

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2025
CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Justin Gilmore, Ben Hopper, Richard Wylie, Trevor Hicks, Zeke Yarger and Macray Hambelton

The meeting was called to order by President Jabet Wade at 7:00 a.m. with five members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, November 15, 2025 Open Session Minutes, November Bills, and MUSIC Insurance Renewal for 2026. Motion was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Dakota Nash to move item J. Discipline, Support & Leadership Feedback, to executive session. Motion carried 5-0. Motion was made by Sally Hambelton, seconded by Dakota Nash, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board financial reports, account balance. Mr. Gilmore also reviewed with the board the monthly newsletter.

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

REVIEW SRCSP

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the school's current Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.

BUS BIDS

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the bus bids received. Mr. Gilmore recommended the board go with the highest bid from MR Ranch, LLC. Motion was made by Marti Warden seconded by Sally Hambelton to approve the MR Ranch, LLC bus bid. Motion carried 5-0.

MSBA 2025D - JHDE

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the board policy JHDE update that was tabled from November meeting. The board did not take action on this update. The policy will remain the same.

BELCHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Jabet Wade discussed with the board the applications for the Belcher Scholarship. Macray Hamblenton and Zeke Yarger left the room for discussion. Motion was made by Sally Hamblenton, seconded by Dakota Nash to choose Application #1. Motion carried 5-0.

**Macray Hamblenton and Zeke Yarger return to meeting.*

☐ **BUDGET AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

Mr. Gilmore presented and reviewed amendments to the budget with the Board. Motion was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Dakota Nash to approve amendments to the budget. Motion carried 5-0.

**Jeff Lane enters meeting*

☐ **SUMMARY OF FACEBOOK COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Gilmore presented engagement statistics to the Board, emphasizing that the school's Facebook presence continues to be a highly active and effective means of community outreach.

☐ **GAINESVILLE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

Mr. Gilmore presented the school communications plan to the Board, which includes communication goals, multiple communication channels, emergency communication protocols, stakeholder feedback and monitoring, continuous improvement, and accountability and reporting procedures. Motion was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Dakota Nash to accept the communication plan as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

☐ **PARENT/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Gilmore presented a list of activities the district is involved in showing parent/community involvement. Zeke Yarger discussed a brick fundraiser for the Elvis Barrett outdoor classroom.

CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES LISTED IN SECTION 610.021

A **motion** was made by Dakota Nash, seconded by Sally Hamblenton, to convene executive session for purposes listed in section RSMo 610.021, (3), (12) & (13) Personnel. Roll Call Vote: Eslinger-yes; Hamblenton-yes; Warden-yes; Lane-yes; Nash-yes; and Wade-yes. 7:40 p.m.

Exit Executive Session 8:42 a.m.

BOARD ACTIONS -

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Sally Hamblenton to accept the resignation of Ashley Jondle and Megan Lynne as of December 19, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Sally Hamblenton, seconded by Jeff Lane, to hire Whitney Maggard as a paraprofessional and add Mar Martin to the substitute list for the 2025-26 school year . Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Dakota Nash to add to hire Wyatt Wilson as Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor for the 2026-27 school year . Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Dakota Nash, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Nash-yes; Eslinger-yes; Hambelton-yes; Warden-yes; Lane-yes; and Wade-yes. 8:43 a.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education