

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2025
CENTRAL OFFICE**

PRESENT: Jabet Wade, President; Mason Eslinger, Vice President; Sally Hambelton, Member; Jeff Lane, Member; Corey Hillhouse, Member; Marti Warden, Member; Dakota Nash, Member; Allisa West, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Justin Gilmore, Richard Wylie, Trevor Hicks, Ben Hopper

The meeting was called to order by President Jabet Wade at 6:00 p.m. with seven members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, July 28th, 2025 Open Session Minutes, July Bills, and Special Education Compliance Plan Certification. Motion was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Dakota Nash to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board financial reports and discussed account balances.

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.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

TAX LEVY: Ozark Co./Douglas Co.

Mr. Gilmore reviewed the Assessed Valuations from Ozark and Douglas County with the board.

MSBA 2025 C POLICY UPDATE

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the MSBA 2025C Policy Update and discussed Senate bill 63. Motion was made by Sally Hambelton, seconded by Mason Eslinger, to approve the policy updates as presented by MSBA. Vote carried 7-0.

TEACHER CONTRACT ADDENDUM

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the contract addendum to teacher's contracts who are under \$40,000.00, and a \$46,000 contract addendum for teachers with a Masters and 10 years experience. Mr. Gilmore explained that this grant ensures that no certified teacher makes under \$40,000.00. Motion was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Corey Hillhouse to approve the teacher contract addendum for the 2025-26 school year. Vote carried 7-0.

☐ **SUBSTITUTE LIST FOR 2025-26**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board amendments to the substitute list for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Sally Hambleton to approve the substitute list for the 2025-26 school year. Vote carried 5-0. Corey Hillhouse and Dakota Nash abstained.

☐ **TUITION**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the tuition price for the school district. Mr. Gilmore recommended the price for tuition to remain at \$7,100.00. Motion was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Corey Hillhouse to approve the tuition rate at \$7,100.00 per student, per year. Vote carried 7-0.

☐ **ELEMENTARY DISCIPLINE GAINESVILLE BEHAVIOR**

Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Hopper reviewed with the board the Gainesville R-V Elementary Behavior Framework Plan. The plan was put together by the elementary staff and will be a working document as they put the plan in place and determine what is working and what needs adjusted. Motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Dakota Nash, to approve the implementation of the Gainesville R-V Elementary Behavior Framework Plan. Vote carried 7-0.

☐ **HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK UPDATES: ELECTRONICS**

Mr. Gilmore and Dr. Wylie reviewed with the board the updates to the high school handbook regarding electronics. The changes were made to align with Senate Bill 63, which became law in July of 2025. Motion was made by Sally Hambleton, seconded by Marti Warden, to accept the changes to the high school handbook as presented. Vote carried 7-0.

☐ **SET 2025-26 SENIOR GRADUATION AND UPDATE CALENDAR**

Mr. Gilmore recommended the board set graduation for the 2026 graduating senior class for May 8th, 2025 at 7:30 pm at Benton Breeding Stadium. Graduation is typically held in the last week of school, which interferes with track state. Graduation was approved on the original calendar to be held on May 15, 2025. Mr. Gilmore also recommended approving an updated calendar with the new date. Motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Sally Hambleton, to move graduation to May 8th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. and update the 2025-26 school calendar. Vote carried 7-0.

CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES LISTED IN SECTION 610.021

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Dakota Nash, to convene executive session for purposes listed in section RSMo 610.021, (3), (12) & (13) Personnel. Roll Call Vote: Hambleton-yes; Lane-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; Nash-yes; and Hillhouse-yes. 7:30 p.m.

Exit Executive Session 8:15 p.m.

BOARD ACTIONS -

A **motion** was made by Corey Hillhouse, seconded by Sally Hambelton, to add Silvana Sherrill, Frank Miller, Kenzie Walker, and Brianna Souder to the 2025-2026 substitute list . Vote carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Jeff Lane, seconded by Marti Warden, to hire Anna Tweton as a cook, and Elizabeth Wachtel as a paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year. Vote carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Sally Hambelton to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Hambelton-yes; Lane-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes, Nash-yes; and Hillhouse-yes. 8:22 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education