



October 27, 2026 - Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Board Room

1. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Berry Shepherd with Tri-City Assembly of God 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 October 22, 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 **Staff Recognition**

1. GCSD9 Board of Education and Administration are proud to recognize **Mrs. Laura Cell** for her incredible dedication to our students.

Through her work with Granite City High School's transition program, Mrs. Cell helps students explore vocational and technical career paths, preparing them for success after graduation. During a recent trip to SWIC's Manufacturing Day, she demonstrated that her care for our students goes far beyond career preparation. When a student began choking during lunch, Mrs. Cell sprang into action without hesitation, successfully performing the Heimlich maneuver and saving the student's life.

Mrs. Cell works every day to prepare our students for their futures, and her quick, courageous actions reminded us all how deeply she cares for them today. Thank you, Mrs. Cell, for your bravery, compassion, and commitment to Granite City High School.

2. GCSD9 Board of Education and Administration would like to recognize **Mrs. Tina Buck** for her outstanding presence of mind, quick action, and courage during a recent emergency at Wilson Elementary School. Her decisive response prevented a potential tragedy and ensured the safety and well-being of one of our students. The incident occurred when a student took a drink of water while chewing gum, causing the gum to become lodged in his throat. Noticing the student making distressed noises, Tina immediately approached him and asked if he could breathe. When the student shook his head no, she responded without hesitation. Demonstrating incredible composure under pressure, Tina performed the Heimlich Maneuver, successfully dislodging the gum and restoring the student's airway. Following the successful intervention, she stayed by his side, comforting and reassuring him until he was safely escorted to the school nurse's office.

5. **MINUTES**

- 5.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on **September 22, 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
September 2026 Treasurer's Report
{available upon request}
- 6.2 Bill List
September 17, 2026 - October 16, 2026
{available upon request}
- 6.3 Approval of Paid and Unpaid Leaves - GARRETT
- 6.4 FOIA Requests
We received twelve (12) requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period September 14, 2026 through October 19, 2026.

[FOIA REQUEST - Oct 19 2026.pdf](#) 

- 6.5 Curriculum Committee Report - October 14, 2026 - CURRY
The Curriculum Committee met on October 14, 2026 to review ongoing curriculum initiatives and discuss updates to district instructional priorities. Recommendations from the committee will guide continued curriculum development and instructional planning for the remainder of the 2026–2027 school year. New course proposals were unanimously approved by the committee. Supporting documents were provided under separate cover.

[Curriculum Committee Meeting Agenda- October 14, 2026.pdf](#) 

[Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes - 10.14.26.pdf](#) 

Approval of the Curriculum Committee Recommendations is recommended.

- 6.6 Donations

St. John United Church of Christ (Donation in Memory of Christy Dawson) - GCSD9
Central Christian Church - Prather Elementary
United States Steel Corporation - GC Boys and Girls Wrestling Program
Dollar General Literacy Foundation - Granite City High School
1st MidAmerican Credit Union - GCSD9

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 **Retirements and Resignations - GARRETT**

Retirement rescind request,
Retirements,
Resignations,
Extracurricular resignations and rescind

9.2 **Employments -GARRETT**

Employments rescinded,
Employment
2026-2027 Extracurricular assignments,
Extracurricular volunteers,
Certified and Classified Substitutes.

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

9.3 **YMCA BASEP Agreement and Contract - HARRIS**

Attached you will find the YMCA BASEP (Before and After School) program contract. This will be a multi-year contract from August 1, 2026 through May 31, 2030 if approved.

[YMCA BASEP proposal 2026-2030 - Agenda Item.pdf](#) 

Approval is recommended.

9.4 **GCHS School Resource Officer {SRO} Agreement for the 2026-2027 SY - HARRIS**

The GCSD9 Administration recommends the renewal of the agreement with the City of Granite City and the Granite City Police Department for School Resource Officer (SRO) services at Granite City High School for the 2026–2027 school year, with an assigned officer provided by the Granite City Police Department.

Expenses for providing this program will be covered by GCSD9. The costs are dependent upon the salary of the officer in this assignment.

