



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

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Dr. Don Harris, Superintendent of Schools, Denise Albrecht, Stephanie Boyer, Genie Bratten, Sarah Corzine, Patrick Curry, Mike Dowdy, Brad Ervay, Cory Ervay, Dr. Adam Garrett, Dr. David Keel, Julie Matarelli, Steven Mathes, Tim McChristian, Chris McCullough, Chris Mitchell, Dr. Liz Niepert, Nikki Petrillo, Jill Relleke, Tom Schooley, Brad Smith, Zack Suhre, and Ann Wilson.

STUDENT ADVISORY

BOARD MEMBER: Lily Meyenburg.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerod Henderson, Lieutenant Jeremy Hunter #215, Pastor Mark Maynard.

This was an open meeting that took place in the Board Room at the Board of Education Offices. There was a total of twenty-three (23) 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, Eric Stacy. Roll was called. Five {5} 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 Mark Maynard with Calvary Life Church, offered the invocation.
2. 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, October 28, 2025.

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as follows:

Treasurer's Report; (1)

September 2025 Treasurer's Report

{available upon request}

Bill List; (2)

Bill List from October 24, 2025 – November 11, 2025

{available upon request}

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

GCSD9 and Region I Treasurer's Reports
September 30, 2025

APPROVED: _____
Lori Silva, Treasurer

	Fund	Beginning Cash	Revenue	Journal	Payroll	Disburse	Ending Cash
10	EDUCATION	\$ 70,227,115.85	\$ 7,409,965.37	\$ 4,439.18	\$ (3,936,839.05)	\$ (1,727,843.12)	\$ 71,976,838.23
11	STUDENT ACTIVITIES	\$ 778,209.05	\$ 70,494.56	\$ (4,804.74)	\$ -	\$ (24,716.49)	\$ 819,182.38
14	LEASE	\$ 791,679.24	\$ 63,902.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (19,145.86)	\$ 836,435.88
20	OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 4,863,337.97	\$ 647,238.96	\$ (17,287.66)	\$ (410,003.45)	\$ (631,064.13)	\$ 4,452,221.69
30	DEBT SERVICE	\$ 498,786.78	\$ 293,574.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 792,361.42
40	TRANSPORTATION	\$ 1,791,373.59	\$ 290,824.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (60,472.53)	\$ 2,021,725.57
50	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$ 2,769,147.21	\$ 113,264.65	\$ -	\$ (89,477.32)	\$ -	\$ 2,792,934.54
51	FICA/SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 275,501.89	\$ 173,369.13	\$ -	\$ (129,230.72)	\$ -	\$ 319,640.30
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
70	WORKING CASH	\$ 32,221,788.17	\$ 79,923.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,301,711.33
80	TORT	\$ 2,809,596.32	\$ 178,249.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (16,040.27)	\$ 2,971,805.27
90	FIRE/LIFE SAFETY	\$ 1,666,467.43	\$ 64,348.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,730,815.90
	TOTAL	\$ 118,693,003.50	\$ 9,385,155.17	\$ (17,653.22)	\$ (4,565,550.54)	\$ (2,479,282.40)	\$ 121,015,672.51

	Fund	Beginning Cash	Revenue	Journal	Payroll	Disburse	Ending Cash
12	REGION I	\$ 2,071,414.79	\$ 11,869.13	\$ -	\$ (114,511.83)	\$ (55,350.84)	\$ 1,913,421.25
	TOTAL	\$ 120,764,418.29	\$ 9,397,024.30	\$ (17,653.22)	\$ (4,680,062.37)	\$ (2,534,633.24)	\$ 122,929,093.76

4. 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Bonnie Swanson	Elementary Teacher	Rescind	End of 2025/2026
Cynthia Desper	Special Ed. Teacher/Mitchell	Rescind	End of 2026/2027

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

5. RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS; (3) Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following retirements and resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Bonnie Swanson	Elementary Teacher	Retirement	December 01, 2025
Cynthia Desper	Special Ed. Teacher/Mitchell	Retirement	End of 2025/2026

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

6. REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE; (3) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Curran, 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>
Jeffrey Ridenour	Driver’s Ed Teacher/GCHS	FMLA	10/20/2025 - 01/01/2026
Michael Schubel	Custodian/Frohardt	FMLA	12/02/2025 - 12/16/2025
Jonathan Britt	Custodian/GCHS	FMLA	10/28/2025 - 12/01/2025
Melissa Marcus	Cafe Worker/Frohardt	FMLA	11/21/2025 - 02/02/2026

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

7. EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (4) Motion by Member Curran, 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>
Barry Grote	GCHS Asst Boys Soccer Coach*

*End of 2025-2026 season

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

8. EXTRACURRICULAR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; (5) Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Silva, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Kathleen Clemons	GCHS Cheer
Aaron Kimmel	GCHS Cheer
Beth Rachanski	GCHS Cheer

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

9. CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES; (6) Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Venne, 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

Kristin Amos	Sierra Cooper	Christina Hill
Carol Macios		

Classified

Lisa Blyue	Stacey Russell
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Members voting - Christy, “aye”, Bradley, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, Silva, “aye”, Lienemann, “aye”, and Venne “aye”, motion carried.

