October 27, 2026 - Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Board Room

1. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

   Present - Tallin Curran, Eric Stacy, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann and Erica Venne.

   Absent - Lori Silva and Randy Christy, Jr.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INVOCATION

   Pastor Berry Shepherd with Tri-City Assembly of God 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 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}

Moved by: Erica Venne; seconded by: Becky Bradley

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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: Tallin Curran; seconded by: Don Lienemann

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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

- paid and unpaid leaves

Name	Position	Building	Dates
Andrew Tretter	Custodian	GCHS	09/14/2026 - 10/15/2026
Brooke Deckard	Paraprofessional	Wilson	09/05/2026 - 12/26/2026: Intermittent leave, up to 3 days per week, up to 12 weeks total.
Penny Tingley	Paraprofessional	GCHS	08/05/2026 - 01/05/2027: Intermittent leave, up to 3 episodes per month lasting up to 4 days per episode, up to 12 weeks total.
David Wright	Custodian	GCHS	09/14/2026 - 12/07/2026
Erin Feldman	Teacher	CJHS	11/24/2026 - 02/16/2027
Traci Garrett	Teacher	Prather	9/29/26 - 12/29/26

- paid and unpaid extensions to leave

Name	Position	Building	Dates
Monte Hopke	Custodian	District	10/01/2026 - 10/15/2026

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.

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.

6.6 Donations

- **St. John United Church of Christ (Donation in Memory of Christy Dawson) - GCSD9**
  On behalf of the BOE and Administration, a heartfelt thank you to St. John UCC Granite City for donating nine Walmart gift cards to support GCSD9 students and families! Our school social workers will use these cards to provide direct support to families in need. This generous gift was given in loving memory of Christy Dawson, a dedicated former GCSD9 social worker who cared deeply for our community. We extend our sincere gratitude to Christy's father, Mr. Jack Dawson, and the entire St. John congregation for honoring Christy's legacy in such a meaningful way.
- **Central Christian Church - Prather Elementary**
  On behalf of the District Administration and staff, a sincere thank you to Mary Borger and Central Christian Church for their wonderful donation of a $500 Walmart gift card to support our students. These funds will be used directly to meet any student needs that arise throughout the school year. Central Christian Church has also generously offered to assist with future student needs as they come up. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing kindness, partnership, and dedication to our school community.
- **United States Steel Corporation - GC Boys and Girls Wrestling Program**
  On behalf of the Board of Education, District Administration, and Granite City Athletics, thank you to the United States Steel Corporation for its generous donation of $11,880 to the GCHS Boys and Girls Wrestling programs! These funds will be used to replace all the wall padding in the GCHS Wrestling Room, ensuring a safer and updated training facility for our student-athletes. We are deeply grateful to U.S. Steel for their continued investment in our schools, athletic programs, and community.
- **Dollar General Literacy Foundation - Granite City High School**
  On behalf of the Board of Education, District Administration, and Granite City High School, thank you to the Dollar General Literacy Foundation for awarding GCHS a $2,500 youth literacy grant! This grant is part of a national initiative distributing over $4.1 million to support education in Dollar General's hometown communities. The funds will allow the GCHS Library/Media Center to expand its collection with Hi-Lo (high-interest, low-readability) and Spanish-adjacent titles, directly supporting struggling readers and English language learners. We are profoundly grateful for Dollar General's investment in our students' literacy and academic success**.**
- **1st MidAmerican Credit Union - GCSD9**
  On behalf of the Board of Education, District Administration, and GCSD9 staff, thank you to 1st MidAmerica Credit Union for their generous donation of school supplies to support our students! These essential items will help ensure our students have the tools they need to succeed in the classroom. We are so grateful for 1st MidAmerica's continued partnership and commitment to supporting Granite City schools!

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Retirements and Resignations - GARRETT

Retirement rescind request, Retirements, and Resignations.

- BOE approved the following retirement rescind requests:

Name	Position	Building	Date
Jody Batson	Principal	Mitchell	End of 2028/2029
Diana Niepert	Administrative Assistant	Maryville	End of 2028/2029

- BOE approved the following retirements:

Name	Position	Building	Date
Jody Batson	Principal	Mitchell	End of 2026/2027
Kimberly Bailey	Teacher	Grigsby	June 01, 2032
Diana Niepert	Administrative Assistant	Maryville	May 27, 2027
Tina Perrin	Paraprofessional	Frohardt	January 8, 2027

- BOE approved the following resignations:

Name	Position	Building	Date
Tori Padgett	Teacher	Grigsby	10/19/2026
Anna Katelynn Pulliam	Paraprofessional	GCHS	10/02/2026

