

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2026
CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Justin Gilmore, Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by President Jabet Wade at 5:00 p.m. with seven members present.

CONSENT ITEMS

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, December 15, 2025 Open Session Minutes, December Bills, Motion was made by Sally Hambelton, seconded by Marti Warden to approve consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Superintendent Justin Gilmore and the board reviewed the financial report and 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

☐ **SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION 2026**

Allisa West announced to the board the candidates for the upcoming board election: Jeff Lane, Marti Warden, Will Johnson, Ashley Hambelton, Laramie Johnson, Wes Uchtman, Heather Bushner, and Amy Freeman

☐ **MSBA 2025E POLICY UPDATE** - First Reading: IIA, IIAC, IIAC-R1 (rescind)

Procedures: IGD-AP3, IIA-AP1, IIAC-AP1(was IIAC-R1), KB-1-AP1

Forms: IGD-AF2, IGD-AF3 Checklist

Mr. Gilmore requested the board take time to read through the policy updates, and have a final reading next month.

CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES LISTED IN SECTION 610.021

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Marti Warden to convene executive session for purposes listed in section RSMo 610.021, (3), (12) & (13) Personnel. Roll Call Vote: Nash, yes; Hambelton, yes; Wade, yes; Warden, yes; Mason Eslinger, yes; and Hillhouse-yes; Lane-yes. 5:06 p.m.

Exit Executive Session 6:09 p.m.

BOARD ACTIONS

A **motion** was made by Jeff Lane, seconded by Dakota Nash to extend Mr. Gilmore's contract to a 3 year term (26-27, 27-28, 28-29) with a 7.5% increase for the 2026-27 school year. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Dakota Nash to accept the resignation of Terri Dorsey, and Lauren Johnson. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Mason Eslinger to hire David Miller as a substitute custodian, and Catherine Moreno as Food Service Manager for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year. Vote taken, motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Marti Warden to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Nash-yes; Hambelton-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; Eslinger-yes; and Hillhouse-yes; Jeff Lane-yes. 6:11 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education