Approval is recommended

9.5 **CJHS School Resource Officer {SRO} Agreement for the 2026-2027 SY - HARRIS**

The GCSD9 Administration recommends the renewal of the agreement with the City of Granite City and the Granite City Police Department for School Resource Officer (SRO) services at Coolidge Junior High School for the 2026–2027 school year, with an assigned officer provided by the Granite City Police Department.

Expenses for providing this program will be covered by GCSD9. The costs are

dependent upon the salary of the officer in this assignment.

Approval is recommended

9.6 **Elementary Drug Education Program {SABRE} Officer Agreement for the 2026-2027 SY - HARRIS**

The GCSD9 Administration recommends the renewal of the agreement with the City of Granite City and the Granite City Police Department for Drug Education Program (SABRE) Officer services in the GCSD9 Elementary Buildings for the 2026–2027 school year, with an assigned officer provided by the Granite City Police Department.

Expenses for providing this program will be covered by GCSD9. The costs are dependent upon the salary of the officer in this assignment.

Approval is recommended.

9.7 **Granite City SABRE Committee School Dances 2026-2027 SY - HARRIS**

The Granite City S.A.B.R.E. Committee wishes to express their appreciation to the School Board for previously granting permission to host the S.A.B.R.E. dances at Coolidge Junior High School during the 2026/2027 school year.

The requested dates are:

Oct 23 - Coolidge

Jan 8 –Coolidge

March 5- Coolidge

April 2-Coolidge

Proof of insurance will be provided prior to the first dance. We also request permission to circulate flyers.

Approval is recommended.

9.8 **PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DOCKET NO. 2025-03037.001-I-3 - RESOLUTION - HARRIS**

The GCSD9 Board of Education and Administration requests approval of the following Resolution Property Tax Appeal Board Docket NO 2025-03037.001-I-3 an appeal by WPT Inner Park Drive LLP.

Approval is recommended.

9.9 **PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DOCKET NO. 2025-03039.001-I-3 - RESOLUTION - HARRIS**

The GCSD9 Board of Education and Administration requests approval of the following Resolution Property Tax Appeal Board Docket NO 2025-03039.001-I-3 an appeal by Sealy Lakeview Corporation Drive LLC.

Approval is recommended.

9.10 **FY 2026 Region 1 AUDIT - SUHRE**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached FY 2026 Audits for Region 1.

9.11 **FY27 School Maintenance Project Grant Program - SUHRE**

Administration is seeking authorization to apply for the School Maintenance Project Grant Program (SMPG) and to reserve \$50,000 from Operations and Maintenance Fund (20) for matching funds required for application. The School Maintenance Project Grant is a matching funds grant with awards up to \$50,000. The Grant will be used for the playground at Prather School.

Approval is recommended.

9.12 **GCHS Student Discipline; Request to appeal out-of-school suspension - KEEL**

You have received detailed information about this item. The administration is prepared to make recommendations or hold for discussion in executive session.

The administration is recommending the board support the decision to uphold the out-of-school suspension.

Approval is recommended.

9.13 **6th Hour Assignment for Lake School (ESSC) - KEEL**

Permission is requested to approve the following 6th Hour Assignment for the Spring Semester at Lake School (ECCS).

Teacher
Billy Laycock

Approval is recommended.

9.14 **GCSD9 School Calendar FY28 - ERVAY**

The GCSD9 Administration have provided two possible calendar options listed below:

Local 743 Teachers and Certified, Local 98 Custodial and Classified, and Local 4956

Secretaries, have voted and recommended calendar A.

It is our recommendation to adopt Calendar A for the 2027-2028 school year.

