June 23, 2026 - Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Board Room

1. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Jarad Corzine with Unity Baptist Church will offer 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 June 18, 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 Request to Speak to the BOE

Teresa Copper - Requested to speak to the Board of Education.

4.2 STUDENT RECOGNITION

A. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize **Senior Megan Sykes,** who was named the 2025-2026 Granite City High School Scholar-Athlete for the Year.
This prestigious honor recognizes Megan's elite performance both in the classroom and on the field. A versatile stand out in volleyball, basketball, swimming, and soccer, Megan earned a staggering 15 varsity letters during her high school career. Her dedication also secured her a spot on the 60th Annual St. Louis Post-Dispatch Scholar-Athlete Team, where she was recognized at Busch Stadium.

Beyond her athletic achievements, Megan is a member of the National Honor Society and numerous service clubs. This fall, she will continue her soccer career at St. Charles Community College, where she plans to major in Psychology.

B. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize **Junior Khloe Allen,** who qualified for the 2026 IHSA Class 3A State Finals in the 100-meter hurdles. Khloe earned her spot at State with a stellar performance at the O'Fallon Sectional, finishing eighth with a qualifying time of 15.17 seconds. We congratulate Khloe on this outstanding achievement and wish her the best of luck at the State Finals

C. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize our Boys Track and Field student-athletes who recently competed at the 2026 IHSA Class 3A State Championships.

We are thrilled to celebrate **Se'Bastien Rhodes**, who earned an impressive 7th-place finish in the Triple Jump, securing a spot on the state podium.

We also extend our congratulations to **Quentin Campbell** (110m hurdles), **Antonio Dean** (400m), and **Landon Harris** (1600m) for advancing to the State Championship meet. While they did not qualify for the final round of their respective events, reaching this elite level of competition is a testament to their dedication, talent, and hard work throughout the season.

Please join us in congratulating all four athletes on their remarkable achievements and a highly successful season.

D. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize the Coolidge Junior High School Girls Track Team for their incredible hard work and achievements at the IESA State

Championship!

We are incredibly proud to recognize these outstanding student-athletes: **Janyla Travis:** Earned a fantastic 8th Place state finish in Hurdles. **Payton Petrillo:** who advanced to the State Championship in the 400m. and **Yaretzi Vasquez, Amya Greene, De'Maya Johnson, Londyn Porter, and Trinity Williams:** who advanced to the State Championship in the 4x100 Relay.

Reaching the state level is a massive achievement that requires immense dedication and grit. Congratulations to our athletes, coaches, and families on a phenomenal season—you have made all of Coolidge proud!

5. MINUTES

5.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on **May 12, 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
May 2026 Treasurer's Report
{available upon request}

6.2 Bill List
May 7, 2026 - June 15, 2026
{available upon request}

6.3 Approval of Paid and Unpaid Leaves - Garrett

6.4 FOIA Requests

We received 12 requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of May 6, 2026 through June 16, 2026.

FOIA REQUEST as of 6-16-26 - Google Sheets.pdf

6.5 Curriculum Committee Report - May 20, 2026 - Curry
Proposal to transition Elementary K-6 "specials" from Instructional Technology to Art for the 2026-2027 school year, related staffing adjustments, and an update on daytime scheduling for the Gifted Enrichment Program.

Curriculum Meeting Minutes 5_20_26.docx.pdf

6.6 Recycling of Items - Keel

Agenda Item for Audiometer Recycling & Band Equipment.pdf

6.7 Donations

Pam Holten Scholarship Fund - GCHS Special Education Teachers
US Steel Corporation - GCHS Cheer, Dance and Football program
Book Book Go - GCSD9 Schools
US Steel Corporation - GCHS Boys Basketball Program

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 **Retirements and Resignations - Garrett**

Retirements,
Resignations

9.2 **Employments - Garrett**

Employments,
2026-2027 Extracurricular assignments,
Extracurricular volunteers.

pending completion of required paperwork, background check and verification of previous employment

9.3 **Approval of Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) Position Recruitment and Funding - Garrett/Watkins**

1. Background & Rationale

Over the past several school years, the district has seen a significant increase in the enrollment of students requiring intensive behavioral interventions that impact both the general and special education classrooms. Currently, these needs are met primarily through contracted consultation services that are sporadic or overextended special education personnel and school psychologists.

