September22, 2026 – Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Board Room

1. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

   Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Eric Stacy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann and Randy Christy, Jr.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INVOCATION

   Pastor Sam Hart with City Temple Church offered 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 September 17, 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 Citizen Kyle Thompson and Chris Kilmer with the Young Warriors Wrestling Academy spoke before the Board.

4.2 Citizen Kristin Hickam spoke before the Board.

4.3 Citizen Ashley Williams spoke before the Board.

4.4 Citizen David Huniak spoke before the Board.

4.5 Staff Recognition

GCSD9 Board of Education and Administration would like to recognize **Mrs. Kyrsten Stockman**, one of our substitute teachers, for her quick thinking and heroic actions.

When a student began choking on a Life Savers candy, Mrs. Stockman acted immediately by administering back thrusts. After a few firm thrusts, the candy was successfully dislodged, allowing the student to breathe freely. The student was then assessed and cared for by Nurse Julie.

Mrs. Stockman, thank you for staying calm under pressure and responding so quickly in a frightening situation. Your attentiveness, courage, and willingness to act made all the difference. We are incredibly grateful for your dedication and commitment to keeping our students safe.

4.6 Student Recognition

The GCSD9 BOE and Administration are incredibly proud to celebrate **7th grader Sidney Roseman** on an amazing finish to her golf season!

Sidney made history as the first-ever student-athlete from our district to qualify for the IESA Golf State Tournament. Representing Coolidge Junior High, she took 1st place at the IESA Sectional Championship with a stellar 1 over par 73. She then advanced to the State stage and capped off her season with an outstanding 5th place finish at the IESA Girls Golf State Championship, shooting an 8 over par 79.

We could not be more proud of Sidney and the dedication and hard work she has put in!

5. MINUTES

5.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on August 25, 2026. {available upon request}

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Tallin Curran

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Abstain: Randy Christy

Carried 6-0

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.

Moved by: Becky Bradley; seconded by: Lori Silva

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Randy Christy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Carried 7-0

6.1 Treasurer's Reports

August 2026 Treasurer's Report

{available upon request}

6.2 Bill List

August 18, 2026 - September 17, 2026

{available upon request}

6.3 Approval of Paid and Unpaid Leaves

Name	Position	Building	Dates
Kay Lanfersieck	Teacher	Maryville	08/10/26 - 10/30/26: Intermittent leave, up to 3 times per month, for 1-6 days per episode.
John Million	Custodian	GCHS	07/17/2026 - 09/11/2026
Chrystal Hanlon	Teacher	Prather	10/9/2026-11/20/2026

6.4 FOIA Requests

We received six (6) requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period August 20, 2026 through September 13, 2026.

6.5 Donations

Cold Weather Donation from Aquarius H3 Sportsgear - GCSD9

On behalf of the BOE and Administration, thank you so much for the generous donation of 5,400 cold-weather hats, gloves, and mittens. This thoughtful gift ensures that our students are fully prepared for the cold winter months ahead. We are extremely appreciative of your commitment to our community, and we cannot thank you enough for your warmth and support.

Southwestern Illinois Board of Realtors (SIBR) Leadership Academy - Maryville Elementary

On behalf of the BOE and Administration, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Southwestern Illinois Board of Realtors (SIBR) Leadership Academy for the generous donation of the new Free Library installed in front of Maryville Elementary. Your thoughtful gift provides our students, families, and neighbors with round-the-clock access to books, encouraging a shared love of reading and strengthening our community ties right at our front doors. We are truly grateful for your investment in our young learners and for the wonderful partnership SIBR continues to offer our school.

Granite City Dairy Queen (Mr. Robbie Steen) - GCHS Boys Golf Program

On behalf of the BOE and Administration, we would like to thank Robbie Steen, owner of the Nameoki Road Dairy Queen, for his incredible and ongoing generosity to the Granite City School District! Year after year, Robbie goes above and beyond to support our students, families, and local community through his annual contributions. Thank you, Robbie, for your dedication and steadfast commitment to making a positive difference in Granite City!

US Steel Corporation – GCSD9

On behalf of the BOE and Administration, a special thank you to US Steel Corporation and its employees for providing back to school donations to six GCSD9 schools. The bags were filled with classroom supplies, playground equipment and gym items that will immediately benefit our students and staff. We appreciate US Steel's and the Employees for their continued support to the Granite City School District.

Nameoki United Methodist Church (Granite City) - Mitchell Elementary

On behalf of the BOE and Administration, we want to express our sincere gratitude to Nameoki United Methodist Church in Granite City. Their generous donation of school supplies and backpack to ensure our students have everything they need to succeed. Thank you for your support and kindness to our community

S.O.A.R Granite City IL Chapter– Prather Elementary

On behalf of the BOE and Administration, we extend our heartfelt thanks to SOAR and its members for their generous $1,000 donation from the BBQ Fundraiser. These funds will go directly toward school supplies for our students and staff at Prather Elementary. We are deeply grateful for SOAR's continued support of the Granite City School District.

