MARCH 24, 2026 - Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Board Room

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1. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Jarad Corzine with Unity Baptist Church will off the invocation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Granite City Board of Education welcomes visitors – including
employees, students, parents and other citizens – to its regular meetings. To accommodate the public, certain rules have been

established. Any person wishing to give Public Comment(s) during a regular or special Board of Education meeting is encouraged to register with the Superintendent's Office prior to the meeting. Any person may comment to the School Board (public participation), subject to the reasonable constraints established and recorded in the guidelines below. During public participation, there will be a 20-minute minimum total length of time for any one subject. When public participation
takes less time than these minimums, it shall end. To preserve sufficient time for the Board to conduct its business, any person appearing before the Board is expected to follow these guidelines:

1. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
2. Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, the time for any one person to address the Board during public participation shall be limited to five minutes.
3. Observe, when necessary and appropriate, the Shortening of the time for each person to address the Board during public participation to conserve time and give the maximum number of people an opportunity to speak;
4. Conduct oneself with respect and civility toward others. Petitions or written correspondence to the Board shall be presented to the Board in the next regular Board packet.
5. To maintain confidentiality, the BOE asks that any matters concerning personnel or students be communicated to the BOE privately.

The public should not expect a Board response during Public Comment. There may be discussion by the Board concerning Public Comment when the issue is addressed on the Agenda.

Please send any public comment requests/statements to any of the following individuals by 12PM on March 19, 2026:

Donald J. Harris, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; superintendent.office@gcsd9.net
Eric Stacy, President, Board of Education;
eric.stacy@gcsd9.net
Carrie Wallace, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent;
carrie.wallace@gcsd9.net

4.1 STUDENT RECOGNITION

A. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize **Sophomore Eli Miller**, who represented GCHS Boys Wrestling Team at the IHSA State Tournament. Eli placed 12th in a highly competitive field, and is ranked in the top 16 wrestlers in the State of Illinois.

B. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize **Junior Audrey Barnes** and **Sophomore Demi Barnes**, who represented the GCHS Girls wrestling Team at the IHSA State Tournament and both ladies earned a spot among the top 12 wrestlers in the State Tournament.
Audrey finished her season with a 32 - 4 record and Demi finished her season with a 30 - 4 record.

C. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize the **Speech Team** for qualifying for the IHSA State Tournament in Peoria IL, and congratulate them on a remarkable performance in the IHSA Speech State Series.
Bug Wise , qualified for State in both **Extemp** and **Impromptu Speaking** . These events demand incredible quick thinking, as Bug must research and deliver complex speeches with only minutes of preparation.

Performance in the Round (PIR)team. Their dedication to this 15-minute group ensemble has earned them a well-deserved spot on the State stage. We commend these students for their teamwork and for seizing this opportunity to showcase their talents. Congratulations to the Performance in the Round team

Landon Phillips, Mackenzie Garcia, Khloe Nicol, Jesus Atilano, Hailey Jensen, Lily Booker, Gabriela Gutierrez, Brooke Babillis, Peyton Shipley, Carleigh Graham, Delaynie Carnahan, Madyson Talley, Kaniyah Hunter, Lily Kupinski, Ava Ghirardi and Abigail Huniak

D.GCSD9 BOE and Administration, we are incredibly proud to celebrate our seniors who have been named **Illinois State Scholars**.

This prestigious recognition, awarded by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, is reserved for the top 10% of graduates across the entire state. Selection is a rigorous

process based on a combination of ACT/SAT scores, class size, and unweighted GPA through the end of junior year.
Congratulations to these Students
Toby Clements, Emilee Connolly, Melody Hang, Ayden Hankins, McKenna Karpowecz, Myla Layne, Lily Meyenburg, Polly Nipper,
Marik Pickerell, Spencer Sipes, Katelynn Strubelt, William Taylor,
Avery Wallace, and Kya Wonder.

4.2 STAFF RECOGNITION
GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to commend **Ms. Tanya Pulley** , Lead Custodian at **Prather Elementary** , for her heroic actions. When a student began choking, Ms. Pulley immediately performed the Heimlich maneuver, potentially saving the student's life. Her alertness and emergency training serve as a profound inspiration to our entire staff. Thank you, Ms. Tanya, for your bravery and dedication to our students' safety.

4.3 Guidelines for Public Comment

4.4 Members of the Public May Address the Board

5. MINUTES

5.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on **December 9, 2025 .** {available upon request}

5.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on **February 24, 2026.** {available upon request}

6. CONSENT AGENDA

(The Consent Agenda contains those items that are repetitive and routine in nature. Any member may make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda or request that any of the items be moved to Section VII for individual discussion and consideration.) Consent Agenda items are listed below and on the GCSD9 website.

6.1 Treasurer's Reports
February 2026 Treasurer's Report
{available upon request}

6.2 Bill List
February 18, 2026 - March 18, 2026
{available upon request}

6.3 Approval of Paid and Unpaid Leaves

6.4 FOIA Requests

6.5 Donations

Unity Baptist Church– Wilson Elementary
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Auxiliary #53 – GCSD9
Walmart (Granite City) – Prather Elementary

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Resignations and Retirements

Retirement rescind request

Retirements
Extracurricular resignations and rescind 2025-2026

9.2 Employments

Employments
2025-2026 Extracurricular assignments
2026-2027 Extracurricular assignments
Extracurricular volunteers
Certified and Classified Substitutes

**pending completion of required paperwork*

***pending verification of previous employment*

9.3 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Membership Renewal for the 2026-2027 School Year; 8

The GCSD9 Administration request permission to renew the Illinois High School Association {IHSA} membership for the 2026-2027 school term. IHSA will not require payment for membership dues or state series entry fees per action of the IHSA Board of Directors.