Hiring a dedicated, district-employed Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) will allow us to:

- **Provide Immediate Support:** Deliver timely, consistent behavioral assessments and create targeted Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs) for high-needs students.
- **Build Internal Capacity:** Train teachers, paraprofessionals, and support staff on evidence-based behavior management strategies, reducing classroom disruptions district-wide.
- **Ensure Compliance:** Maintain strict adherence to federal and state special education laws, minimizing legal risks associated with manifestation

determinations and discipline.

Approval is recommended

9.4 **Additional Work Days for Guidance Counselors - Keel**

Additional work days for the GCHS/Coolidge guidance counselors are requested, due to failures, summer school, the balancing of classes, graduation checks, and the schedule changes that need to occur prior to the start of the school year opening. Their support is necessary to have an efficient and effective school year.

Jeff Hayes
Samantha Hubbard
Adrienne Johnson
Sarah Kilpatrick
Scott Fandrey

Requested Days GCHS/Coolidge Six Days Each (2 days in July 2026, 2 days in December 2026, and 2 days in May 2027)

Approval is recommended.

9.5 **Evening Academy Assignments Fall Semester 2026 - Keel**

Permission is requested to approve the following Evening Academy assignments for Granite City High School to meet the Fall Semester needs.

Teacher Position

Kim Lignoul -Teacher
Emilee Gilley -Teacher
Laura Sullivan -Teacher
Eric Smith -Teacher
Peggy Wilson -Teacher
Liz Cicio -Teacher
Trina Tsigolaroff -Teacher
Jayma Shrum -Teacher
Annabell Ambuel -Teacher
Candice Parker -Teacher
Natalie Roy -Teacher
Christine Douglas -Teacher
Laura Pavlovec -Teacher
Aaron Werths -Teacher
Erin Feldman -Teacher
Deb Garland -Teacher
Kellie Hutchings - Coordinator
Jennifer Smith - Coordinator

Scott Fandrey - Counselor

** Due to holidays, there are more Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Spring Semester then Mondays and Wednesdays. This is why some teachers have a different stipend than others.

Approval is recommended

9.6 **Paper Supplies Bid #1-27 - B Smith**

The following vendors were sent invitations for the Paper Supplies Bid #1-27. The bid includes white paper for the 2026-2027 school year. The tabulations have been completed and listed below. The recommended vendor is **Contract Paper Group.**

Liberty Paper - $76,356.00
Contract Paper Group - $80,564.40
Midland Paper - $80,892.00
Veritiv - $81,868.00
Paper 101 - $83,134.80

Approval is recommended.

9.7 **Request to Amend 2026–2027 School Calendar (Election Day Holiday) - Harris**

On September 23, 2025, the Board approved the 2026–2027 District Calendar. While previous legislative discussions considered making the November 2026 General Election Day a mandatory school holiday, House Bill 1832 was officially amended on June 1, 2026, confirming that schools are not required to close on this day.

To comply with the new state mandate, we request approval to amend the 2026-2027 District Calendar as follows:

- Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (General Election Day): Keep schools open as a regular student attendance day.
- Last Day of School: Shift the final day of school up by one day, making the new last day Thursday, May 20, 2027, instead of Friday, May 21, 2027.

This adjustment allows the district to take advantage of the updated legislation, maximize instruction in November, and successfully close out the school year a day earlier for our students, staff, and families.

Approval is recommended

9.8 **PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DOCKET NO. 25-03016.001-C-3 - Harris**

The GCSD9 Board of Education and Administration requests approval of the following Resolution Property Tax Appeal Board Docket NO 25-03016.001-C-3 an appeal by Deka USA Property Two Gateway Commerce.

Resolution sch bd Deka USA.pdf

Approval is recommended

9.9 **Granite City High School Track Resurface - E Smith**

GCSD9 Administration requests approval to proceed with ATG for the installation of a new base mat, red structural spray polyurethane track surface, and new striping. This purchase will be made through the National Purchasing Cooperative's BuyBoard Contract #737-24.

ATG: $477,459.00

Approval is recommended.

