MEMBERS PRESENT:	Becky Bradley, Randy Christy, Jr., Tallin Curran, Eric Stacy, Lori Silva, and Erica Venne.
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Don Lienemann.
EMPLOYEES PRESENT:	Dr. Don Harris, Superintendent of Schools, Jody Batson, Stephanie Boyer, Genie Bratten, Sarah Corzine, Patrick Curry, Mike Dowdy, Brad Ervay, Dr. Adam Garrett, Dr. David Keel, Julie Matarelli, Steven Mathes, Tim McChristian, Chris McCullough, Chris Mitchell, Tim Moran, Nikki Petrillo, Brad Smith, Eric Smith, Zack Suhre, Micki Watkins, and Ann Wilson.
STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER:	Lily Meyenburg.
OTHERS PRESENT:	Pastor Alan Buester and Lieutenant Jeremy Hunter #215.

This was an open meeting that took place in the Board Room at the Board of Education Offices. There was a total of twenty-two (22) Employees, two (2) Guests, one (1) Student Advisory Board Member, and six (6) 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. Six {6} 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. Pastor Alan Buester with Hope Lutheran Church, offered the invocation.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT; n/a

3. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, **August 26, 2025**.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA; (1-3) Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as follows:

Treasurer's Report;

August 2025
{available upon request}

Bill List;

Bill List from **August 21, 2025 – September 16, 2025**
{available upon request}

Misc.;

CHESTNUT HEALTH SYSTEMS CONTRACT RENEWAL FY26

GRANITE CITY CUSD9 DONATIONS

United States Steel; United States Steel Corporation one again, generously donated $5000 for student hygiene needs for the 2025-2026 school year. We cannot thank them enough for their continued commitment to our students and community!!

Granite City Moose Lodge; They recently donated approx. $700 worth of supplies to our students. These included some school supplies, hygiene materials and some clothing items. These items were split between the social workers, nurses, and some of our clubs for distribution throughout the year. We are grateful for this donation and continued support!

Kay Rollins; Kay Rollins donated three sizes of gel packs to GCSD9 that are to be frozen and the covers can be washed. These have been sent to all GCSD9 nurses. Thank you for this much needed donation!

1st MidAmerica Credit Union; They donated approx. $500 worth of school supplies and student hygiene items to help kick off the 2025-2026 school year! We are grateful for their continued support of our students and schools.

Amazon Warehouse, Pontoon Beach; Randy Skiff and the employees of their location donated school supplies from a collection the did for the start of school. Thank you Randy and Staff!

Barnes Jewish Hospital {BJC} SHINE Committee; The BJC SHINE Committee donated school supplies they collected for the 2025-2026 school year for Prather Elementary School. We are grateful for local resident Mollie Beck and the rest of the committee for their continued support.

Unity Baptist Church: They donated school supplies and student hygiene items to Wilson Elementary School students. We are grateful for their continued support as one of our community partners.

JJ's Bar-B-Q & More: JJ's BBQ donated three (3) shirts with their logo and three (3) $15.00 gift certificates for the Coolidge Junior High School 8th grade art exhibition that is currently being held at their restaurant for the month of September 2025. Three (3) 8th grade students exhibits will be chosen to receive a shirt and gift certificate. Thank you JJ's for showing off our CJHS amazing artists and for your continued support to GCSD9 students and community.

- CJHS Staff Choice
- JJ's Choice
- People's Choice

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

6. RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS; (4) Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of administration, to rescind the following retirements and resignations:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Arthur Brown	Paraprofessional/Coolidge	Resignation	9/1/2025

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

7. REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE; (4) Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Karen Kaminski	Paraprofessional/GCHS	FMLA	09/02/2025 - 10/03/2025
Pamela Burries	Paraprofessional/Lake	FMLA	09/15/2025 - 12/05/2025
Laura Carr	Paraprofessional/Frohardt	FMLA	09/26/2025 - 11/21/2025
Sandra Wylie	Cafe/GCHS	FMLA	08/14/2025 - 11/05/2025
Melia Rosenburg	Paraprofessional/Grigsby	FMLA	08/21/2025 - 10/01/2025

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

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WORKERS {CO-OPS} FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (5) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following Granite City High School Student Workers {Co-Ops} for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Name
Erika Fletcher
Lily Kupinski
Kursten Reynolds

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

9. RECOMMENDATION TO RESCIND EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (6) Motion by Member Christy, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to rescind the following Extracurricular Assignment for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Name	Position
Angela Ellis	Wilson IRP

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

10. EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (7) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to accept the following extracurricular resignations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position
Jake Roustio	GCHS Asst Basketball Coach
Alan Schmidt	Coolidge Asst Football Coach/End of the 2025-2026 season

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

11. EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (8) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular assignments for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position
Christy Ledbetter	Department Head Social Work/Psychologist
Nathan Gassett	GCHS Assistant Football Coach
William Cass	GCHS Assistant Basketball Coach
Michael Ash	GCHS Assistant Basketball Coach
Katie Alexander	Coolidge Be Brave Sponsor
Tanya Miller	Wilson IRP

