



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

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Dr. Don Harris, Superintendent of Schools, Jody Batson, Stephanie Boyer, Genie Bratten, Lisa Cockrum, Sarah Corzine, Patrick Curry, Mike Dowdy, Brad Ervay, Cory Ervay, Dr. Adam Garrett, Adam Henningsen, Dr. David Keel, Terri Kunz, Julie Matarelli, Steve Mathes, Chris McCullough, Chris Mitchell, Tim Moran, Dr. Liz Niepert, Nikki Petrillo, Brad Smith, Zack Suhre, Kyle Thompson, Matt Warfield, Micki Watkins, and Ann Wilson.

STUDENT ADVISORY

BOARD MEMBER: LilyRose Cockrum {FY25} and Hector Villa {FY26}.

OTHERS PRESENT: Adriana Boyer, Jace Boyer, Nathan Boyer, Elijah Kolb, Mike Kolb, Trista Kolb, Ben Wilson, Keith Wilson, and Lauren Wilson.

This was an open meeting that took place in the Board Room at the Board of Education Offices. There was a total of twenty-seven (27) Employees, nine (9) Guests, two (2) Student Board Members, 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, Eric Stacy. Roll was called. Seven {7} Board Members and two {2} Student Board Members were physically present, and a quorum was declared. President Stacy 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. Superintendent Dr. Donald Harris, offered the invocation.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT; the following students were recognized by the Granite City School Board of Education and Administration.
 - The GCSD9 BOE and Administration Recognized our 2025 Granite City High School Scholar Athlete of the Year Elijah Kolb. Elijah was recognized at Busch Stadium on May 6, 2025, as part of the 59th Annual *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Scholar Athlete Team. Congratulations!

- GCSD9 BOE and Administration Recognized the following students who are winners of the 2025 Madison County Green Schools Clean Air Bookmark Contest:

JACE BOYER - Wilson Elementary School 1st Place Winner

LAUREN WILSON - Coolidge Junior High School 1st Place Winner

- GCSD9 BOE and Administration Recognized our Student School Board Member Advisor, **Ms. LilyRose Cockrum**. LilyRose has been such an amazing asset to serve the Board of Education and Student population this year. She is also an ESL co-op at Prather Elementary School, and still is in the top 15 Seniors at Granite City High School. She is definitely going to achieve great things and we cannot thank her enough for all of her time and effort this year. Congratulations LilyRose, you will be amazing!!

Good evening everyone,

As I stand here today, I am filled with immense gratitude and reflection. Serving as the Student Board Member Advisor has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my academic journey. It has been an honor to represent the student voice, to collaborate with dedicated educators and leaders, and to witness firsthand the care and commitment that goes into every decision made by this Board.

To the board members - thank you. Thank you for welcoming me, for valuing student input, and for consistently putting students at the heart of your work. You've shown me what strong, compassionate leadership looks like, and you've inspired me to continue striving to make a difference in the path I choose next.

To the students and staff who supported me throughout this role - your encouragement meant everything. Your ideas, your concerns, and your hopes were what I aimed to carry with me into every meeting. I am proud to have served as your voice and I hope I served you well.

And now it's time to pass the torch.

To the incoming Student Board Member Advisor: Congratulations, Hector. You are stepping into a role that holds incredible potential - not just for your own growth, but for real, meaningful impact. My advice to you is simple: listen deeply, speak honestly, and never underestimate the power of your perspective. You belong at the table and your voice matters more than you know.

This isn't goodbye - just a turning of the page. I leave with deep appreciation and great hope for the future of this Board and our schools.

Sincerely, Thank you. LilyRose Cockrum

3. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Silva, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA; (1-5) Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as follows:

Treasurer’s Reports;

GCSD9/Region I Treasurer’s Report March 2025

GCSD9/Region I Treasurer’s Report April 2025

{available upon request}

Bill List;

Bill List from April 4, 2025 - May 8, 2025

{available upon request}

Gifts

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

GCFD Union; The Granite City Fire Department Union donated \$501.00 to Grigsby Intermediate School for student needs. Thank you for your continued support of GCSD9!!

Pam Holten Scholarship Fund; Kay Rollins graciously started a Scholarship in honor of her sister, Pam Holten. Pam dedicated many years serving the students and community of GCSD9. This Inaugural Scholarship was able to give the following teachers \$500.00 each for use in their classrooms. Thank you to Ms. Rollins and the Holten Family for your continued support of GCSD9 students and creating this Legacy for Pam!!

