"AT THE BOARD"
Regular Meeting: July 28, 2026

GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #9

BOARD OF EDUCATION

- ✦ Pastor Eddie Bradley with LifePoint Church offered the invocation.

- ➢ GCSD9 BOE approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday, **June 23, 2026**.

- ➢ BOE approved the following Consent Agenda Items:

  - **Bill List**
    June 16, 2026 – July 15, 2026

  - **Approval of Paid and unpaid leaves and extensions - Garret**

    - paid and unpaid leaves

Name	Position	Building	Dates
Nicholas Chepely	Maintenance	District	07/09/2026 - 08/06/2026

    - paid and unpaid leaves (Extension)

Name	Position	Building	Dates
Monte Hopke	Maintenance	District	07/01/2026 - 09/30/2026

  - **FOIA Requests**
    We received 15 requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of June 16, 2026 through July 16, 2026. (Available upon request)

  - **Policies**
    BOE approved the following policy 6:310-AP Physical Education Waiver that was reviewed at the June 23, 2026 Policy Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Resignations and Retirements: - Garrett

- BOE approved the following retirements:

Name	Position	Building	Date
Lisa Jones	Paraprofessional	Lake	06/30/2030
Rhonda Vest-Nolan	2nd Grade Teacher	Grigsby	08/01/2026
Craig Astorian	Custodian	GCHS	09/11/2026

- BOE approved the following resignations:

Name	Position	Building	Date
Carrie Harnetiaux	5th Grade Teacher	Frohardt	06/24/2026
Natalie Roy	Alt Ed Teacher(9-12) **/** Evening Academy	Lake/GCHS	07/13/2026
Grace Voyles	2nd Grade Teacher	Prather	06/30/2026
Jamie Clements	Title I Paraprofessional	Prather	07/08/2026

9.2 Employments: - Garrett

- BOE approved the following employments:
  **Pending completion of required paperwork and verification of previous employment.*

Name	Position	Building
Edna Hill	Alternative Education Paraprofessional	Lake ESSC
Daniela Avila Barrera	ESL/Bilingual Paraprofessional	Coolidge Jr High
Dominic Davis	Special Education Paraprofessional	Coolidge Jr High
Stacey Russell	Special Education Paraprofessional	Coolidge Jr High
Leslie Craig	Special Education Paraprofessional	Grigsby Elementary School
Sierra Smallie	Special Education Paraprofessional	Mitchell Elementary School
Sheila McElroy	Special Education Paraprofessional	Mitchell Elementary School
Jacob Cook	Special Education Paraprofessional	Mitchell Elementary School
Amy Karius	Special Education Paraprofessional	Mitchell Elementary School
Ashley Briggs	Special Education Paraprofessional	Prather Elementary School
Jamie Clements	Special Education Paraprofessional	Prather Elementary School
Tamara Georger	Special Education Paraprofessional	Prather Elementary School
Amber Hudson	Special Education Paraprofessional	Wilson Elementary School
Bobbie Wallace	Special Education Paraprofessional	Wilson Elementary School
Ashley McCartney	6th Grade Teacher	Wilson
Dallas Zirkelbach	2nd Grade Teacher	Prather
Rachel Staten	Pre-K Teacher	Prather
Amanda Brown	Elementary Teacher	TBD
Claudia Quetot	Elementary Teacher	TBD
Alison Laughlin	Alternative School/ELA Teacher	Lake

- BOE approved the following student workers:

**Pending completion of required paperwork and verification of previous employment.*

Name	Name
Ashley Aburto	Hillary Moreno Lopez
Javier Cass	Lizieth Nambo Mendez
Dariana Castro	Ava Relleke
Landon Harris	Ana Rojas
Olivia Heck	Isabella Scaturro
Elliot Johnson	Maria Tolantino
Kaylee Juarez	

- BOE approved the following 2026-2027 extracurricular assignments.