Moved by: Becky Bradley; seconded by: Tallin Curran

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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*

- BOE approved the following employments rescinded:

Name	Position
Amber Outland	Cafe Worker
Jamie Haynes	Cafe Worker

- BOE approved the following employments

Name	Position	Building
Natalie Roy	Special Education Teacher	Prather
Sonia Espinoza	ESL/Bilingual Paraprofessional	Coolidge/Grigsby
Shawn Wylde	Custodian	GCHS
Tammy Garvels	Paraprofessional	Grigsby
Ria High	Paraprofessional	Grigsby
Cheyenne Schulte	Paraprofessional	Mitchell
Kelly Christy	Cafe Worker	Coolidge
Rosa Romero	Cafe Worker	Grigsby

- BOE approved the following 2026-2027 extracurricular assignments.

Name	Position	Building
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
Shannan 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
Gayla Bennett	Metal Detector Supervisor	Coolidge
Jennifer Dutko	Metal Detector Supervisor	Coolidge
Jodie Jackels	Metal Detector Supervisor	Coolidge
Adrienne Johnson	Metal Detector Supervisor	Coolidge
Terri Kunz	Metal Detector Supervisor	Coolidge
Nicole Parker	Metal Detector Supervisor	Coolidge
Laura Pavlovec	Metal Detector Supervisor	Coolidge
Sonja Stewart	Metal Detector Supervisor	Coolidge
Holly Bladdick	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Frohardt
Jodi Blomme	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Frohardt
Darla Bremer	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Frohardt
Lindsay Carney	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Frohardt
Karen Kocarnik	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Frohardt
Ann Mayhall	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Frohardt
Staci Melvin	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Frohardt
Kim Merz	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Frohardt
Karen Kocarnik	Metal Detector Supervisor	Frohardt
Ann Mayhall	Metal Detector Supervisor	Frohardt
Andrea Apperson	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Grigsby
Courtney Bosworth	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Grigsby
Kaycia Buehler	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Grigsby
Angelique Dorris	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Grigsby
Amy Griffith	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Grigsby
Lori Hawthorne	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Grigsby
Shelby Myatt	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Grigsby
Janet Niles	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Grigsby
Leah Schreiber	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Grigsby
Mary Kay Wilson	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Grigsby
Liz Biewald	Metal Detector Supervisor	Grigsby

Laura Coracy	Metal Detector Supervisor	Grigsby
DeAnn Siville	Metal Detector Supervisor	Grigsby
Ann Smith	Metal Detector Supervisor	Grigsby
Kate Becker	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Maryville
Erin Ernst	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Maryville
Meagan Harper	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Maryville
Amy Sanvi	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Maryville
Scott Schardan	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Maryville
Carrie Sitton	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Maryville
Denise Stout	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Maryville
Lori Wilson	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Maryville
Meagan Harper	Metal Detector Supervisor	Maryville
Denise Stout	Metal Detector Supervisor	Maryville
Claudia Cass	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Mitchell
Amanda Corey Cox	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Mitchell
Catherine Delmore	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Mitchell
Penny Feldt	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Mitchell
Michaela Genovese-Moss	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Mitchell
Laura Marzluf	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Mitchell
Chery Weaver	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Mitchell
Jeremy Weaver	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Mitchell
Michaela Genovese-Moss	Metal Detector Supervisor	Mitchell
Christy Taylor	Metal Detector Supervisor	Mitchell
Pam Brezger	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Prather
Christy Marana	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Prather
Brandy McFarland	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Prather
Malori Meador	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Prather
Teresa Meador	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Prather
Stephanie Medlin	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Prather
Julie Mueller	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Prather
Lea Ann Oller	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Prather

Sara Rials	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Prather
Brandi Widel	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Prather
Christy Marana	Metal Detector Supervisor	Prather
Teresa Meador	Metal Detector Supervisor	Prather
Julie Mueller	Metal Detector Supervisor	Prather
Lea Ann Oller	Metal Detector Supervisor	Prather
Kacie Bamert	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Wilson
Angela Ellis	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Wilson
Sarah Fernandez	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Wilson
Tanya Miller	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Wilson
Ashlynn Robinson	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Wilson
Sarah Shaw	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Wilson
Richie Skirball	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Wilson
Erica Stone	2nd Quarter Lunch Duty	Wilson
Melissa Kimble	Metal Detector Supervisor	Wilson
Tanya Miller	Metal Detector Supervisor	Wilson

- BOE approved the following extracurricular volunteer.