The attached membership in the Illinois High School Association {IHSA} confirms that the Granite City High School {GCHS} continues to be recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education {ISBE} and certifies that our GCSD9 Board of Education has voted to adopt and abide by the constitution, by-laws, terms and conditions, and administrative procedures, guidelines, and policies of the IHSA for the 2026-2027 school year.

Our membership renewal must be submitted by June 30, 2026.

IHSA Membership Renewal Form.pdf

9.4 Chromebook purchase, bid #10-26

Authorization is requested to purchase 3200 Chromebooks for students for the 2026-2027 school year. These devices are necessary to continue with 1-to-1 devices for students.

Devices will be purchased for Grades 1-7 and 9th We are requesting to order the devices as soon as possible for the arrival of the new school year. Price includes: device, chrome license, 4 year accidental damage warranty, white glove services to pre-enroll, unbox, and bulk ship devices with installed cases. 1700 devices will be purchased with Title I Funds. 1500 of the devices will be leased with District Funds over 4 years.

The selected vendor **Trafera** is in bold.

Trafera $1,229,100

Riverside Technologies INC. $1,249,536.36

Approval is recommended.

9.5 Multi Function School Activity Bus Purchase 2026-2027

The administration is requesting approval to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet Tran Tech 14 passenger Multi Function School Activity Bus with the 2026-2027 Budget for $95,434.00 from Southern Bus & Mobility. Southern Bus and Mobility holds the State Bid on this vehicle so no bid is necessary.

The lead time is 4 months for delivery so we must place the order now and then pay after July 1, 2026.

This would be an additional bus for the District to use for school activities. The goal is to extend the lease on the current 2017 Activity Bus for the 2026-2027 year and then replace it with a new MFSAB in the 2027-2028 school year.

Approval is recommended

9.6 PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DOCKET NO. 25-02814.001 - 1-3 - RESOLUTION

The GCSD9 Board of Education and Administration requests approval of the following Resolution Property Tax Appeal Board Docket NO 25-02814.001 1-3 an appeal by Plymouth 3501 Gateway Center LLC.

Approval is recommended

9.7 PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DOCKET NO. 25-02978.005-C-1 - RESOLUTION

The GCSD9 Board of Education and Administration requests approval of the following Resolution Property Tax Appeal Board Docket NO 25-02987.005 - C-1 an appeal by Lex Edwardsville LP.

Approval is recommended

9.8 PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DOCKET NO. 25-02815.001 - 1-3 - RESOLUTION

The GCSD9 Board of Education and Administration requests approval of the following Resolution Property Tax Appeal Board Docket NO 25-02815.001 1-3 an appeal by Plymouth 3501 Gateway Center LLC.

Approval is recommended

9.9 PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DOCKET NO. 25-02455.001 1-3 - RESOLUTION

The GCSD9 Board of Education and Administration requests approval of the following Resolution Property Tax Appeal Board Docket NO 25-02455.001 1-3 an appeal by Realty Income US Core Plus 2LP.

Approval is recommended

9.10 Student Worker Pay Correction FY24, FY25
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Student Worker pay rate to match minimum wage from school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Wages earned in calendar year 2024 will be updated to $14 an hour and $15 an hour for calendar year 2025. This would match the minimum wage increase with the State of Illinois.

FY24 Total: $1,500.25

FY25 Total: $5,777.00

Approval is recommended

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 price thereof; 2(c)(5)(6)
▪ Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and 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)

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES;

Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session of the Board of Education held on **December 9, 2025** and **February 24, 2026.**

12. SETTING OF THE AGENDA

13. ADJOURNMENT

March 2026

To the Principal/IHSA Official Representative Addressed:

It is time again for your school to renew its membership in the Illinois High School Association. **For the 2026-2027 school term, IHSA membership will not require payment for membership dues or state series entry fees per action of the IHSA Board of Directors.**

Your school may renew membership in the Illinois High School Association by confirming that your school continues to be Recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education and by certifying that your Board of Education/Governing Board has voted to adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines, and Policies of the Association for the 2026-27 school term.

Your 2026-27 membership renewal is due by June 30, 2026. Please do not delay. Obtain your Board of Education's action on the membership resolution and email it to twood@ihsa.org or fax (309) 663-7479.

Sincerely,

Craig Anderson
Executive Director

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BELOW, ON THE APPROPRIATE LINE, BY THE PRINCIPAL OR OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE BOARD PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY.
DO NOT DETACH

To: IHSA Executive Director

We certify that _____ High School is recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education. It is understood that failure to be recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education will disqualify our school for membership in the IHSA and that if this were to occur; it is our responsibility to immediately notify the Association of this change in status.

We further certify our Board of Education/Governing Board, at its meeting held on _____, 2026, voted to renew membership in the Illinois High School Association, and to adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines and Policies of the Illinois High School Association for the year of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Tim M'Chaston
Principal/Official Representative Signature

Board President or Board Secretary Signature

Tim M'Chaston 618-451-5808
Print Name and Phone Number

Print Name and Phone Number

Granite City High School Granite City, Illinois

2026-27 Membership Renewal/ Second Reminder