**Pending completion of required paperwork and verification of previous employment*

Name	Position	Building
John Moad	Athletic Director	GCHS
Scott Smallie	Head Baseball Coach	GCHS
Jeff Ridenour	Assistant Baseball Coach	GCHS
Bennett Smallie	Assistant Baseball Coach	GCHS
Brandon Robinson	Assistant Baseball Coach	GCHS
Mike Bryant	Assistant Baseball Coach	GCHS
Jeff Hayes	Head Girls Soccer Coach	GCHS
Abigail Reeves	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach	GCHS
Lexi Grote	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach	GCHS
Tim Wilson	Head Softball Coach	GCHS
Ed Connolly	Assistant Girls Softball Coach	GCHS
Bill Puhse	Assistant Girls Softball Coach	GCHS
Chad Alexander	Head Tennis Coach	GCHS
Greg Vaughn	Assistant Tennis Coach	GCHS
Tom Miller	Head Girls Track Coach	GCHS
Earl Clark	Head Boys Track Coach	GCHS

Claire Sykes	Assistant Girls Track Coach	GCHS
Jeremiah Perry	Assistant Boys Track Coach	GCHS
Gerard Moore	Assistant Floater/Throws Coach	GCHS
Justin Warren	Head Boys Volleyball Coach	GCHS
Ginger Harrison	Assistant Boys Volleyball Coach	GCHS
Reginald Bratton	Assistant Football Coach	Coolidge
Jane Whitehead	Health Services Department Head	District
Brianna Pape	Special Education Department Head	GCHS
Pam Brezger	Speech Language Department Head	District
Staci Melvin	Social Work Department Head	District
Marcia Dodds	Early Childhood Department Head	District
Karen Hatch	Lead Therapist	District
Jeff Anderson	Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS
Jennifer Connolly	Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS
Billy Laycock	Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS
Kim Lignoul	Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS
Lisa Miller	Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS
John Moad	Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS
Shannon Muskopf	Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS
Bill Puhse	Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS
Julie Schreiber	Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS
Ann Sykes	Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS
Meredith Tabscott	Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS
Tim Wilson	Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS
Liz Cicio	Evening Academy Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS
Peggy Wilson	Evening Academy Metal Detector Supervisor	GCHS

- BOE approved the following extracurricular volunteer.

  **Pending completion of required paperwork and verification of previous employment*

Name	Position	Building
Mike Bryant	Boys Golf Coach	GCHS

- BOE approved the following certified and classified substitutes:
  **Pending completion of required paperwork and verification of previous employment*

Name	Certified Substitutes	Name	Classified Substitutes
Cynthia Akeman	Certified	Tonja Asperger	Classified
Linda Ames	Certified	Audrey Balsai	Classified
Dylan Beasley	Certified	Pamela Barfield	Classified
Karen Blasingim	Certified	Tiffany Beavin	Classified
Alexandria Boivin	Certified	Cheyenne Betts	Classified
Alissa Bosslet	Certified	Lisa Blyue	Classified
Erica Caldwell	Certified	Corie Book	Classified
Kathleen Conley	Certified	Gena Boyd	Classified
Kara Denton Mendez	Certified	Christine Buchanan	Classified
Marvin Donaldson	Certified	Ashley Campbell	Classified
Christine Douglas	Certified	Sundai Cavanagh	Classified
Brian Dowd	Certified	Gerald Cockrum	Classified
Dorothy Falter	Certified	LilyRose Cockrum	Classified
Phoebe Feldman	Certified	Pamela Dellamano	Classified
Bruce Frank	Certified	Whitney Dickerson	Classified
Debra Garland	Certified	Laci Dorris	Classified
Gregory Garland	Certified	Megan Dorris	Classified
Michael Garland	Certified	Darlene Dunham	Classified
Mazie Gilland	Certified	Kevin Engelke	Classified
Gerald Goclan	Certified	Jamie Freeman	Classified
Barry Grote	Certified	Christina Gassett	Classified
Nicholas Haida	Certified	Melissa Gilmore	Classified
Dawn Hamm	Certified	Kelly Goldizen	Classified
Diane Harrington	Certified	Laura Gordon	Classified
Lilian Harris	Certified	Edward Heintz	Classified
Christina Hill	Certified	Karen Koesterer	Classified
Janice Janek	Certified	Kimberly Kozer	Classified