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

12. EXTRACURRICULAR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, (9) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position
Tim Rozycki	GCHS Track
Mark Jones	GCHS Girls Soccer
Alivia Upshaw	GCHS Girls Soccer
Jake Roustio	GCHS Baseball
Chris Fiala	GCHS Baseball
Don Haddix	GCHS Baseball
Lexi Grote	GCHS Boys Soccer
Jabari James	GCHs Football
Jake Roustio	Coolidge Boys Basketball

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

13. CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES; (10) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following certified and classified substitutes for the **2025-2026** school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork:

Certified;

Tara Bell	Heather Fuller	Kristi Henderson
Emily Kuehnel	Catherine Manning	Jordan Mueller
Darla Popmarkoff	Morgan Ruden	

Classified

Charlotte Diggs	Tyler Endicott	Agnes Hamilton
Aliyah Hill	Connie Paterson	Kari Schipkowski
Joie Walk		

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

14. EMPLOYMENT OF A 4-HOUR CAFÉ WORKER FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (11), Motion was made by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Jessica Mitchell** as the 4-hourCafe Worker for the 2025-2026 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

15. 2026-2027 GCSD9 SCHOOL CALENDAR; (12-14) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the GCSD9 school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

16. FINALSITE CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR FY27-FY29; (15) Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve a three-year extension with Finalsite for the hosting of the www.gcsd9.net website and app.

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

17. 2025-2026 GCSD9 BUDGET; (16-17) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the 2025-2026 Budget, along with the Public Hearing and Resolution.

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

18. GCHS AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) CLUB; (18) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley to start a sign language club at the Granite City High School.

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

19. MOU FOR THE GRANITE CITY FEDERATION OF EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS; (19) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the MOU Between the Granite City Federation of Educational Professionals for two (2) extra lunch duty positions at Grigsby Elementary School and Prather Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

20. REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS (20-21); the following reports were given.

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

We received three {9} requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of August 18, 2025 through September 16, 2025.

The first request was received on August 19, 2025 from Jacob Long of Public Data Research. He requested the following information:

- All current employees' names
- All current employees' job titles
- The employment start dates of all current employees

The second request was received on August 21, 2025 from Justin Wenig of RunStarJump. He requested the following information:

- Contracts, and/or Master Service Agreements with associated purchase orders, that are in effect or have been in effect in the last 3 years with vendor(s) providing alternative transportation.
- Alternative transportation for the purposes of this request is defined as small vehicle (SUV, sedan, van) student transportation to and from school (not activity/athletic transportation) not including buses or district fleet vehicles.

The third request was received on September 2, 2025 from Owen Wang of the Lake County Gazette. He requested the following information:

- Names and honors of all students in your high schools recognized by the College Board as AP Scholars.

The fourth request was received on September 2, 2025 from CT Mills of Public Info Access LLC. He requested the following information:

- Copies of records related to district purchases and contracts, as outlined below. Please include vendor name, product or service description, purchase/contract amount, and contract start and end dates.
- **Core Curriculum Purchases**
- Records of core curriculum purchases for Math, English Language Arts (ELA), and Science.
- **Instructional Technology**
- Records of purchases or contracts for instructional technology platforms, specifically including (but not limited to): Nearpod, Edpuzzle, Pear Deck, Newsela, MagicSchool, Quizlet, and IXL.
- **Common Assessment Software**
- Records of purchases or contracts for assessment software, specifically including (but not limited to): Performance Matters, Formative, Pear Assessment, MasteryConnect, Renaissance DnA, Eduphoria, DMAC, and LinkIt.

The fifth request was received on September 8, 2025 from Justin Wenig of *GoStarJump.com*. He requested the following information:

- Materials possessed by Granite City Cusd 9 for all of the following student transportation vendors with which you have a relationship: HopSkipDrive, FirstAlt, Adroit, Pawar.
- Looking for all contracts, purchase orders, and master service agreements that are still in effect or have been in effect in the past 3 years.

The sixth request was received on September 8, 2025 from Owen Wang of the Lake County Gazette. He requested the following information:

- Copies of the contracts for all school principals in the district who will start the upcoming school year.
- Copies of all active teacher contracts/collective bargaining agreements.

The seventh request was received on September 8, 2025 from Ariane Sendejas. He requested the following information:

- IEP students and class sizes for Prather and Grigsby.

The eighth request was received on September 8, 2025 from Owen Wang of the Lake County Gazette. He requested the following information:

- Names of all graduates from your middle schools for the completed school year with the following fields: Name, Destination High School.

The ninth request was received on September 12, 2025 from Janie Jordan of Data Research Partners LCC. She requested the following information:

- Listing of all Granite City Community Unit School District 9's employees' first and last names, e-mail address, title/position, and primary campus/department location.

The requests were handled by Administration.

21. **EXECUTIVE SESSION;**

- **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)

22. The next Regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the James J. Greenwald Administration Building.

23. **ADJOURNMENT;** Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 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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