



## **APRIL 28, 2026 - Board Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Board Room

### **1. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **3. INVOCATION**

Pastor Eddie Bradley with LifePoint Church will offer 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 April 23, 2026:

Donald J. Harris, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; [superintendent.office@gcsd9.net](mailto:superintendent.office@gcsd9.net)

Eric Stacy, President, Board of Education;

[eric.stacy@gcsd9.net](mailto:eric.stacy@gcsd9.net)

Carrie Wallace, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent;

[carrie.wallace@gcsd9.net](mailto:carrie.wallace@gcsd9.net)

#### 4.1 STUDENT RECOGNITION

**A.** GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize **Senior EVAN BREWER**, who has joined only 11 Boys Basketball Players in Granite City High School history with scoring 1,148 points in his career as a Warrior. His scoring performance places him in the Top 8 among those 11 players.

**B.** GCSD9 BOE and Administration we like to recognize **Senior ADRIANNA IRELAND** who made her mark at the Illinois Music Education Association All State Band Competition this year by being selected in the top trumpet players to perform in the ILMEA Honors All State Band. ADRIANNA was selected for the ILMEA HONORS ALL-STATE BAND, This is the highest honor a high school musician can receive. She performed before a packed house in the Peoria Civic Center on Saturday, January 31st, representing the pinnacle of musical excellence in the State.

**C.** GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize **Freshman NATALIE JONES**, who earned 1st place in Illinois for Microsoft Excel in the 2026 Microsoft Office Specialist State Championship Fall Qualifier. MOS is the industry-recognized leader in Microsoft Office certification, and Natalie competed against top students across the state to earn this distinction. As a result of her first-place finish, she has been invited to attend the MOS U.S. National Championship this summer in Nashville, Tennessee.

**D.** GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize **Senior LUKE GRIFFIN**, who recently represented Granite City High School at the Project MFG National Machining League Championship. After a grueling week of competition against the top 15 student machinists in the nation, Luke showcased unbelievable precision and technical skill. We are thrilled to announce that out of that elite group of finalists, Luke earned a spot on the podium, taking home second place in the country!

On April 17, Luke competed at the SWIC CTE Showcase, where he took the top spot in the Masters of CNC competition. We congratulate Luke on these elite-level achievements and his unwavering dedication to technical excellence.

**E.** GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize **Junior STEPHEN SUMPTER**, for his outstanding performance at the recent CTE Showcase held at SWIC. Competing in the Manual Mill Competition, Stephen demonstrated exceptional technical skill and precision, earning a 2nd place finish. We congratulate Stephen on this achievement.

**F.** GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize **Senior MASON SCARBOROUGH**, for his outstanding performance at the recent CTE Showcase held at

SWIC. Competing in the Manual Lathe Competition, Mason demonstrated exceptional technical skill and precision, earning an impressive 3rd place finish. We congratulate Mason on this achievement.

**G.** GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize **the GCHS Vocational Culinary Arts Team and Dr. Warren** for their extraordinary performance at the Southwestern Illinois College Chef Competition. By securing the titles of Best Support Staff, Best Table Display, Best Entrée, and the ultimate honor of Best of Competition, these students have demonstrated technical mastery and unparalleled creativity. Their "Alice in Wonderland" themed menu—from the smoky mushroom risotto to the Cheshire Cat tart—captivated the judges and showcased the high caliber of our CTE programs. We celebrate your teamwork, your composure under pressure, and your success in bringing the traveling trophy back to GCHS.

**The Culinary Team**

**Leon Lasiter, Arycka Oliver, Peyton Crowell, Tyhlee Simms, Elliette Harper, Sophie Davison, Kennedy Carson, Marshae Cooper, Elizabeth Windle, Bailey Cass, Arionna White, Keelia Walker, Caylen Wilson and Anyelit Aguilar-Navarro.**

**H.** GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize **7th Grader ALEXANDER JONES** who was awarded 2nd Place in the Madison County Upcycling Innovation Challenge in the junior high division. Alexander's winning entry, a handcrafted crochet character named Ella, was created using five discarded t-shirts that were destined for the landfill. By meticulously cutting the shirts into 1-inch strips and following a complex crochet pattern, Alexander transformed textile waste into a unique, high-quality piece of art.

**I.** GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize the following students who are winners of the 2026 Madison County Green Schools Clean Air Bookmark Contest:

**MASON PATERSON** - 1st Place, Wilson Elementary

**DANIELA BARRENO** - 2nd Place, Prather Elementary

**BRIANNA GALVAN** - 3rd Place, Wilson Elementary

4.2 **PRESENTATION**

After School Elementary Athletics Program

Presented by; John Moad GCHS Athletic Director

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 **March 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;  
March 2026 Treasurer's Report  
{available upon request}
- 6.2 Bill List;  
March 19, 2026 - April 22, 2026  
{available upon request}
- 6.3 Approval of Paid and Unpaid Leaves;
- 6.4 FOIA Requests;

We received 10 requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of March 17, 2026 through April 20, 2026.

[FOIA REQUEST - 4-21-26.pdf](#) 

- 6.5 Policies;

The Policy Committee is recommending the approval of the following policies that were reviewed at the March 24, 2026, Policy Meeting:

- 6.6 School District Library Grant Program;  
The Granite City School District was awarded \$2,193.03
- 6.7 Donations;  
  
Amazon - GCSD9  
United States Steel - GCSD9

## **7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Resignations and Retirements**

Retirement rescind request  
Retirements  
Resignations

9.2 **Request to post/hire one (1) full-time equivalent Bilingual Paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 School Year**

The administration is requesting the approval of one (1.0) full-time equivalent bilingual paraprofessional position at the high school beginning in the 2026–2027 school year. This position will support staff and students in providing instructional assistance, improving communication, and ensuring access to grade-level curriculum.