GCHS Special Education Department Chair - DEBRA MILLS

GCHS Pre-Vocational Teacher/Transition Specialist - STACY ROLLINS

GCHS Special Education Foods Teacher - ANN SYKES

Lake-ESSC Intermediate Teacher - EMILEE GILLEY

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

5. RESCIND RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS; (6) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of administration, to rescind the following retirements and resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Erin Kincy	Administrative Assistant/Admin Office	Rescind	02/17/2028
Edna Sinn	4 th Grade Teacher/Mitchell	Rescind	End of 2025/2026
Jane Moore	Administrative Assistant/GCHS	Rescind	End of 2027/2028

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Erin Kincy	Administrative Assistant/Admin Office	Retirement	07/01/2029
Edna Sinn	4 th Grade Teacher/Mitchell	Retirement	05/23/2025
Wendy Gunter	4 th Grade Teacher/Frohardt	Retirement	End of 2029/2030
Timothy Wilson	Math Teacher/GCHS	Retirement	End of 2028/2029
Kay Lanfersieck	KG Special Education Teacher/Prather	Retirement	End of 2029/2030
Jane Moore	Administrative Assistant/GCHS	Retirement	06/30/2025
Tom Becherer	Custodian/GCHS	Retirement	05/01/2030
Maryann Woodson	Paraprofessional/Lake ESSC	Retirement	06/30/2030

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Staci Smith	Paraprofessional/Mitchell	FMLA	04/07/2025 - 07/07/2025
David Wright	Custodian/GCHS	FMLA	03/17/2025 - 04/28/2025
Raffi Karibian	PE Teacher/GCHS	FMLA	04/23/2025 - 06/01/2025
Ricky Dalpozzo	Crafts/Admin Office	FMLA	05/27/2025 - 07/01/2025
Kenneth Stanley	Paraprofessional/Maryville	FMLA	05/05/2025 - 07/01/2025

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Bonnie Swanson	Teacher/Wilson	Leave of Absence	08/12/2025 - 05/23/2026

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

9. EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (8) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extracurricular resignations for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
John Venne	GCHS Head Wrestling Coach
Lisa Miller	GCHS English Department Head

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

10. EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (9) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Gerard Moore	GCHS Head Basketball Coach
Jake Roustio	GCHS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
Ron Twitchell	GCHS Head Girls Basketball Coach
Craig Sykes	GCHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
Claire Sykes	GCHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
Melanie Lohman	GCHS Head Bowling Coach
Tim Wilson	GCHS Assistant Bowling Coach
Tiffany Kimmel	GCHS Head Competitive Cheer Coach
Jennifer Connolly	GCHS Assistant Sideline Cheer Coach
Megan Busse	GCHS Assistant Competitive Coach
Scott Smallie	Coolidge Jr High Assistant Athletic Director

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

11. EXTRACURRICULAR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (10) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Adam Bright	GCHS Boys Tennis Coach

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

12. REQUEST FOR DEDUCT DAYS; (11) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the Five {5} Deduct Days each for two Café Workers.

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

13. CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES; (12) Motion by Member Curran, 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:

<u>Certified;</u>	<u>Classified;</u>
Stephanie Foreman-Kavanaugh	Kevin Engelke, Kevin Harris, Cynthia Nault

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

14. EMPLOYMENT OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR; (13) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Pamela Burries** as an Alternative Education Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork..

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

15. EMPLOYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

RECORDS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (14) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Mindy Evans** as an Administrative Assistant for Special Education Records for the 2025-2026 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork..

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

16. EMPLOYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR FROHARDT ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (15) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Lacey Shaeffer** as an Administrative Assistant at Frohardt Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork..

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

17. EMPLOYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR FOOD SERVICES

FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (16) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Franziska Pickerell** as an Administrative Assistant for Food Services for the 2025-2026 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork..

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

18. EMPLOYMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AT COOLIDGE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (17) Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Jennifer Mench** as a Social Studies Teacher at Coolidge Junior High School for the 2025-2026 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork..

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

19. EMPLOYMENT OF PERCUSSION SPECIALIST AT GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (18) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Dennis McFarland** as a Percussion Specialist at Granite City High School for the 2025-2026 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork..

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

20. EMPLOYMENT OF ELEMENTARY TEACHERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (19) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Lindsay Rollins** and **Grace Voyles** as Elementary Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork..

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

21. ATHLETIC TRAINER SALARY SCHEDULE; (20) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to move the Athletic Trainer Salary Schedule to the Computer Tech Salary Schedule Column 4. We have been unable to find a replacement Athletic Trainer and this will increase the starting salary for this position.

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

22. HEAD GIRLS WRESTLING COACH PROPOSAL; (21) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to add a Head Girls Wrestling Coach. This position is much needed as our girls wrestling program, and girls wrestling in general, is growing at a tremendous rate. This proposal would not be adding a coach, it would involve changing an assistant coaching stipend to a head coach stipend. Currently we have a Head Wrestling Coach stipend and 3 assistant coach stipends. This proposal would change the structure of that to 2 Head Coach (Boys/Girls) stipends and 2 Assistant Coach stipends.

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

23. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR FOR JUNE 2025; (22) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve up to 10 additional days during June of 2025 for the Special Education Coordinator to continue with her duties that extend beyond the regular school year. Administration is only seeking up to 10 days for June as the coordinator will begin a 12 month position on July 1, 2025.

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

24. ACTIONS OF THE REGION I BOARD; 05.07.2025; (23) Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve Ratification of the following Actions of the Region I board from their meeting held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

I. Selection of Region I Officers

The Region I Board selected officers for the 25/26 School Year. Those officers are:

CHAIRPERSON:	Tisha Glasper
VICE-CHAIRPERSON:	Sonja Vauters
SECRETARY:	Becky Bradley

II. Joint Agreement 2025-2026 Budget, Resolution and Publication of Notice in the Paper

The Region I Board approved the advertisement of the Resolution related to the preparation and publication of the notice of public hearing for the Region I 2025-2026 budget.

III. Designation of Depositories FY26

The Region I Board approved for the Granite City School District #9 to Adopt a Resolution authorizing the investment of Region I funds designating depositories for the FY26 school year.

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

25. BARRACUDA BACKUP SYSTEM (E-RATE CYBERSECURITY PILOT) - BID #23-25; (24)

Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the **Barracuda Backup System (E-rate Cybersecurity Pilot)** Bid #23-25. They authorized to enter into a 3 year agreement with Barracuda starting during the 2025-2026 School Year. This contract includes all onsite and offsite backups to satisfy cybersecurity insurance and disaster recovery requirements. All data on all virtual servers is contained in these backups and is vital for day to day business and technology operations. Out of 3000 applicants we were one of 700 schools and libraries selected for the E-rate Cybersecurity Pilot Program, which reimburses 85% of the cost of these services over the 3 years. The selected vendor Speedlink and cost is below;

Speedlink \$116,640.01 (3 year cost before E-rate 85% reimbursement)

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

26. GOOGLE CLOUD SECURITY SYSTEM (E-RATE CYBERSECURITY PILOT) - BID #24-25; (25)

Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the **Google Cloud Security System (E-rate Cybersecurity Pilot)** Bid #24-25. They authorized to enter into a 3 year agreement with Managed Methods starting during the 2025-2026 School Year. This program includes malware protection and cloud security for the staff and student Google Workspace environment including Google Drive, Meet and Gmail. This is necessary to satisfy cybersecurity insurance and data protection requirements. All data protected is vital for staff, student classroom day to day activities, day to day business along with technology operations. Out of 3000 applicants we were one of 700 schools and libraries selected for the E-rate Cybersecurity Pilot Program, which reimburses 85% of the cost of these services over the 3 years. The selected vendor Managed Methods is in bold with an asterisk.

Managed Methods \$53,640.60 (3 year cost before E-rate 85% reimbursement)

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

27. PAID CLUB POSITION PROPOSAL FOR RENAISSANCE; (26) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the Paid Club Position Proposal for Renaissance Club. This proposal is for a stipend to be paid for one staff member, or it can be split to pay two staff members, like other clubs.

The GCHS Renaissance program's objective is to acknowledge the educational achievements, positive choices, and outstanding contributions of students, staff members, and school patrons. Programs included under Renaissance:

Freshmen Survival Workshop
GCHS Open House Supports
Welcome Back Rally
Mr. Warrior
Staff Appreciation Events
Academic Picnic
Personal Choice Awards
Student Choice Awards
Renaissance Top Ten

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

28. GRIGSBY BATHROOM PLUMBING - BID #22-25; (27) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to award the Grigsby Bathroom Plumbing Bid #22-25 to A&H Mechanical, to install new pvc underground piping for 10 new bathrooms and to provide new fixtures.

