

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2026
CENTRAL OFFICE**

PRESENT: Jabet Wade, President; Sally Hambelton, Member; Corey Hillhouse, Member; Dakota Nash, Member; Marti Warden, Member; Allisa West, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Justin Gilmore, Trevor Hicks, Richard Wylie, Ben Hopper,

The meeting was called to order by President Jabet Wade at 4:30 p.m. with five members present.

Jeff Lane walks in at 4:31 p.m.

Mason Eslinger walks in at 4:33 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, February 16, 2026, and January 26, 2026, Open Session Minutes and February Bills. Motion was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Sally Hambelton, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Superintendent Justin Gilmore and the board reviewed the financial report.

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

☐ **FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the five year capital improvement plan, including the two remaining projects that will be finished this summer.

☐ **MSBA 2025E POLICY UPDATE: FINAL READING: IIA, IIAC, IIAC-R1 (RESCIND)**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board the MSBA 2025E Policy Update explaining the policy updates are aligning with MSIP 6 regarding library materials and online curriculum. Motion was made by Corey Hillhouse, seconded by Mason Eslinger, to approve the MSBA 2025E Policy Update as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

☐ **CITY WATER EASEMENT REQUEST**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the Board a request from the City for a water easement. He recommended that the Board approve the easement contingent upon it being relocated to a portion of the property that is not anticipated to be used in the future. A motion was made by

Corey Hillhouse and seconded by Mason Eslinger to approve the easement, contingent upon the City agreeing to relocate it. Motion carried, 7-0.

□ **GYM FLOOR REFINISHING BIDS: CHARLES LUEBBERT HARDWOOD FLOORS, INC. NO LIMIT FLOORING, REMINGTON GYM**

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board bids for refinishing the elementary gym floor. Mr. Gilmore recommended the board accept the bid from No Limit Flooring. A motion was made by Marti Warden and seconded by Corey Hillhouse to accept the No Limit Flooring bid. Motion carried, 7-0.

□ **STUDENT NEWSPAPER PROPOSAL**

Gainesville students Neveah Smart and Eric Watson presented to the board the new student-led digital newspaper.

CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES LISTED IN SECTION 610.021

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Dakota Nash, to convene executive session for purposes listed in section RSMo 610.021, (3), (12) & (13) Personnel. Roll Call Vote: Nash, yes; Lane, yes; Hambelton, yes; Wade, yes; Warden, yes; Mason Eslinger, yes; and Hillhouse-yes. 5:18 p.m.

Exit Executive Session 5:53 p.m.

BOARD ACTIONS

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Dakota Nash to renew Dr. Richard Wylie's High School Principal contract for the 2026-27 school year. Vote taken, motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Dakota Nash to renew Trevor Hick's Assistant High School Principal contract for the 2026-27 school year. Vote taken, motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Sally Hambelton, seconded by Corey Hillhouse to accept the resignations of Zac Luna, Butch Hoorstra, Ben Hopper, Tina Poe, and Stephenie Asher. Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Dakota Nash to add Emily Baker, Shari Koch, and Chelsea Wages to the substitute list for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Marti Warden to hire Sheila Jones as an Elementary teacher for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Dakota Nash to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Nash-yes; Hambelton-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; Eslinger-yes; and Hillhouse-yes. 5:55 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education