MEMBERS PRESENT:	Becky Bradley, Randy Christy, Jr., Tallin Curran, Lori Silva, and Eric Stacy
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Don Lienemann and Erica Venne.
EMPLOYEES PRESENT:	Dr. Don Harris, Superintendent of Schools, Stephanie Boyer, Patrick Curry, Brad Ervay, Dr. Adam Garrett, Steven Mathes, Tim McChristian, Chris McCullough, Chris Mitchell, Dr. Liz Niepert, Nikki Petrillo, Tom Schooley, Brad Smith, Eric Smith, Zack Suhre, and Micki Watkins.
STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER:	Lily Meyenburg.
OTHERS PRESENT:	REVEREND Karla Frost and Officer Scott Penny

This was an open meeting that took place in the Board Room at the Board of Education Offices. There was a total of twenty-one (16) Employees, three (1) Guests, one (1) Student Board Member, and five (5) 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. Reverend Karla Frost with St. Johns United Church, offered the invocation.

2. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, **December 9, 2026**

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA; 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:

A. **Treasurer's Reports**
December 2025 Treasurer's Report
(available upon request)

B. **Bill List**
November 12, 2025 – December 4, 2025

C. **Donations**
Calvary Life Church; Maryville School
CMA Food Service Solutions; Maryville School

D. **FY 2025 Granite City School Dist. #9 Audit**

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

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

Name	Position	Effective
Cynthia Desper	Spec. Ed. Teacher/Mitchell	End of 2025/2026
Hong Kim	Maintenance/GCHS	07/10/2026
Erin Kincy	Administrative Assistant/Admin Office	07/01/2029
Robert Quick	Industrial Teacher/GCHS	06/01/2027
Kenneth Wilson	Custodian/GCHS	06/30/2028
Mary Waltman	Cook/Wilson	08/08/2026

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

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

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Pamela Burries	Paraprofessional/Lake	Resignation	01/05/2026
Teresa Carretta	Paraprofessional/Grigsby	Resignation	End of 2025-2026
Cynthia Desper	Spec. Ed. Teacher/Mitchell	Retirement	01/05/2026
Hong Kim	Maintenance/GCHS	Retirement	06/30/2026
Robert Quick	Industrial Teacher/GCHS	Retirement	01/04/2027
Kenneth Wilson	Custodian/GCHS	Retirement	01/02/2026
Mary Waltman	Cook/Wilson	Retirement	End of 2025-2026

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

6. REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Cynthia Akeman	SLP/Grigsby	FMLA	01/05/2026 - 02/12/2026
Charlene Dapprich	Cafe Worker/GCHS	Medical	10/07/2025 - 12/01/2025
Monte Hopke	Maintenance/District	FMLA	12/08/2025 – 06/30/2026
Monica Leon	Paraprofessional/Coolidge	FMLA	01/07/2026 – 01/21/2026
Timothy Moran	Voc. Ed. & Stud. Sfty. Cord. /GCHS	FMLA	01/05/2026 - 03/30/2026

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

7. **REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE**; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following requests for extensions to leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Thomas Becherer	Custodian/GCHS	FMLA	11/26/2025 - 03/11/2026
Dakota Shemwell	Pre-K Teacher/Prather	FMLA	02/04/2026 – 03/02/2026

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

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

Name	Position
Kenneth Stanley	Coolidge Asst Boys Basketball Coach
Ann Mayhall	Frohardt 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty
Cynthia Desper	Mitchell 3rd Quarter Metal Detector Supervisor
Lynn Isringhausen	Wilson 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty

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

9. EXTRACURRICULAR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the

administration, to approve the following extracurricular volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position
Emma Cox	GCHS Swim
Adam Bright	GCHS Boys Tennis