9.10 **Granite City High School Bleacher Repair - E Smith**

GCSD9 Administration requests approval to proceed with BR Bleachers for repairs to the High School bleachers. During the annual inspection, it was noted that all rollers need to be replaced within a short time frame to complete this work. Administration considers this a critical repair and recommends proceeding with the work as soon as possible.

BR Bleachers: $65,270.00

Approval is recommended.

9.11 **Recommendation to Continue Educational Consulting Services for K–6 Literacy Implementation FY27 - Curry**

As part of the District's ongoing commitment to strengthening its K–6 literacy framework, the administration recommends continuing educational consulting services with Donna Whyte for Fiscal Year 2027. Ms. Whyte will continue to provide professional learning, instructional modeling, coaching, and implementation support aligned with the District's systematic phonics framework, including Brainspring for grades K–3 and the ESGI progress-monitoring system.

In FY27, the District will expand its literacy initiative by incorporating Structures, an upper-elementary intervention focused on advanced phonics and morphology instruction. This expansion is designed to strengthen literacy outcomes in grades 4–6 and support students' progression toward increased fluency, vocabulary development, and reading comprehension.

The total cost for continued consulting and implementation support is $79,900. Funding for this initiative will be fully funded through the District's Title I Grant.

Approval is recommended.

9.12 **FY27 Building Title I Schoolwide Plans - Curry**

Administration recommends Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Title I Schoolwide Plans for all district K-6 elementary buildings. The plans have been developed in accordance with federal Title I requirements and are aligned with the District's Continuous Improvement Plan, student achievement data, and identified school improvement priorities.

Each Schoolwide Plan outlines the strategies, interventions, professional learning activities, and family engagement efforts that will be implemented to support the academic success of all students, with an emphasis on ensuring access to high-quality instruction and improving outcomes for students most at risk of not meeting state academic standards.

Approval of the FY27 Building Title I Schoolwide Plans is recommended.

FY27 Title I Schoolwide Plans:

Frohardt - Title Plan FY 27.pdf

Grigsby - Title Plan FY27.pdf

Maryville - Title Plan FY27.pdf

Mitchell - Title Plan FY27.pdf

Prather - Title Plan FY27.pdf

Wilson - Title Plan FY27.pdf

9.13 **EXTEND THE TERM OF MISSVIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL - Suhre**

Board Resolution To Extend the Term of the MissVIC Employee Benefits Pool

EXTEND THE TERM OF MISSVIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL .pdf

Approval is recommended

9.14 **APPOINT MISSVIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL BOARD MEMBERS - Suhre**

Board Resolution To Appoint MissVIC Employee Benefits Pool Board Members

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Granite City School District #9, Madison County, State of Illinois, that the following shall be appointed to the Mississippi Valley Employee Benefits Intergovernmental Cooperative Board of Directors beginning July 1, 2026 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Zack Suhre - Voting Member
Adam Garrett - Alternate

Done by order of the Granite City School District #9, Board of Education this 23rd day of June, 2026.

APPOINT MISSVIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL BOARD MEMBERS .pdf

Approval is recommended

9.15 **EXTEND THE TERM OF MISSVIC Property Casualty POOL - Suhre**

Board Resolution To Extend the Term of the MissVIC Property Casualty Pool

EXTEND THE TERM OF MISSVIC PROPERTY CASUALTY POOL .pdf

Approval is recommended

9.16 **APPOINT MISSVIC PROPERTY CASUALTY POOL BOARD MEMBERS - Suhre**
Board Resolution To Appoint MissVIC Property Casualty Pool Board Members

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Granite City School District #9, Madison County, State of Illinois, that the following shall be appointed to the Mississippi Valley Property Casualty Intergovernmental Cooperative Board of Directors beginning July 1, 2026 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Zack Suhre - Voting Member
Adam Garrett - Alternate

Done by order of the Granite City School District #9, Board of Education this 23th day of June, 2026.

APPOINT MISSVIC PROPERTY CASUALTY POOL BOARD MEMBERS .pdf

Approval is recommended

9.17 **BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL HEARING - Suhre**

Having notified the public through posting a notice on the school district website and sending notification to the Illinois State Board of Education 14 days prior to the public hearing along with providing the Board of Education a cost analysis showing financial hardship, the Board of Education is now ready to proceed.

Actions requested of the Board are:
· Hold a Public Hearing on the Breakfast After the Bell Program;
· Adopt the following Resolution.

