

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2026
CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

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

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

CONSENT ITEMS

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, February 16, 2026, Open Session Minutes, February Bills, and Summer School 2026 dates. Motion was made by Corey Hillhouse, seconded by Mason Eslinger, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Superintendent Justin Gilmore and the board reviewed the financial reports. Mr. Gilmore stated account balances are on track with the revenues outpacing the expenditures. Mr. Gilmore also reviewed the monthly newsletter.

Marti joins the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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

☐ **JH/HS YEP MEMBERS DISCUSS ACTIVITIES**

Misty Perry, along with high school YEP members Ella Barber, Whitney Jarvis, and Dylan Abraham, presented to the board about their recent conference experience. They shared insights on what contributes to the success of Gainesville YEP, as well as new ideas they gained for future events. Notably, Dylan was one of only three students selected to speak at the conference.

☐ **2026-2027 Calendar**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the board the 2026-27 calendar. Motion was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Marti Warden to approve the 2026-27 calendar as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

☐ **Occupational Therapy Contract 2026-27**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the board the Occupational Therapy Contract from Pediatric Occupational. A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Sally Hambelton to accept the Pediatric Occupational bid as presented for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

☐ **Physical Therapy Contract 2026-27**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with the board the Physical Therapy Contract from Glenn Square Therapy Corp. A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Sally Hambelton to accept the Glenn Square Therapy Corp. bid as presented for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

☐ **Compliance Plan**

Mr. Gilmore discussed with a change at the state level that made it necessary to approve a new Compliance Plan that was previously approved in August 2025. A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Sally Hambelton to approve the Compliance Plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.-

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: Dakota Nash-yes; Lane-yes; Hambelton-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes, and Hillhouse-yes. 5:08 p.m.

Exit Executive Session 5:37 p.m.

BOARD ACTIONS

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Dakota Nash to accept the Certified Salary schedule as presented for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Dakota Nash to accept Tenured Teachers Schedule Contracts for the 2026-2027 school year, excluding Misti Eslinger, and Brianna Johnson. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Dakota Nash seconded by Jeff Lane to accept Misti Eslinger and Brianna Johnson's tenured contracts for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 6-0. Mason abstained.

A **motion** was made by Sally Hambelton, seconded by Dakota Nash to accept Probationary Teacher Contracts for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Corey Hillhouse to increase staff not on a salary schedule by 3% for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Marti Warden, seconded by Dakota Nash to accept the resignations of Wes Johnson and Jerry Kiger at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Sally Hambelton, seconded by Dakota Nash to hire Kaylee Henning as an Elementary Teacher, and April Sucharda as High School Science Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Jeff Lane to hire Michael Dihel as the District IT Director for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Dakota Nash, seconded by Sally Hambleton to hire Melissa Dalton as the Elementary Principal for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Sally Hambleton to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Lane-yes, Hambleton-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; Hillhouse-yes; Dakota Nash, yes. 5:41 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education