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

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

Name	Position
Beth Darling	GCHS ALPHA Sponsor
Jake Roustio	Coolidge Asst Boys Basketball Coach
Emily Kowalski	Frohardt 3rd Safety Patrol
Lori Hawthorne	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty
Janet Niles	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty
Michaela Genovese-Moss	Mitchell 3rd Quarter Metal Detector Supervisor
Angela Ellis Wilson	3rd Quarter Lunch Duty

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

11. EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following extracurricular assignments for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Position
Sherand Boyd Jr.	GCHS Head Football Coach

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

12. RESCIND EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the following to rescind extracurricular assignments for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position
Andrea Apperson	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty

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

13. CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, 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

Mazie Gilland Kayli Mance Heidi Schipkowski Madaleine Taylor DeRon Terry

Classified

Ashley Campbell Taylor Campbell Ria High MckEnzi Munoz Eleanor Sedabres
Rhonda Woodson

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

14. EMPLOYMENT OF ONE ESL BILINGUAL PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Valeria Duque Figueroa** as an ESL/Bilingual Paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 School Year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

15. EMPLOYMENT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, **Carrie Wallace** as the Executive Secretary to the Superintendent for the 2025-2026 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

16. EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED TEACHER FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Chrity, upon the recommendation of the administration, to employ **Sherand Boyd, Jr.** as a certified Special Education Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, pending the submission of the required paperwork.

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

17. GCHS BASEBALL FENCE; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve recommendation Collins and Hermann to install a new fence that will connect to the baseball outfield fence and he old concession stand and go south to the turnstile gate at the entrance to the track at a cost of $50,300.00.

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

18. **LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RIVERBEND HEAD START & FAMILY SERVICES AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 9**; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to ratify the license agreement between the two parties.

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

20. **PURCHASE OF NEW BOX DELIVERY TRUCK**; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to purchase a new Box Delivery Truck from Enterprise at the cost of $86.970.

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

21. **NIEDRINGHAUS SCHOOL DOOR AND WINDOW REPLACEMENT;** Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to contract with St. Jacob Glass to install at Niedringhaus School 36 new windows and two sets of double doors at a cost of $30,100.00

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

22. **NIEDRINGHAUS SCHOOL HVAC UPGRADE;** Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, for Vayden Mechanical to install six new air conditioning units at Niedringhaus School for the sum of $196,720.00

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

23. **MARYVILLE SCHOOL PLAYSET FOR PLAYGROUND**; Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to purchase and install of a new Burke Playground Playset for Maryville Elementary at a cost of $261,461.00 from Play Illinois, LLC.

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

24. **WILSON SCHOOL PLAYSET FOR PLAYGROUND;** Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to purchase and install new Burke Playground Playset for Wilson Elementary at the cost of $261,461.00 from Play Illinois, LLC.

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

25. **NIEDRINGHAUS SCHOOL ASBESTOS ABATEMENT;** Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to contract with A.C. Environmental to abate 6,540 square feet of floor tile from eight areas of Niedringhus School at a cost of $42,275.00

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

20. **GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND EXPANSION;** Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Christy, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the Garden Club Overview and Expansion Request at Grigsby Elementary School.

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

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

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

We received four {12} requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of December 3, 2025 through January 20, 2026.

1. The first request was received on December 3, 2025 from Oshea Smith of www.sunlightaccess.com. He requested the following information:

● Electronic summary of purchase orders (not the individual purchase orders themselves) issued by Granite City Community Unit School District 9 from July 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025:

- Vendor name
- Description of purchase or payment
- Total price or amount paid

If vendor names are coded, please include the code key if it's easily available.

2. The second request was received on December 5, 2025 from CT Mills from Public Info Access, LLC.
He requested the following information:

● Current existing records listing all active employees within your school or district. To ensure our records remain accurate, we are requesting the latest version currently on file that includes the following fields:

- Full Name
- Title/Position
- Work Email Address
- Work Location (School Name or Central Office)

3. The third request was received on December 12, 2025 from Dale Smith Jr. of Tom Day Business Machines. He requested the following information:

● District Copier Contract

4. The fourth request was received on December 31, 2025 from Owen Lang of the Lake County Gazette. He requested the following information:

● Copies of all active full-time aide contracts/collective bargaining agreements

5. **The fifth request was received on January 1, 2026 from Owen Lang of the Lake County Gazette. He requested the following information:**

● Copies of all vendor contracts over $1,000 for the current school fiscal year.