A&H Mechanical: \$44,000

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

29. GRIGSBY BATHROOM VENTILATION AND DEMO - BID #25-25; (28) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to award the Grigsby Bathroom Ventilation and Demo Bid #25-25 to Limbaugh Construction for the demolition of existing walls and the installation of new ventilation and ceilings and lighting in the early childhood bathroom at Grigsby.

Limbaugh Construction : \$89,035

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

30. GRIGSBY BATHROOM BLOCK WORK - BID #21-25; (29) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to Staat Inc to build new CMU walls for ten new bathrooms.

Staat INC: \$95,800

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

31. GRIGSBY BATHROOM FLOOR - BID #20-25; (30) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to award the Grigsby Bathroom Floor Bid #20-25 to Gillihan Concrete, to remove wood blocking and the existing concrete floor to allow plumbing contractors to install underground plumbing, and to install a new 5” concrete floor upon completion.

Gillihan Concrete: \$59,870

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

32. GRIGSBY PLAYSET INSTALLATION; (31) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, for Play Illinois to install a new Burke playset for students in grades PreK-6. The project will include two different-sized play structures placed in separate locations on the school grounds, as well as a merry-go-round designed for early childhood students that will be accessible to all ECC students. Play Illinois will handle the excavation, drainage, curbing, and installation of rubber fall protection. This project is bid through Sourcewell, of which we are a member.

Play Illinois, LLC: \$286,893

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

33. FROHARDT PLAYSET INSTALLATION; (32) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, for Play Illinois to install a new Burke playset for students in grades K-6. The project will include two different-sized play structures placed in separate locations on the school grounds. Play Illinois will handle the excavation, drainage, curbing, and installation of rubber fall protection. This project is bid through Sourcewell, of which we are a member.

Play Illinois, LLC: \$257,253

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

34. GCSD9 COMMUNICATIONS CO-OP STUDENT; (33-34) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, to add a Communications CO-OP Student for the 2025 Fall semester to support the Manager of District Communications.

This position offers an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on experience in communications, media relations, and public relations within a school district setting. The CO-OP student will assist with various tasks, including creating content, engaging with the community, and supporting internal and external communications efforts.

Job Title:	GCSD9 Communications CO-OP Student
Department:	Communications
Reports to:	Manager of District Communications
Location:	Granite City Community School District #9

Job Overview:

Granite City Community Unit School District #9 is seeking an enthusiastic and dedicated high school CO-OP student to support the Manager of District Communications. This position offers an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on experience in communications, media relations, and public relations within a school district setting. The co-op student will assist with various tasks, including creating content, engaging with the community, and supporting internal and external communications efforts.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Photography Support:** Assist with capturing, editing, and organizing photos for various school events, and promotional materials. Responsibilities include photographing school activities and sports, managing digital files, editing images using photo editing software, and supporting communications team.
- **Content Creation:** Assist with writing and editing content for press releases, social media posts, and the district website.
- **Social Media Support:** Help manage social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), including scheduling posts, engaging with followers, and tracking analytics.
- **Event Support:** Assist with promoting and coordinating district events, such as school activities and community events.
- **Internal Communications:** Help prepare materials for staff communications, including emails, and announcements.

- **Community Engagement:** Support outreach efforts to engage with parents, students, and the local community. Assist in creating surveys and informational packets.
- **Research and Analytics:** Assist with researching communication best practices and analyzing engagement data from social media and other platforms.
- **General Office Support:** Provide administrative support, including organizing documents, and other tasks as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Current Granite City High School Senior enrolled in the CO-OP Program.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Basic knowledge of photography, social media platforms and online communication tools
- Interest in pursuing a career in communications, photography, public relations, journalism, or related field
- Detail-oriented, organized, and able to multitask effectively.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Must be responsible, dependable, and have a positive attitude.

Hours & Salary

- Flexible hours to accommodate the student's school schedule (up to 15 hours per week).
- Student will be paid at the student wage.

Benefits:

- Gain valuable experience working with a school district's communications team.
- Opportunity to develop professional skills in photography, writing, graphic design and media relations
- Build a portfolio of work, including photos, press releases, social media content, and event promotion.
- Potential for future internships or job opportunities in the field.