Calendar A		
<i>Month (Student Days/Cumulative)</i>		
August (14/14)	9-11	Teacher Institute
	12	First day of Student Attendance S1
September (21/35)	6	No School - LABOR DAY
October (19/54)	8	County Institute / Teacher Institute
	11	No School - COLUMBUS DAY
November (16/70)	11	No School - VETERANS DAY
	22	PT Conference PM
	23	PT Conference AM
	24-26	No School - THANKSGIVING BREAK
December (13/83)	20-31	No School - WINTER BREAK
January (19/102)	1-3	No School - WINTER BREAK
	4	Teacher Institute
	5	First day of Student Attendance S2
	17	No School - MLK DAY
February (20/122)	21	No School - PRESIDENTS DAY
	23	Teacher Institute
March (23/145)	29	PD/PT Conference
April (14/159)	10-17	No School - SPRING BREAK
May (15/174)	19	Half Day / Last Day of Student Attendance - No Emergency Days
	26	Half Day / Last Day of Student Attendance - All Emergency Days
TOTAL NUMBER OF CPE WORK DAYS: 180		
Semester 1		Semester 2
81 Student Attendance Days		90 Student Attendance Days
2 PT Conference Days (Counted as Attendance)		1 PT Conference Day (Counted as Attendance)
83 Total Student Attendance		2 PLD (Considered Student Attendance Yes)
3 Teacher Institute		93 Total Student Attendance
1 Madison County Institute		

* In Process: Illinois Application for Waiver or modification of State Board Rules or School Code Madates

* Previous Application was approved for 3 Years Prior 25, 26, 27

Calendar B		
Month (Student Days/Cumulative)		
August (9/9)	16-18	Teacher Institute
	19	First day of Student Attendance S1
September (21/30)	6	No School - LABOR DAY
October (19/49)	8	County Institute / Teacher Institute
	11	No School - COLUMBUS DAY
November (16/65)	11	No School - VETERANS DAY
	22	PT Conference PM
	23	PT Conference AM
	24-26	No School - THANKSGIVING BREAK
December (16/81)	23-31	No School - WINTER BREAK
January (19/100)	1-3	No School - WINTER BREAK
	4	Teacher Institute
	5	First day of Student Attendance S2
	17	No School - MLK DAY
February (20/120)	21	No School - PRESIDENTS DAY
	23	Teacher Institute
March (23/143)	29	PD/PT Conference
April (16/159)	12-17	No School - SPRING BREAK
May (15/174)	19	Half Day / Last Day of Student Attendance - No Emergency Days
	26	Half Day / Last Day of Student Attendance - All Emergency Days
TOTAL NUMBER OF CPE WORK DAYS: 180		
Semester 1		Semester 2
79 Student Attendance Days		92 Student Attendance Days
2 PT Conference Days (Counted as Attendance)		1 PT Conference Day (Counted as Attendance)
81 Total Student Attendance		2 PLD (Considered Student Attendance Yes)
3 Teacher Institute		95 Total Student Attendance
1 Madison County Institute		

Approval is recommended.

9.15 Five-Year School Calendar Modification — Professional Learning Days - ERVAY

The administration recommends approving a five-year calendar modification from the

2027–2028 through 2031–2032 school years to transition designated Professional Learning Days (PLDs) from half-day to full-day sessions.

The Board of education will now proceed with the following actions

- Presentation of the Proposed Five-Year School Calendar Modification - PLDs;
- Conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Plan;
- Adopt the accompanying Resolution approving the renewal; and
- Officially approve and execute the Five-Year School Calendar Modification -PLDs , securing all required signatures for submission to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Approve the five-year full-day PLD modification for 2027–2032, pending state approval.

Approval is recommended

9.16 Practical Assessment Exploration System {PAES} - WATKINS

Approval to purchase two Practical Assessment Exploration System (PAES) labs—one replacement legacy lab for Granite City High School and one new lab for Coolidge Middle School to expand early career exploration and IEP assessment.

Cost and Funding - \$92,750.00 total (includes equipment, curriculum, and two training sessions). Fully funded via IDEA funds at no cost to local funds.

Approval of the purchases today ensures delivery, installation, and staff training prior to Winter Break, with a banked second training session reserved for Fall 2027.

10. 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

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES;

Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Education held on September 22, 2026.

12. SETTING OF THE AGENDA

November 17 , 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting

13. ADJOURNMENT