Old Grads GC North Class of 1975– GCHS Band

On behalf of the BOE, Administration and the GCHS Band extend their deepest appreciation to the Granite City North Class of 1975 Old Grads for their generous contribution of $3,324. We are honored by their continued commitment to our school community and the arts.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

8. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Retirements and Resignations - GARRETT

Retirements and Resignations

approved the following retirements:

Name	Position	Building	Date
Rebecca Cook	Paraprofessional	Lake	End of 2030-2031
Cindy Heintz	Special Education Teacher	Prather	September 22, 2026
Tonya Stewart	Paraprofessional	Lake	End of 2031-2032

approved the following resignations:

Name	Position	Building	Date
Starrlet Parker	Cafe Worker	Mitchell	September 04, 2026
Jonathon Britt	Custodian	GCHS	September 18, 2026

Moved by: Becky Bradley; seconded by: Randy Christy

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Randy Christy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Carried 7-0

9.2 Employments - GARRETT

Employments, Employments to be rescinded, Student Workers, Extracurricular volunteers, and Certified and Classified Substitutes.

approved the following employments:

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

NAME	POSITION	BUILDING
Shelly Clutts	Cafe Worker 4-hours	TBD
Lissa Blyue	Cafe Worker 4-hours	Wilson
Jamie Haynes	Cafe Worker 4-hours	TBD
Amber Outland	Cafe Worker 4-hours	TBD

approved the following employments have been rescinded.

NAME	POSITION
Nahely Vazquez Herrera	ESL/Bilingual Paraprofessional

approved the following Student Workers.

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

Name
Jaylee Penrod and Zulikey Galindo Enriquez

approved the following extracurricular volunteer.

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

Name	Position	Building
Alexis Ruiz	Girls Volleyball	GCHS

approved the following certified and classified substitutes:

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

Name	Certified / Classified	Name	Certified / Classified
Shelby Gibbs	Certified	Jourdan Yovandich	Certified
Laura Hamilton	Certified	Kyle Swift	Classified
Kenneth Harris	Classified	Sonia Espinoza	Classified
Karree Hughes	Certified	Kelly Christy	Classified
June Oney	Certified	Tracey Robinson	Classified
Jennifer Peck	Certified	Starrlet Parker	Classified
Darla Popmarkoff	Certified	Karen Kaminski	Classified
Caitlin Tirey	Certified	Christina Gassett	Classified
Neeley Wiehardt	Certified	Mary Holland	Classified
Gay Will	Certified	April Treakle	Classified
Dawn Wright	Certified		

Moved by: Lori Silva; seconded by: Tallin Curran

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Abstain: Randy Christy

Carried 6-0

9.3 School ERP Pro Module Enhancements - GARRETT

The Board of Education approved to purchase the following module enhancements to School ERP Pro:

- Transition from Frontline Absence Management at the conclusion of the 2026-2027 and move to School ERP Absence and Substitute to allow for better integration with School ERP Pro and Employee Access for staff. School ERP Absence and Management will cost $9,144 annually. There is a one-time implementation fee of $17,040.
- Add Content Manager and Employee Onboarding Modules to further streamline the hiring process and move towards a more digital process for new and existing employees through School ERP Pro. There will be a one-time cost for implementation of $5,220 and an annual cost of $7,593.

Moved by: Tallin Curran; seconded by: Erica Venne

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Randy Christy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Carried 7-0

9.4 GIRLS ON THE RUN - GRIGSBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - CURRY

The Board of Education approved the Girls on the Run Program

This is a program intended to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experienced-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Students meet twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays, from 3:15pm-4:30pm at Grigsby. On November 14th there is an optional Girls on the Run 5k that participants can sign up for and run! Open to all 3rd-6th grade female students. Girls will learn social-emotional and physical life skills while participating in the program that they can use throughout their adolescent years.

Moved by: Erica Venne; seconded by: Don Lienemann

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Randy Christy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Carried 7-0

9.5 Mitchell School HVAC Communication Repair and Upgrade - E SMITH

The Board of Education approved to proceed with Automatic Controls for the communication repair and upgrade to the HVAC units at Mitchell School. This project will update the existing HVAC control system and bring the controls up to current standards, improving the reliability and management of the HVAC units.

This upgrade will also serve as part of a larger project plan, with the intent to implement similar communication repairs and HVAC control upgrades at other GCSD9 schools in the future.