Martha Johnson	Certified	Laura Lemler	Classified
Austin Khounsana	Certified	Isabella Miller	Classified
Margaret London Kimble	Certified	Gretchen Morris	Classified
John Kirkpatrick	Certified	Mckenzie Munoz	Classified
Patricia Kopsky	Certified	Cindy Nault	Classified
Rebecca Kriegel	Certified	Vivian OBrian	Classified
Barbara Lambert	Certified	Belinda Overturf	Classified
Ruth Lathrop	Certified	Heather Perigo	Classified
Deanne Laub	Certified	Amanda Perry	Classified
Connie LaVelle	Certified	Wilma Powell	Classified
Ruth Layton	Certified	Kathleen Ridenour	Classified
Deborah LeVault	Certified	Catherine Rotruck	Classified
Kayli Mance	Certified	Kari Schipkowski	Classified
Catherine Manning	Certified	Kristine Simpson	Classified
Dean Mayhall	Certified	Lisa Scott	Classified
Amie McChristian	Certified	Susan Smith	Classified
Daniel McDowell	Certified	Jacqueline Sonntag	Classified
Sandra McMasters	Certified	Nicki Stagman	Classified
Debra McMillian	Certified	Marissa Taylor	Classified
Christine Messner	Certified	Pamela Tyler	Classified
Thomas Miller	Certified	Joie Walk	Classified
Deborah Milton	Certified	Cheryl Wilson	Classified
Cathy Neidhardt	Certified	Shawn Wylde	Classified
Diane Peach	Certified		
Martha Richey	Certified		
Mandy Robinson	Certified		
Brian Ropac	Certified		
Laura Rotter	Certified		
Jake Roustio	Certified		
Stephen Roustio	Certified		

Mark Royce	Certified		
Schipkowski, Heidi	Certified		
Cheryl Schoolfield	Certified		
Melissa Sholl	Certified		
Mary Ruth Snelson	Certified		
Kyrsten Stockman	Certified		
Claire Sykes	Certified		
Nicole Towery	Certified		
Cody Trittschuh	Certified		
Trina Tsigolaroff	Certified		
Shelby Utley	Certified		
Jon Wagner	Certified		
Ashley Warren	Certified		
Angela West	Certified		
Cheryl Whitaker	Certified		
Mark Wilson	Certified		
Ginger Wittmann	Certified		
Lisa Yarbrough	Certified		
Carolyn Yates	Certified		

9.3 Elementary Building Aide Hours and Staffing Adjustments - Garrett

- BOE approved to proceed with the building aide hours and staffing adjustments, to improve safety and consistency following the K-6 model's first year, the district has approved increasing elementary building aide hours and staffing levels.

9.4 Amend Board Meeting Schedule - Harris

- BOE approved the rescheduling of the Regular Board Meeting in March to **March 9, 2027.**

9.5 Hearing Officers for 2026-2027 School Year - Keel

- BOE approved the following hearing officers to participate in expulsion hearings and additional hearings when requested by a parent/guardian.

HEARING OFFICERS

Dottie Falter

Lisa Yarbrough

9.6 2026-2027 Student Handbooks for All School Buildings - Keel

- BOE Approved the updated 2026–2027 Student Handbooks, which incorporate the latest legally aligned IPA Model Handbook changes and newly authorized programs.

9.7 6th Hour Assignment for GCHS - Keel

- BOE approved the following 6th Hour Assignments for the Fall Semester at GCHS.

Teachers

Kim Lignoul

Justin Warren

9.8 Evening Academy Assignments Fall Semester {Teacher Adjustment} - Keel

- BOE approved the following Evening Academy teacher assignment for the 2026 Fall Semester.

Teacher

Terri Kunz

9.9 FY27 School Improvement Plans - Curry

- BOE approved the Fiscal Year 2027 School Improvement Plans for each District school.

9.10 One FTE ESL/Bilingual Paraprofessional Position for the2026-2027 SY - Curry

- BOE Approved the addition of a full-time ESL/Bilingual Paraprofessional position to support the district's growing English Learner population across all schools.

9.11 Additional Work Days for ESL Department Chair - Curry

- BOE Approved 2 additional work days in August for Stacy Swingler the ESL Department Chair.

9.12 Server Room Equipment

- BOE has approved a $266,204 five-year contract with Secure Data Technologies to replace the server room's end-of-life network storage with a new Pure1 system essential for district operations.

10. REPORTS AND OTHER COMUNICATIONS

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

    GCSD9 BOE approved the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday, **June 23, 2026**.

12. SETTING OF THE AGENDA

    August 25, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting.