

**GAINESVILLE R-5 SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2026
CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

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

ABSENT:

The meeting was called to order by President Jabet Wade at 7:00 a.m. with seven members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the following items by consent: the agenda; August 17, 2026 Tax Rate Hearing minutes; August 17, 2026 Open Session minutes; September 1, 2026 Special Open Meeting minutes; and August bills. The Board discussed the meeting time for the October meeting and agreed to hold the meeting on October 19, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. A motion was made by Marti Warden and seconded by Dakota Nash to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Gilmore reviewed with the board financial reports and discussed account balances. Mr. Gilmore also reviewed with the board the monthly newsletter.

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

□ MSBA 2026B POLICY UPDATES (FIRST READING)

Mr. Gilmore requested that the Board review the MSBA 2026B Policy Updates in preparation for consideration and approval at the October Board meeting.

□ BARK TRACK PROJECT FORMAL AWARD AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

Mr. Gilmore informed the Board that the District had received formal notification of a grant award from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the District's BARK Track Project. He requested Board approval of the Financial Assistance Agreement required to proceed with the project. A motion was made by Marti Warden and seconded by Dakota Nash to approve the Financial Assistance Agreement for the BARK Track Project. Motion carried 7-0.

CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES LISTED IN SECTION 610.021

A **motion** was made by Corey Hillhouse, seconded by Dakota Nash, to convene executive session for purposes listed in section RSMo 610.021, (3), (12) & (13) Personnel. Roll Call Vote: Nash-yes; Hambelton-yes; Eslinger-yes; Uchtman-yes; Warden-yes; Wade-yes and Lane-yes. 7:50 a.m.

Exit Executive Session 8:01 a.m.

BOARD ACTIONS -

A motion was made by Mason Eslinger and seconded by Dakota Nash to add Karl Koch and Michele Enderle to the substitute list for the 2026-27 school year, pending completion of required testing, and to hire Sam Warren as a bus driver, pending completion of required testing. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mason Eslinger, seconded by Sally Hambelton, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Uchtman-yes; Hambelton-yes; Eslinger-yes; Nash-yes; Wade-yes; Warden-yes; and Lane-yes. 8:01 a.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education