

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
JULY 20, 2026
CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Justin Gilmore, Richard Wylie, Trevor Hicks, Melissa Dalton

The meeting was called to order by President Jabet Wade at 6:00 p.m. with all seven members present.

CONSENT ITEMS

The board approved the following items by consent: Agenda, June 29, 2026 Open Session Minutes, and June bills. Motion was made by Sally Hambelton, seconded by Dakota Nash, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Superintendent Justin Gilmore reviewed with the board the financial report as of June 29, 2026.

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

□ TAX RATE HEARING DATE AND TIME

Mr. Gilmore recommended the board set the Tax Rate hearing for August 17, 2026 at 5:55 p.m. Motion was made by Mason Eslinger seconded by Dakota Nash to set the Tax Rate hearing at the recommended date and time. Vote carried 7-0.

□ 2025-2030 Facility Improvement Plan

Mr. Gilmore reviewed the district's five-year facility improvement plan with the Board. He discussed the projects being completed during the 2025–2026 school year and provided an overview of the facility improvements planned for the 2026–2027 school year.

□ School Bus Bid

Mr. Gilmore discussed the purchase of a 2027 Blue Bird passenger bus with the Board. He explained that the bus would be powered by gasoline, making it the first gas-powered bus in the district's fleet, which currently consists entirely of diesel buses. Mr. Gilmore recommended the purchase due to the anticipated cost savings compared to a diesel model. Motion was made by

Marti Warden, seconded by Dakota Nash to purchase the bus for the price presented in the bid. Motion carried 7-0.

CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES LISTED IN SECTION 610.021

A **motion** was made by Dakota Nash, seconded by Mason Eslinger, to convene executive session for purposes listed in section RSMo 610.021, (3), (12) & (13) Personnel. Roll Call Vote: Hambelton-yes; Lane-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes, Nash-yes; and Uchtman-yes. 6:35 p.m.

Exit Executive Session 6:48 p.m.

BOARD ACTIONS

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Sally Hambelton, to accept Trina Freman's resignation effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Dakota Nash, seconded by Mason Eslinger, to hire Shari Koch for the JH/HS Library position. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Marti Warden to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Hambelton-yes; Lane-yes; Eslinger-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes, Nash-yes; and Uchtman-yes. 6:51 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education