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

35. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES; (35-37) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the Resolution Designating Depositories for the Granite City School District and to adopt the Resolutions Authorizing the Investment of District Funds and Region 1 Funds as presented and authorize the necessary signatures.

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

36. BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL COST ANALYSIS; (38-39) this was for review only.

37. PANORAMA EDUCATION CONTRACT RENEWAL; (40-41) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the Panorama Education Contract Renewal for a total of \$58,200.00.

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

38. FIRST STUDENT CONTRACT RENEWAL; (42) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration recommendation, to renew the First Student Contract. First Student presented the district with a 5 year extension for school bus transportation services. The rates listed below are a 27.52% rate increase over the 5 year period. The effective increase is 24.35% with 171 service days instead of 176.

Granite City USD #9						
Transportation Rates June 1, 2025 - July 31, 2030						
	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	
71 Passenger	451.19	471.49	492.71	509.95	527.8	
56 Passenger x Lift & Air	511.77	534.8	558.87	578.43	598.68	
28 Passenger Van	424.04	443.12	463.06	479.27	496.04	
Sp Ed Mini (15/28 Pass) Buss	424.04	443.12	463.06	479.27	496.04	
Sp Ed Mini (15/28 Pass) Buss w/Lift	511.77	534.8	558.87	578.43	598.68	
Sp Ed Mini (15/28 Pass) Buss w/Lift & Air	511.77	534.8	558.87	578.43	598.68	
38-48 Passenger / Mid-Size w/Lift & Air	424.04	443.12	463.06	479.27	496.04	
38-48 Passenger Mid-Size	424.04	443.12	463.06	479.27	496.04	
Bus Monitor (per Hour)	27.19	28.41	29.69	30.73	31.81	
Field Trip (per Hour)	67.75	70.8	73.99	76.58	79.26	
Excess Run Cost* (Gate to Gate) *Per hour Charge	87.72	91.67	95.8	99.15	102.62	
Mid-Day Routes (Per Hour)* *2 Hour Minimum	63.08	65.92	68.89	71.3	73.8	

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

39. GCSD9 STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ADVISOR FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (43) Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration recommendation, to approve the GCSD9 Student Board Member Advisor Committee recommendation for Hector Villa to serve as the GCSD9 Student School Board Member Advisor for his Senior year at Granite City High School for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

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

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

We received five {5} requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of April 2, 2025 through May 6, 2025.

The first request was received on April 8, 2025 from Sarah James of Employee Data Analytics. She requested the following information:

- Listing of all Granite City Community Unit SD 9 employees, including their first and last names, email addresses, titles/positions, and primary campus/department locations.

The second request was received on April 9, 2025 from Steve Watts. He requested the following information:

- List of ALL current Granite City Community School District Unit #9 employees. The list should include full names, titles, email addresses, worksite locations and annual salaries.

The third request was received on April 10, 2025 from Michael A. Ayele. He requested the following information:

- Records in your possession detailing your conversations about [1] the decision of the Illinois General Assembly to recognize that (i) “pursuant to the fundamental philosophy of the American constitutional form of government, it is declared to be the public policy of the State of Illinois that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts and policies of those who represent them as public officials and public employees;” (ii) “access is necessary to enable the people to fulfill their duties of discussing public issues fully and freely, making informed political judgments and monitoring government to ensure that it is being conducted in the public interest;” (iii) “it is the public policy of the State of Illinois that access by all persons to public records promotes the transparency and accountability of public bodies at all levels of government;” iv [2] the State of Illinois having (i) amended the school code through House Bill 4175 to provide that a nonpublic school “may not engage in slapping or paddling a student, the prolonged maintenance of a student in a physically painful position, or the intentional infliction of bodily harm on a student;” v (ii) become in Calendar Year 2025 the fifth (5th) state in America to prohibit the corporal punishment of children in private and public schools; [3] the April 04th 1983 decision of President Ronald Reagan (i) to recognize that “children may be endangered by physical battering, denial of the basic necessities for life and health, sexual abuse and exploitation, or emotional cruelty;” (ii) to recognize that “public concern can help prevent maltreatment and help protect children;” (iii) to recognize that “action taken after cruelty has occurred is often too late;”

(iv) to recognize that “prevention of abuse requires that neighborhoods and communities be attentive to the problems of families in their midst and be willing to help when help is needed;” (iv) to proclaim the month of April 1983 as “National Child Abuse Prevention Month;” (v) to invite “the Governors of the States; the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Territories; the Mayor of the District of Columbia; the heads of voluntary and private groups; and the offices of local, State and Federal government to” observe the month of April as “National Child Abuse Prevention Month;” [4] the manner in which your local/state government has prior to Calendar Year 2025 commemorated the month of April as “National Child Abuse Prevention Month;” [5] the manner in which your local/state government has commemorated the month of April 2025 as “National Child Abuse Prevention Month;” [6] the August 21st 2023 findings of the American Academy of Pediatrics, which concluded that (i) “almost 70 000 (seventy thousand) students are struck at least once by school personnel during the school year;” (ii) “among US schools that use corporal punishment, racial, gender and ability disparities exist;” (iii) “Black boys are nearly twice as likely to be struck as white boys” (14% vs 7.5%); (iv) “Black girls are more than 3 times as likely to be struck as white girls;” (5.2% vs 1.7%); (v) “national data show that among students who received physical punishment at school, 16.5% were served under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);” (vi) “when students with disabilities are subjected to corporal punishment for behaviors associated with their disabilities, they are unjustly and excessively punished and deprived of access to quality education and a safe learning environment;” (vii) “students with intellectual disability who receive corporal punishment may find it challenging to understand social rules, the consequences for their actions, or the reason behind their punishment;” (viii) “for students possessing more than 1 marginalized identity (eg, race and ethnicity, gender, ability, sexual orientation), the presence of these shared identities may target them for increased corporal punishment and demonstrates the unique perils described by Professor Kimberle Crenshaw’s Intersectionality framework; (ix) “corporal punishment (...) is not an effective or ethical method for management of behavior concerns and causes harms to students;”vi [7] Michael A. Ayele (a.k.a) Was a Black Bachelor of Arts (B.A) Degree graduate of Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) who (i) has never sought nor solicited financial payment for people to access his correspondence with the National Council on Disability (NCD) on the subject of America’s foreign policy towards disability; (ii) was very much annoyed upon learning that his correspondence with the NCD was being sold for \$29 (twenty-nine American dollars) without his consent or authorization on the Internet; (iii) strongly urges people not to make payments in order to access his correspondence with the NCD on the subject of America’s foreign policy towards disability; (iv) has never signed a binding written contract with anyone to have his correspondence with the NCD redistributed in a manner that would place a paywall for people to access that correspondence; (v) never contacted employees and legal representatives of the AOL, Bing/MSN and Yahoo Internet Search Engines (ISE) for the purpose of having his correspondence with the NCD listed and featured prominently; (vi) is thoroughly convinced that the AOL, Bing/MSN, Google and Yahoo ISE go beyond the scope of their function when making unwelcome and unsolicited commentary upon the written news articles of people; (vii) is thoroughly convinced that the AOL, Bing/MSN, Google and Yahoo ISE stay within their lane of function when providing a link to the written news articles of people; (viii) is thoroughly convinced that the AOL, Bing/MSN, Google and Yahoo ISE could be a nuisance for non-commercial members of the general public and representatives of the media who wish to fulfill their commitment to the United States government by disseminating / publishing newsworthy documents that are provided or not provided to them on the subject of the United Nations Convention on the Civil Rights of Persons with Disability or on other topics.vii

The fourth request was received on April 10, 2025 from Lori Grainger. She requested the following information:

- RFP (Request of Proposals) - All submitted/received winning contractor selected.
- RFP - Issuance - Contractors Response - proposal evaluation - contractor selection.
- Contract Negotiations and award - additional consideration.

The fifth request was received on April 30, 2025 from Crystal Denton. She requested the following information:

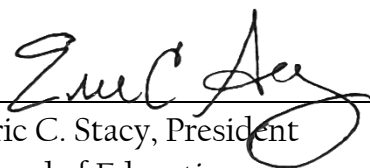
- Video of my son in the gymnasium on April 30, 2025 from 2:30-2:45 p.m.

The requests were handled by Administration.

41. The next Regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Board of Education Offices located at 3200 Maryville Road, Granite City, Illinois 62040-5144.

42. **ADJOURNMENT**; Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Bradley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm.

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



Eric C. Stacy, President
Board of Education
Community Unit School District #9



Erica L. Venne, Secretary
Board of Education
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