10. EMPLOYMENT OF ONE {1} 4-HOUR CAFÉ WORKER FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR;
(7) Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ Kristina Essington as a 4-hour Café Worker for the 2025-2026 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

11. GCSD9 BOARD PROTOCOL APPROVAL; (8-11)
{tabled at October 28, 2025, Board of Education Meeting}

Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the GCSD9 Board Protocols developed by the Board of Education. The protocols were developed during the training with IASB at the October 14, 2025, Special Board Meeting.

GRANITE CITY CUSD9 BOARD PROTOCOLS

OCTOBER 14, 2025

1. PLACING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

-  The Superintendent generates the board meeting agenda eight (8) calendar days prior to the meeting date. The Superintendent and Board President confer on the proposed agenda one (1) calendar day prior to the scheduled board meeting.
-  A board member desiring to have an item considered for agenda placement should email the Board President no later than six (6) calendar days prior to the scheduled board meeting.
 - If an emergency request arises and is requested by a board member, the Board President and Superintendent will confer regarding agenda placement. The Board empowers the Board President and Superintendent to weigh/determine appropriate agenda placement for any emergency request presented by a board member.

GRANITE CITY CUSD9 BOARD PROTOCOLS CONT'D

- A board member request for agenda consideration will result in the item being added to the meeting agenda under the heading “New Business (for discussion only).” At the appropriate time during the meeting, the requesting board member will be granted an opportunity to explain how the agenda item(s) pertains to the primary work of the Board [i.e., clarifying the district purpose, direction and goals, and monitoring district performance (Item 12 of the Code of Conduct)]. Consensus of the board majority will determine whether the presented agenda item will advance for inclusion on a subsequent agenda for continued dialogue and/or as an actionable item.

2. ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AGENDA

- A board member with a question about an upcoming agenda item(s), should email the Superintendent **no later than** the Monday immediately preceding the board meeting.

3. COMMUNICATING WITH MEMBERS

- A board member desiring to communicate with another board member should adhere to the Open Meetings Act and follow board policy.

4. COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF

- [In the capacity of a board member] A Board member desiring to communicate with staff should contact the Superintendent who will respond, accordingly.

5. VISITING THE CAMPUS(ES)

- [In the capacity of a board member] A board member desiring to visit campus(es) should contact the Superintendent, in advance.
- A board member desiring to visit campus(es) must follow district/building security procedures.

6. RESPONDING TO SUGGESTIONS AND CONCERNS

GENERAL

- ☞ Listen to the concern of the citizen.
- ☞ Refer the citizen to board policy (i.e., the Chain of Command).
- ☞ Notify the Superintendent of the citizen concern and share with the Superintendent the involved staff member (or other involved party).

EMAIL

- ☞ Reply to the citizen to acknowledge receipt of the email.
- ☞ Forward the email to the Superintendent.
- ☞ The Superintendent will address the matter with the citizen.
- ☞ (Based upon the severity of the concern) The Superintendent is empowered to determine if Board notification/follow-up should occur.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- ☞ The Board is encouraged to refrain from commenting/responding via social media.

7. COMMUNICATING WITH THE MEDIA

- ☞ The Superintendent, in consultation with the Board President, communicates with the media on behalf of the district.
- ☞ The Board President, in consultation with the Superintendent, communicates with the media on behalf of the Board.

8. COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC

- ☞ The Superintendent, in consultation with the Board President, communicates with the public on behalf of the district.
- ☞ The Board President, in consultation with the Superintendent, communicates with the public on behalf of the Board.

9. ORIENTING NEW MEMBERS

- New board members will attend an orientation conference with the Superintendent and select-staff identified by the Superintendent.
- New board members will receive details pertaining to all mandated training information.
- New board members will be presented with all district goals and an overview of the district strategic plan.
- A veteran board member will be assigned to a new board member as a mentor.

10. CONDUCTING CLOSED SESSIONS

- What is discussed/shared in closed session, stays in closed session.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2025.

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

Erica L. Venne, Secretary
Board of Education
Community Unit School District #9

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

12. PROPOSED 3-YEAR RENEWAL OF GCSD9 E-LEARNING PLAN; (12-13)

Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, to Temporarily Adjourn the Board of Education Meeting and Open the Public Hearing on the Proposed 3-year Renewal of GCSD9 E-Learning Plan.

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

Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to Close the Public Hearing and Reconvene Regular meeting on the Proposed 3-year Renewal of GCSD9 E-Learning Plan.

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

Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to Adopt accompanying Resolution approving the renewal.

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

Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Lienemann, upon the recommendation of the administration, to Approve and Execute the Three-Year Renewal of the GCSD9 E-Learning Plan, securing all required signatures for submission to the Illinois State Board of Education.

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

13. EVENING ACADEMY ASSIGNMENTS SPRING SEMESTER 2026; (10) Motion by Member Silva, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following Evening Academy Assignments for Granite City High School to meet the Spring Semester needs.

