

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 17, 2025  
CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Justin Gilmore, 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, February 17, 2025, and January 20, 2025 Open Session Minutes and February Bills. Motion was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Corey Hillhouse, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Superintendent Justin Gilmore and the board reviewed the financial report. Revenues are outpacing expenditures as expected for this time of year.

**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. James Dabney and Nick Jones spoke regarding the elementary discipline process.*

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

➤ **FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the board the district's next five year capital improvement plan.

➤ **BUS BARN BIDS: WINROD BROTHERS, MONTY HAMBELTON**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the board bids for the construction of the new bus barn. Motion was made by Heather Bushner, seconded by Dakota Nash, to accept Monty Hambelton's bid as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Mason Eslinger abstained.

➤ **ELEMENTARY DISCIPLINE PLANNING PROCESS**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board his plans for an upcoming elementary discipline planning process.

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

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Marti Warden, 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. 7:22 p.m.

**Exit Executive Session 8:38 p.m.**

**BOARD ACTIONS**

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Mason Eslinger to renew Dr. Richard Wylie’s High School Principal contract for the 2025-26 school year with a 3% salary increase. Vote taken, motion carried 5-2. Corey Hillhouse and Heather Bushner opposed.

A **motion** was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Dakota Nash to renew Trevor Hick’s Assistant High School Principal contract for the 2025-26 school year with a 3% salary increase. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Marti Warden to renew Benjamin Hopper’s Elementary Principal contract for the 2025-26 school year with a 3% salary increase. Vote taken, motion carried 6-1. Heather Bushner opposed.

A **motion** was made by Robby Walrath, seconded by Dakota Nash to accept the resignation of Vicki Oxley and Adam Hill after the 2024-25 school year. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Marti Warden to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Nash-yes; Walrath-yes, Bushner-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; Eslinger-yes; and Hillhouse-yes. 8:40 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education