Automatic Controls: $194,878

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Lori Silva

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Randy Christy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Carried 7-0

9.6 PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DOCKET NO. 25-03040.001-I-3 - RESOLUTION - Harris

The Board of Education approved of the following Resolution Property Tax Appeal Board Docket NO 25-03040.001-I-3 an appeal by Sealy Lakeview Corporation Drive II LLC.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, is a taxing body in Property Tax Appeal Board Docket No. 25-03040.001-I-3 an appeal by Sealy Lakeview Corporate Drive II LLC from a decision of the Board of review of Madison County, Illinois and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9 is desirous of intervening in the above referenced appeal to the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of the Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, that the District intervene in Property Tax Appeal Board No. 25-03040.001-I-3 an appeal by Sealy Lakeview Corporate Drive II LLC has filed an appeal from the decision of the Board of Review of Madison County, Illinois.

The District Administration is hereby directed and authorized to file the necessary documents to file the attached Petition to Intervene.

PASSED BY THE Board of the Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, this 22nd day of September, A.D., 2026.

President Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary Board of Education

Moved by: Tallin Curran; seconded by: Randy Christy

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Randy Christy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Carried 7-0

9.7 PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DOCKET NO. 25-02986.001-I-3 - RESOLUTION - Harris

The Board of Education approved of the following Resolution Property Tax Appeal Board Docket NO 25-02986.001-I-3 an appeal by Washington Capital Mgt. Inc.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, is a taxing body in Property Tax Appeal Board Docket No. 25-02986.001-I-3 an appeal by Washington Capital Mgt. Inc. from a decision of the Board of review of Madison County, Illinois and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9 is desirous of intervening in the above referenced appeal to the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of the Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, that the District intervene in Property Tax Appeal Board No 25-02986.001-I-3 an appeal by Washington Capital Mgt. Inc. has filed an appeal from the decision of the Board of Review of Madison County, Illinois.

The District Administration is hereby directed and authorized to file the necessary documents to file the attached Petition to Intervene.

PASSED BY THE Board of the Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, this 22nd day of September, A.D., 2026.

President Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary Board of Education

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Becky Bradley

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Randy Christy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Carried 7-0

9.8 PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DOCKET NO. 25-02980.001-C-3 - RESOLUTION - Harris

The Board of Education approved of the following Resolution Property Tax Appeal Board Docket NO 25-02980.001-C-3 an appeal by Edwardsville Industrial Portfolio.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, is a taxing body in Property Tax Appeal Board Docket No.25-02980.001-C-3 an appeal by Edwardsville Industrial Portfolio from a decision of the Board of Review of Madison County, Illinois and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is desirous of intervening in the above referenced appeal to the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, that the District intervene in Property Tax Appeal Board 25-02980.001-C-3, an appeal by Edwardsville Industrial Portfolio has filed an appeal from the decision of the Board of Review of Madison County, Illinois.

The District Administration and Thomas E. Schooley, Attorney for the District, P.O. Box 1289, Granite City, IL 62040, PH: 618/877-2142, Email: lowws@charter.net are hereby directed and authorized to file the necessary documents to file the attached Petition to Intervene.

PASSED BY THE board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, this 22nd day of September, A.D., 2026.

President Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary Board of Education

Moved by: Lori Silva; seconded by: Randy Christy

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Randy Christy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Carried 7-0

9.9 ADOPTION OF THE 2026-2027 DISTRICT NO. 9 BUDGET – SUHRE

Having notified the public through a legal advertisement in the August 12th edition of the Belleville News Democrat, and having made the preliminary budget available to the public for at least 30 days, the Board of Education is now ready to proceed.

Actions requested of the Board are:

- Presentation of 2026-2027 District #9 Budget;
- Hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed District #9 2026-2027 Budget;
- Adopt the following Resolution; and
- Adopt the 2026-2027 Budget and secure all necessary signatures.

Temporarily adjourned at 6:38pm, moved by Curran, and seconded by Lienemann.
Zach presented on the District Budget for the 26-27 SY.
Stacy asked if there were any public comments (NONE)
A motion to reconvene was Moved by Member Curran and seconded by Member Christy.
all in favor at 6:54pm and returned to the regular session to approve 9.9.

Moved by: Lori Silva; seconded by: Becky Bradley

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Randy Christy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Carried 7-0

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)

Went into Executive Session @ 6:55pm

Moved by: Tallin Curran; seconded by: Randy Christy

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Randy Christy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Carried 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

- **The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; 2(c)(1)**
- **Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and 2(c)(2)**

Voice out of executive session @ 8:13 pm

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Tallin Curran

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Randy Christy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Carried 7-0

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES;

Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Education held on August 25, 2026.

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Becky Bradley

Aye: Tallin Curran, Lori Silva, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Abstain: Erica Venne and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

12. SETTING OF THE AGENDA

October 27, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting

13. ADJOURNMENT

@ 8:14 pm

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Tallin Curran

Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Lori Silva, Randy Christy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Carried 7-0

Eric C. Stacy, President
Board of Education
Community Unit School District #9

Erica L. Venne, Secretary
Board of Education
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