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Position</u>
Kim Lignoul	Teacher
Emilee Gilley	Teacher
Laura Sullivan	Teacher
Eric Smith	Teacher
Peggy Wilson	Teacher
Liz Cicio	Teacher
Trina Tsigolaroff	Teacher
Jayma Shrum	Teacher
Annabell Ambuel	Teacher
Candice Parker	Teacher
Kyle Kozar	Teacher
Christine Douglas	Teacher
Laura Pavlovec	Teacher
Aaron Werths	Teacher
Erin Feldman	Teacher
Deb Garland	Teacher
Kellie Hutchings	Coordinator
Jennifer Smith	Coordinator
Scott Fandrey	Counselor

Note: Due to holidays, there are more Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Semester than Mondays and Wednesdays. This is why some teachers have a different stipend than others.

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

20. GCHS 6TH HOUR ASSIGNMENT SPRING SEMESTER 2026; (11) Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve Vince Willaredt for the 6th Hour Assignment for the Spring Semester at Granite City High School.

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

21. REQUEST TO APPEAL OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION; (11)

➤ ITEM HELD FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2(C)(9)

22. TAX LEVY RESOLUTION FOR THE 2025 TAXES COLLECTED IN 2026; (11-15) Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Bradley, to approve the Estimated Tax Levy Resolution for the 2025 taxes (collected in 2026) and authorized Publication of a Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for the Granite City CUSD9 and Truth in Taxation Certificate. There will be a public hearing held in the Board Room, at the James J. Greenwald Administration Building on December 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

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

23. **STUDENT WORKER PAY ADJUSTMENT**; (16) Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Bradley, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve to approve the Student Worker pay rate at \$15.00 an hour from \$13.00 regardless of age, and make the adjustment retroactive for the 2025-2026 School year. Upon a student worker’s 18th birthday they automatically move from \$13 an hour to \$15 an hour. This would allow for consistency in pay.

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

24. **TECH SUB FOR STUDENT CHROMEBOOKS**; (16) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Venne, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve to utilize a Tech Sub in the Media Center for 15 hours a week at a rate of pay of \$16.25 per hour with no benefits. This position would be until the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

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

25. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT {FOIA} REQUESTS**; (17-18)
{for review only}

We received three requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of October 22, 2025, through November 11, 2025.

The first request was received on October 27, 2025, from Zack Bell of Maag Law Firm. She requested the following information:

- All written procedures of how, when and where children are released.

The second request was received on October 27, 2025 from Ramey Baker of Carpenters Union. He requested the following information:

 Information on the Granite City High School Baseball Field

- The contract (s) for the above project
- Any schedules for the above project (project timelines, man hours, etc)
- A complete list of all sub-contractors and contact information for each sub-contractor
- Identify the source (s) of funding for the above project
- The call for bids specifying State Prevailing Wage requirements
- Bid tabulations from the public bid opening including all bidders and their respective bids for the above project
- Copy of the general contractor and all sub-contractors' proof of insurance, bond and Federal tax identification number
- Copy of the general contractor and all sub-contractors registered apprenticeship and training program with the United State Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship and training
- Copy of the general contractor and all sub-contractor's substance abuse prevention program per the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Act. 095-635
- The general contractor and all sub-contractors Certified Payroll per the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. 820IOLCS 130/5
- Copy of any Log In, Sign In or Ledgers stating names of workers on site.

The third request was received on November 3, 2025 from David Eisenberg of Loftus & Eisenberg, Ltd. He requested the following information:

-  Procurement documents for the Granite City High School Roof Replacement project. Please also provide all bids/proposals, all related presentation materials, all contract documents, and all criteria used or created for evaluating the bids/proposals.
-  Procurement documents for Granite City High School HVAC project. Please also provide all bids/proposals, all related presentation materials, all contract, and all criteria used or created for evaluating the bids/proposals.
-  For any contracts/projects with Trane, please provide: all procurement documents, bids/proposals, related presentation materials, contract.

The requests were handled by Administration.

26. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Curran, 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 - Lienemann, “aye”, Venne “aye”, Christy, “aye”, Bradley, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, and Silva, “aye”, motion carried.

The Board was called into Executive Session at 6:25 pm.

Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Bradley, to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting at 7:33 pm.

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

27. **REQUEST TO APPEAL OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION**; (11) Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Stacy, upon the recommendation of the GCSD9 Hearing Officer and Administration, to uphold the out-of-school suspension for one {1} Granite City High School student.

The student had opportunity to disengage from fighting, but rather chose to continuously punch the other student, even after throwing the other student to the ground, and there are two videos that clearly show this to be the case.

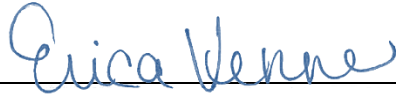
Members voting - Venne “aye”, Christy, “aye”, Bradley, “aye”, Stacy, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, Silva, “aye”, and Lienemann, “aye”, motion carried.

28. **SETTING OF THE AGENDA;** The next Regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the James J. Greenwald Administration Building.
29. **ADJOURNMENT;** Motion by Member Lienemann, seconded by Member Curran, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.

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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erica L. Venne", written over a horizontal line.

Erica L. Venne, Secretary
Board of Education
Community Unit School District #9