6. **The sixth request was received on January 2, 2026 from Eiden Lang of The Data Branch. He requested the following information:**

● Purchase orders issued between September 1st 2024, or January 1st 2025 if more convenient, and the present.

7. **The seventh request was received on January 9, 2026 from Brady Root of Herring and Root. He requested the following information from May 1, 2023 to the present:**

● Any official District policies, employee handbook updates, or memoranda regarding the implementation of Public Act 103-0395 and/or holiday payments to educational support personnel.
● A copy of any and all current Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs) covering educational support personnel.
● Any Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) or Side Letters that reference holidays, holiday pay, or Public Act 103-0395.

8. **The eighth request was received on January 10, 2026 from Kimia Hamidi of The Data Branch Research Team. She requested the following information:**

● District currently contracts with any of the following vendors, and if so, a copy of the signed contract or agreement:

ITSM (IT Service Management) Providers:
 One to One Plus
 Follett (Destiny / MasterLibrary)
 Freshworks / Freshdesk
 K-12 Insight
 ServiceNow
 Frontline
 Hayes
 Zendesk
 Asset Tiger
 Asset Panda
 Spiceworks

CMMS (Computerized Maintenance Management System) Providers:
 FMX
 Brightly / SchoolDude
 MasterLibrary
 Facilitron
 Operations Hero
 MaintainX

9. **The ninth request was received on January 13, 2026 from Lore Siga of Construct Connect. She requested the following information:**

● Bidding documents (plan/specs) for the Niedringhaus School HVAC Replacement Project and the Baseball Fence Project.

10. The tenth request was received on January 14, 2026 from Sheri Reid of SmartProcure. She requested the following information:

● Any and all purchasing records from 9/17/2025 to current. The specific information requested from your record keeping system is:

1. Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number
2. Purchase date
3. Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase)
4. Line item quantity
5. Line item price
6. Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address

11. The eleventh request was received on January 15, 2026 from Chris Miller of Public Info Access LLC. He requested the following information:

● Dollar thresholds requiring approval by school administrators (e.g., principals)
● Dollar thresholds requiring approval by central office staff or department leadership
● Dollar thresholds requiring approval by the superintendent or designee
● Dollar thresholds requiring approval by the board of education

12. The twelfth request was received on January 18, 2026 from Kimia Hamidi of The Data Branch Research Team. She requested the following information:

● Confirmation of whether your entity currently contracts with any fleet management software provider, and if so, a copy of the most recent signed contract or agreement. Specifically, we seek for the past 3 years:

Contract Information:
 Copy of the latest contract with your current fleet management software provider (some example vendors it may be listed under, but not restricted to)

Geotab
Verizon Connect (formerly Fleetmatics)
Samsara
AssetWorks FleetFocus
GPS Insight
Teletrac Navman
Fleet Complete
 Contract expiration date

 Names of software platforms and systems used in your technical stack (e.g., vehicle tracking systems, maintenance management software, fuel card systems, telematics platforms)

Fleet Size Confirmation:
 Total number of vehicles currently in your fleet

If you work with any fleet management provider:

 Please share a copy of the signed contract or agreement
 Confirm the contract expiration date
 List the software platforms currently deployed
The requests were handled by Administration.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOE MEETING**; Motion by Member Venne, seconded by Member Christy, to approve the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, **December 9, 2025**.

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

14. The next Regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the James J. Greenwald Administration Building.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**; Motion by Member Curran, seconded by Member Bradley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 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
Community Unit School District #9