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

Name	Position	Building
Sara Delp	Girls Volleyball	GCHS
Chris McCullough	Boys Basketball	GCHS
Jonavan Woods	Girls Volleyball	GCHS

- BOE approved the following certified and classified substitutes:

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

Name	Certified/Classified	Name	Certified/Classified
Brooke Segrest	Classified	Kartasha Leonard	Certified
Ernelinda Gutierrez	Classified	Stephanie Vacca	Certified
Courtney Blair	Certified	Lucas Wilson	Certified
Kristi Henderson	Certified	Jennifer Woods	Certified
Amy Knight	Certified	Vicki Branding	Classified
Brittany Miller	Classified	Kevin Hayes	Classified
Joseph OBrian	Classified	Maximus Polley	Classified
Cheyenne Schulte	Classified	Brittni Neuling	Classified

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Becky Bradley

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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.

{Available upon request}

Moved by: Erica Venne; seconded by: Don Lienemann

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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.

Moved by: Tallin Curran; seconded by: Erica Venne

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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.

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Erica Venne

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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.

Moved by: Erica Venne; seconded by: Tallin Curran

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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.

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Erica Venne

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, is a taxing body in Property Tax Appeal Board Docket No. 2025-03037.001-I-3 an appeal by WPT Inner Park Drive LLP 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 Docket No. 2025-03037.001-I-3 an appeal by WPT Inner Park Drive LLP 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 27th day of October, 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, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, is a taxing body in Property Tax Appeal Board Docket No. 2025-03039.001-I-3 an appeal by Sealy Lakeview Corporate Drive 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. 2025-03039.001-I-3 an appeal by Sealy Lakeview Corporate Drive LLC 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 the Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, this 27th day of October, A.D., 2026.

President Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary Board of Education

Moved by: Erica Venne; seconded by: Don Lienemann

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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.

{Available upon request}

Moved by: Becky Bradley; seconded by: Tallin Curran
Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy
Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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.

Moved by: Erica Venne; seconded by: Becky Bradley
Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy
Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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.

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Erica Venne
Aye: Tallin Curran, Erica Venne, Becky Bradley, Don Lienemann, and Eric Stacy
Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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 (ESSC).

Teacher
Billy Laycock

Moved by: Erica Venne; seconded by: Tallin Curran

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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.

- **2027-2028 GCSD9 School Calendar (**Subject to Change)**
  - **August 9–11, 2027:** Teacher Institute
  - **August 12, 2027:** First Day of Student Attendance (Semester 1)
  - **September 6, 2027:** No School (Labor Day)
  - **October 8, 2027:** County Institute / Teacher Institute
  - **October 11, 2027:** No School (Columbus Day)
  - **November 11, 2027:** No School (Veterans Day)
  - **November 22–23, 2027:** Parent-Teacher Conferences
  - **November 24–26, 2027:** Thanksgiving Break
  - **December 20, 2027 – January 3, 2028:** Winter Break
  - **January 4, 2028:** Teacher Institute
  - **January 5, 2028:** First Day of Student Attendance (Semester 2)
  - **January 17, 2028:** No School (MLK Day)
  - **February 21, 2028:** No School (Presidents Day)
  - **February 23, 2028:** Teacher Institute
  - **March 29, 2028:** Professional Development / PT Conference
  - **April 10–17, 2028:** Spring Break
  - **May 19, 2028:** Last Day of Student Attendance (Half Day - No Emergency Days Used)

May 26, 2028: Last Day of Student Attendance (Half Day - All Emergency Days Used)

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Erica Venne

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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.

Temporarily adjourned at 6:21pm, moved by Curran, and seconded by Bradley. B Ervay spoke about the process to appeal the state for a five-year PLD modification. Member Stacy asked if there were any public comments - (NONE). A motion to reconvene was Moved by Member Lienemann and seconded by Member Curran. all in favor at 6:23pm and returned to the regular session to approve - 9.15.

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Tallin Curran

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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.

Moved by: Tallin Curran; seconded by: Don Lienemann

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

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)

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- **The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; 2(c)(1)**

Went into Executive Session @ 6:25pm

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Becky Bradley

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

Voice out of executive session @ 7:10 pm

Moved by: Becky Bradley; seconded by: Don Lienemann

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

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 5-0

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES;

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

Moved by: Becky Bradley; seconded by: Tallin Curran

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

Abstain: Erica Venne

Absent: Lori Silva and Randy Christy

Carried 4-0

12. SETTING OF THE AGENDA

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13. ADJOURNMENT

7:12pm

Moved by: Don Lienemann; seconded by: Tallin Curran

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

Carried 5-0

Eric C. Stacy, President
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Erica L. Venne, Secretary
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