MEMBERS PRESENT:	Becky Bradley, Tallin Curran, Linda Knogl, Don Lienemann, Lori Silva, Eric Stacy, and Erica Venne.
EMPLOYEES PRESENT:	Dr. Don Harris, Superintendent of Schools, Jody Batson, Stephanie Boyer, Genie Bratten, Lisa Cockrum, Jennifer Connolly, Sarah Corzine, Brad Ervay, Cory Ervay, Dr. Adam Garrett, 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, Micki Watkins, and Ann Wilson.
STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER:	LilyRose Cockrum.
OTHERS PRESENT:	Pastor Karla Frost, Tina Huber, and Lieutenant Nick Roberts #234.

This was an open meeting that took place in the Board Room at the Board of Education Offices. There was a total of twenty-six (26) Employees, three (3) Guests, one (1) Student Board Member, and seven (7) 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. Seven {7} 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 Karla Frost with St. John's United Church of Christ of God offered the invocation.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT; n/a**

3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING**; Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Lienemann, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, **March 11, 2025**.

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

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

   Treasurer's Report;

   Treasurer's Report from February 2025;
   {available upon request}

   Bill List;
   Bill List from March 5, 2025 - March 18, 2025;
   {available upon request}

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

   GC Alumni Association; The GC Alumni Association graciously donated $1500.00 to Prather Elementary School to help with the final touches needed for the New Prather Library. Thank you so much for always putting our students first!

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

5. **RESCIND RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**; (3) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of administration, to rescind the following retirements and resignations:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Darla Popmarkoff	2nd Grade Teacher/Maryville	Rescind	End of 2025/2026

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

6. **RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**; (3) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following retirements and resignations:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Jennifer Dutko	PE Teacher/Coolidge	Retirement	End of 2029/2030
Kim Antonovich-Merz	4th Grade Teacher/Mitchell	Retirement	End of 2029/2030
Abigail Mincy	Percussion Specialist/GCHS	Resignation	End of 2024/2025
Darla Popmarkoff	2nd Grade Teacher/Maryville	Retirement	End of 2024/2025

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

7. **REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE**; (3) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Rhonda Dewitt	Cafe/GCHS	FMLA	01/15/2025 - 04/09/2025
Naomi Siedhoff	Admin Assistant/Frohardt	FMLA	03/21/2025 - 04/04/2025
Jennifer Connolly	Media Center/GCHS	FMLA	05/01/2025 - 06/12/2025
Charles Fossieck	Social Studies Teacher/CJHS	FMLA	02/18/2025 - 06/01/2025

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

8. **REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE**; (4) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for extensions to leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Tracie Grote	4th Grade Teacher/Mitchell	Medical	03/10/2025 - 04/01/2025

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

9. **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES**; (4) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, 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;	Classified;
Al Farend	n/a

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

10. **DISMISSAL OF THIRD YEAR PROBATIONARY TEACHER FOR REASONS OTHER THAN REDUCTION-IN-FORCE**; (5-9) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Knogl, upon the recommendation of the administration, to Adopt the Resolution for the Dismissal of a Third Year Probationary Teacher **Lauren Smith**, for reasons other than Reduction-In-Force.

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

11. **EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR;** (10) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the employment of **Angela** Donze as a Special Education Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

12. **EMPLOYMENT OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR;** (11) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the employment of **Alison Conway** as an Alternative Education Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

13. **EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT GRIGSBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR;** (12) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the employment of **Olivia Brumley** as a Special Education Teacher at Grigsby Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

14. **EMPLOYMENT OF GCSD9 NURSE AT GRIGSBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR;** (13) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the employment of **Brandi Blankley** as a Grigsby Elementary School Nurse for the 2025-2026 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

15. AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES OF SIX MILE REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT; (14-16) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the Amendment to the 2020 Intergovernmental Agreement with the Six Mile Regional Library District {SMRLD}.

    This amendment allows GCSD9 to share information necessary to create and maintain public library accounts for all students. SMRLD will provide the library cards to the students to use at th public library.

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

16. PURCHASE OF BUILDING TRADES LOT 8; 4840 BAILEY DRIVE; (17-19) Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to purchase Lot 8 in the Donnalynne Subdivision, located at 4840 Bailey Drive. The construction of a new home will begin in August of 2025. The home will be built by the GCHS Vocational Building Trades and Vocational Electricity classes. Cost of the lot is **$37,990**.

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

17. **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
    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.

    We received one {1} request under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of March 5, 2025 through March 18, 2025.

    The first request was received on March 17, 2025 from Jimmy Hennessey of GFI Digital. He requested the following information:

    - MFP Copier/Printer Contract

    The requests were handled by Administration.

B. Illinois Association of School Boards {IASB} Liaison Report
{ GCSD9 Board Liaison Linda Knogl}
Ms. Knogl gave a brief IASB report and shared the information from the IASB Southwestern Division Meeting that was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Lienemann, 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 - Stacy, "aye", and Silva, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Lienemann, "aye", Venne "aye", Bradley, "aye", and Curran, "aye", motion carried.

The Board was called into executive session at 6:15 pm.

Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Bradley, to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting at 6:38 pm.

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

19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING**; Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Bradley, to approve the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, **March 11, 2025**.

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

20. The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 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.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**; Motion by Member Stacy, seconded by Member Bradley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

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

Tallin P. Curran, President
Board of Education
Community Unit School District #9

Erica L. Venne, Secretary
Board of Education
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