Approval is recommended.

9.3 **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*

9.4 **Miscellaneous**

The GCSD9 Administration request the approval of a 1 day unpaid suspension for an employee.

Approval is recommended.

9.5 **Running Start Program - Contract Renewal**

We would like to continue to offer the Running Start Program with Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC). Since the 2013-14 school year the Board has approved ongoing student participation in this dual credit program at the parents' expense. SWIC has proposed to continue the program agreement with us at a rate of \$4,550 per student per school year (this is the same as last year's price). Eligible students would participate in their junior and senior year of high school and would have the opportunity to earn a high school

diploma and an Associate Degree simultaneously.

We are seeking approval to continue to participate in this dual credit program and enter into this intergovernmental agreement (attached) where parents will pay the full tuition rate to provide their child with this opportunity while the district accepts the responsibility to manage the program with SWIC.

NOTE: SWIC bills the parents directly which eliminates the District from making payment to SWIC first then requesting reimbursement.

[SWIC Running Start Agreement](#) 

Approval is recommended.

#### 9.6 Auditor Extension

Authorization is requested to extend the agreement with Honkamp, P.C. for auditing services for a 3 year period.

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| Year Cost     |
| 2026 \$49,830 |
| 2027 \$54,810 |
| 2028 \$60,290 |

Approval is recommended.

#### 9.7 Breakfast After the Bell Opt-out Hearing Authorization

Administration is seeking authorization to notify the State Board of Education and publish on the district’s website notification of a public hearing on June 23rd at 6:00 PM and the regular Board of Education meeting regarding the Granite City School District opting out of the “Breakfast After the Bell” mandate for fiscal hardship reasons.

According to Public Act 99-0850 (105 ILCS 126/16)(d)(ii)

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| “due to circumstances specific to that school                  |
| district, the expense reimbursement would not fully cover the  |
| costs of implementing and operating a breakfast after the bell |

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| program may be relieved of the delivery model requirement      |
| to the board of education of the district, the board of        |
| education holds a public hearing, and the board of education   |
| passes a resolution that the district cannot afford to operate |
| a breakfast after the bell program. The district shall post    |
| information that sets forth the time, date, place, and general |
| subject matter of the public hearing on its website and notify |
| the State Board of Education at least 14 days prior to the     |
| hearing.”                                                      |

Timeline

- April 28, 2026- Authorization to notify ISBE and public for hearing on June 23, 2026
- May 12, 2026 - Cost Analysis presented to Board of Education
- June 23, 2026 - Hold a public hearing and pass resolution to opt out of “Breakfast After the Bell”

Approval is recommended.

9.8 **6th Hour Assignment; Special Education CJHS**

GCSD9 Administration requests approval of the following 6th hour assignment retroactive for the third quarter at Coolidge Jr. High. This assignment is retroactive due to an extended teacher absence and the need to combine classrooms.

Teacher - Kelley Wallace

Approval is recommended.

9.9 **Finance/HR System Renewal {Ivisions}**

Authorization is requested to renew the agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year with Tyler Technologies for the Infinite Visions Finance/HR system. An annual support agreement is required for updates, including state-mandated changes and technical support. This software is used by all administration and administrative assistants for Finance and HR processes. All staff members also have online access to pay, time off, and contract information. The renewal has been budgeted for the 2026-2027 School

Year at a cost of \$118,081.60.

Approval is Recommended.

9.10 **Remote Education Program**

The district proposes to offer a remote education program exclusively for students who have demonstrated a need for a highly individualized and flexible learning environment after exhausting all existing in-person options. Eligibility for this program will be limited to students who have previously participated in the traditional day school setting, have been enrolled in and supported through the district's alternative education program, and have also attended the county's Safe School program, but were subsequently removed. This remote option is intended to serve as a final pathway to support continued academic progress, credit recovery, and graduation for students who have not found success in more structured, in-person settings, while still maintaining accountability, engagement, and access to necessary educational services.

Approval is recommended.

9.11 **GCHS - Two (2) Job Coach Positions**

Due to the increase in transition programming at GCHS, the GCSD 9 Special Education Administration is requesting the addition of two (2) full time job coaches.

The current half time job coach position will be eliminated to become a full time position to support students all day in the existing school based and community based programming.

The second full time job coach is needed to support the life skills students with their community work experiences as well as other transition activities as they relate to their post-secondary goals for employment, education, training, and independent living.

Without additional support from the job coach positions, students will not have the opportunity to participate in these activities.

Approval is recommended.

9.12 **GCSD9 Student School Board Member Advisor for the 2026-2027 School Year**

The GCSD9 Student Board Member Advisor Committee consisting of Board of Education Secretary Erica Venne, Board of Education Member Lori Silva, GCHS Principal Tim McChristian, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donald Harris, are recommending **Lily Booker** to serve as the GCSD9 Student School Board Member Advisor for her Senior year at Granite City High School for the 2026-2027 school year.

Approval is recommended.

#### 9.13 **New Teacher Mentoring Program**

GCSD9 Administration and GCFPE have worked collaboratively to develop new teacher mentoring training program. The goal of this program will be to mentor our new teachers, conduct peer observations, and provide support throughout the school year. Veteran teachers will be selected to conduct activities throughout the school year and will be paid a stipend of approximately \$701 per new teacher as per the negotiated MOU and extra-curricular stipend schedule.

Approval is recommended.

### 10. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

#### 11. **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**

#### 12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES;**

#### 13. **SETTING OF THE AGENDA;**

May 12, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting

#### 14. **ADJOURNMENT**