wilson, and Rich Wilson,

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER: LilyRose Cockrum.

OTHERS PRESENT: Anna Mouton, Regina Mouton, Dennis Patterson, Johnne Patterson, Ammee Price, Bryton Price, Syrenity Price, Lieutenant Nick Roberts #234, Sean Turner, Alexis Wilson, Pastor Stacey Wilson, and Binita Wright.

This was an open meeting that took place in the Board Room at the Board of Education Offices. There was a total of thirty-two (32) Employees, twelve (12) Guests, one (1) Student Board Member, and five (5) 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. Five {5} Board Members and one {1} Student Board Member 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 Stacey Wilson with GCFirst Assembly of God offered the invocation.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;**
 - A. GCSD9 Teacher Kenny Jackson addressed 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 recognized the following Frohardt Elementary School students and their Custodian for being so courageous in a time of crisis!

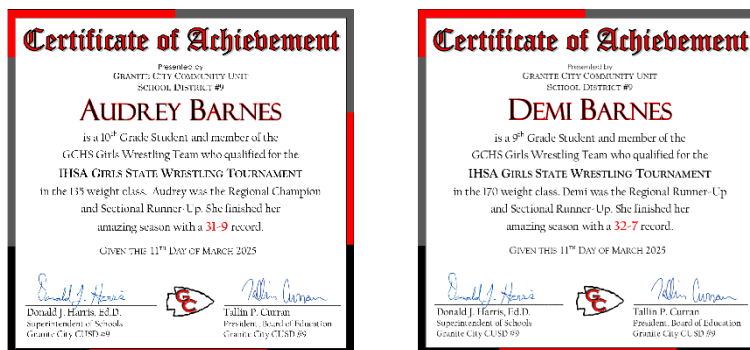
On February 14, 2025, a student started choking during lunch. Bryton tried helping by hitting the students back several times and at the same time, Anna went and alerted Mr. Rich. Rich Wilson then performed the Heimlich Maneuver twice and the dislodged the food successfully. We are so proud of all three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

Board Member Lori Silva and Principal Julie Matarelli presented these certificates to each of them;



- C. GCSD9 BOE and Administration recognized 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.

Board Members Erica Venne and Don Lienemann, along with Coaches John Venne, Matt Warfield and Mason Baker, presented the Barnes sisters with certificates to celebrate their amazing season!



3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING**; Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Bradley, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

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

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

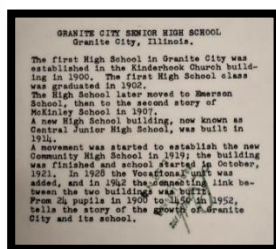
Bill List;

Bill List from February 20, 2025 - March 4, 2025;
{available upon request}

Gifts

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

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!



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

5. **RESCIND RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**; (2) Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to rescind the following retirements and resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Laura Pavlovec	8 th Grade English Teacher/Coolidge	Rescind	End of 2028/2029

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

6. **RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS;** (2) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following retirements and resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Amy Griffith	Title I Teacher/Maryville	Retirement	End of 2029/2030
Laura Pavlovec	8 th Grade English Teacher/Coolidge	Retirement	End of 2029/2030

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

7. **EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR;** (3-4) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular assignments for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Kathy Claudia Cass	Frohardt 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amanda Corey-Cox	Frohardt 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Karen Kocarnik	Frohardt 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Ann Mayhall	Frohardt 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Brandy McFarland	Frohardt 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Staci Melvin	Frohardt 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Tanya Miller	Frohardt 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Jeremy Weaver	Frohardt 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Kacie Bamert	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Ashley Boyce	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Robert Bragg	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Megan Brooks	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Erin Ernst	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Kelly Fitzgerald	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Nikki Jordan	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Teresa Meador	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Julie Mueller	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Shelby Myatt	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Scott Pape	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Samantha Rydgig	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amy Schnefke	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sarah Stepanek	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Kelly Taylor	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Erynn Wachter	Grigsby 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u> cont'd
Sharon Albers	Maryville 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Darla Bremer	Maryville 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Michaela Genovese-Moss	Maryville 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amy Griffith	Maryville 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Cindy Heintz	Maryville 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Carrie Sitton	Maryville 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Denise Stout	Maryville 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Lori Wilson	Maryville 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Allison Bozarth-Downing	Mitchell 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Penny Feldt	Mitchell 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Meagan Harper	Mitchell 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Lori Hawthorne	Mitchell 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Laura Marzluf	Mitchell 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Patrick McBride	Mitchell 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Nancy Smallie	Mitchell 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Angie West	Mitchell 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Pam Brezger	Prather 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Tina Buck	Prather 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Holly Farnsworth	Prather 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Jessica Farris	Prather 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Chrystal Hanlon	Prather 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Christy Marana	Prather 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Katie Nappier	Prather 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sara Rials	Prather 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Leah Schreiber	Prather 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Ashley Swip	Prather 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Whitney Sykes-Rogers	Prather 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Mary Kay Wilson	Prather 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Aimee Bailey	Wilson 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Holly Bladdick	Wilson 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Lindsay Carney	Wilson 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Angelique Dorris	Wilson 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Josh Mills	Wilson 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sarah Shaw	Wilson 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Richie Skirball	Wilson 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty
Mary Wright	Wilson 4 th Quarter Lunch Duty

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

8. EMPLOYEE TERMINATION; (5-6)

- Item was held for Executive Session pursuant to section - 2 (C)(1)

9. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES;** (7) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Bradley, 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;

Cody Trittschuh

Classified;

Whitney Dickerson

Sarah Laird

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

10. **ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION {IHSA} MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR** (8-9) Motion by Member Lienemann seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve 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.

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

11. **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION AND K-12 SUMMER SCHOOL PROPOSAL;** (10) Motion by Member Lienemann seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, 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.

The Granite City High School Summer School Program was also approved. 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.

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

12. REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS; the following reports were given.

A. Freedom of Information Act {FOIA} Requests; {for review only}

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.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**; Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Silva, 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 - Curran, “aye”, Lienemann, “aye”, Venne “aye”, Bradley, “aye”, and Silva, “aye”, motion carried. Members absent - Knogl and Stacy.

The Board was called into executive session at 6:18 pm.

Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Venne, to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting at 6:40 pm.

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

14. **EMPLOYEE TERMINATION**; (5-6) Motion by Member Lienemann seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to terminate the employment of Keesha Jackson as of the date of this meeting; March 11, 2025.

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

15. The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 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 Board Room.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Lienemann, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm.

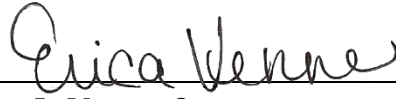
Members voting - all aye; voice vote; motion carried.



Tallin P. Curran, President

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Erica L. Venne, Secretary

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