Breakfast After The Bell Hearing .pdf

Approval is recommended

9.18 **Joint Agreement 2026-2027 Tentative Budget Resolution and Publication of Notice in the Newspaper - Suhre**

Section 17-1 of The School Code of Illinois requires that a joint agreement shall adopt an annual budget.

A fiscal year must also be established. The establishment of a fiscal year is the responsibility of the Board of Education, or Regional Superintendent and advisory board, if applicable, or governing board responsible for the administration of the joint agreement. The fiscal year is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, inclusive, as
established via a resolution at the July 11, 1990 Region I Board Meeting.

The task of preparing the tentative budget is assigned to some person or persons by the Board of Education, or Regional Superintendent and advisory board, if applicable, or governing board responsible for the administration of the joint agreement. This responsibility was designated to the Director of Finance, in conjunction with the
Director of Region I, also at the July 11, 1990 Region I Board Meeting.

The tentative budget must be made available for public inspection at least thirty days prior to final action. At least one public hearing must also be held on the tentative budget prior to final action. A notice stating the location, date, and hour of the public hearing shall be placed in a newspaper published within the boundaries of the joint
agreement, at least thirty days prior to the time of the hearing. Should there be no newspaper of this type; notice may be posted in five of the most public meeting places within the boundaries of the joint agreement.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution. The Notice of Public Hearing following the resolution will be published in a
local paper on **July 15, 2026**.

Region Tentative Budget - Cover Letter - Resolution.pdf

It is recommended that the Board adopt the resolution and authorize the required signatures.

9.19 **DISTRICT #9 BUDGET 2026-2027 RESOLUTION AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IN NEWSPAPER - Suhre**

Section 17-1 of The School Code of Illinois requires school districts to adopt an annual budget before or during the first quarter of each fiscal year. The fiscal year is **July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027**.

The task of preparing the tentative budget is assigned to some person or persons by the Board of Education. This responsibility was designated to Zack Suhre, Director of Finance.

The tentative budget must be made available for public inspection at least thirty days prior to final action. At least one public hearing must also be held on the tentative budget prior to final action. A notice stating the location, date, and hour of the public hearing shall be placed in a newspaper published within the boundaries of the school
district at least thirty days prior to the time of the hearing.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the following Resolution. The Notice of Public Hearing following the Resolution will be published in the Belleville News Democrat on **August 12, 2026.**

Note:
 The Board of Education is ONLY approving when the Budget will be placed on display, when the Notice will appear in the newspaper(s), and when the Budget Hearing will be held.

GC Tentative Budget - Cover Letter - Resolutions.pdf

It is recommended that the Board adopt the Resolution and authorize the necessary signatures.

9.20 **Trust Agreement with the Busey Bank - Suhre**

Attached is a copy of a Trust Agreement. Our auditor requires us to deposit all summer checks for annualized staff on direct deposit into a trust account. The auditor does not require us to deposit all payroll amounts because checks will be written for those not on direct deposit. The checks are held in the vault until each payday.

On paydays the bank will transfer funds from the Trust to our payroll account to cover the amount of the direct deposit for that payroll.

Unless we either have checks written or deposited into the Trust account, the amount of summer payroll for annualized staff is reflected in our ending balances for the current year. This amount would artificially inflate those balances and it would appear that we have more than we actually do.

Trust Agreement .pdf

9.21 **6th Hour Assignment 4th quarter, CJHS - Watkins**

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

Per Local 743 Contract, Section 23.1 and 28.2, the cost would be as follows:

Teacher - Kelley Wallace

Approval is recommended

9.22 **CEP Grant Renewal - McCullough**

The Illinois State Board of Education has reviewed your request to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) beginning in the 2026-27 School Year(SY).

The Identified Student Percentages are approved for a 4-year cycle. Changes may be made annually between April 1 and June 30, should they be needed. Changes may include updates if enrollment numbers significantly increase or decrease, if identified student percentage increases, if there are changes with the participating schools or groups, or withdrawal.

The Identified student claiming percentage is 55.11%. The approved free claiming percent is 88.18%

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;

Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Education held on **May 12, 2026.** {available upon request}

13. SETTING OF THE AGENDA

July 28, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting

14. ADJOURNMENT