

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 17, 2014

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Thursday, April 17, 2014, at 6:15 pm in the GCMS Board Room. Roll was called with members Swearingen, Elder, Johnson, Young, Zbinden, Whitehouse and Cope in attendance. Also present were, Patti Welander, Christopher Garard, Jeremy Darnell, Justin Kean, Todd Pondel, Scott Schulte, Bill Ogg, Kristen Schulte, Mady Schulte, Jennifer Allen, Chase Pondel, Amanda Goin, Josh Evans Anthony Galindo, and Acting Board Secretary Bobbi Jo Shepherd.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by all present.

A motion to go into executive session at 6:23pm for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the district including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity 5ILCS 120/2(c) (1), student disciplinary cases 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (9), the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students 5ILCS120/2(c) (10), and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2). Motion was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Elder. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to return to regular session was made by member Young and seconded by member Zbinden at 7:19pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

Addition Agenda Items:

Recognition of Visitors:

Student Chase Pondel and Maddie Schulte from GCMS Middle School gave a presentation on the wax museum. Their teacher Jenny Allen was also present.

A Gibson Area Music Foundation Representative came and addressed the Board and presented a \$1000.00 check to the GCMS Band program.

Kevin Heid, Managing Director from Stifel Nicolaus provided financial information concerning performance contracting.

Consent Agenda:

A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented in the board packet, motion was made by member Young and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. **GCMS Accounts Payable** bills approved for were \$872,705.04 (Education fund \$235,270.83 - Building fund \$47,183.00 - Debt Service fund \$0.00 - Transportation fund \$37,358.48 - IMRF fund \$6,779.39 - Capital Projects fund \$0.00- W/C \$0.00 – TORT \$519.00- F/HLS \$0.00) **GCMS Payrolls** approved were \$547,654.49 (Education fund

\$517,628.56- Building fund \$26,002.98 -Transportation fund \$4,022.95) **FCSEC Accounts Payable** bills approved were \$94,445.22 Accounts Payable (Education fund \$92,366.33 Building fund \$114.52 - IMRF Fund \$1,964.37 and **FCSEC Payrolls** approved were \$46,289.91 all in the Education fund.

Also approved were the GCMS regular board meeting minutes from March 11, 2014 and the utilities & lunch reports, the financial/treasurers report on behalf of the GCMS District and the FCSEC, the investment report on behalf of the GCMS District and the FCSEC, the destruction of executive session tapes through the end of October 2012, five donations as seen below.

Approve the following donations:

Amount	From	To
\$ 250.00	Niemann Foods INC	H.S.
\$ 150.00	Larry and Cheryl Crews	HS Softball
\$1,000.00	National Org. of Youth Survey	Project Ignition
\$ 50.00	Gibson City Rotary Club	Art Club
\$1,000.00	Gibson Area Music Foundation	GCMS Band

Approve the field trip(s) for:

- Life Skills Classes to various businesses in the community weekly as schedule allows
- Kindergarten classes to Miller Park Zoo in Bloomington, IL on May 16, 2014
- Senior PE class to Allerton Park in Monticello, IL on April 24
- Senior Trip to Six Flags St. Louis on May 27, 2014

Approve facility use agreement pending proof of insurance and all other district requirements for:

- Relay for life on June 7, 2014, the use of the elementary lobby in case of severe weather and the need for shelter - Fees Waived
- FCA use of M.S. Gym and Cafeteria/Kitchen from June 23 - 26, 2014 / Charges are for gym - \$120.00 and kitchen/cafeteria - \$200.00 and additional charges for fuel for the minibus used.

Action Items from Executive Session

Accept Resignation:

A motion to accept the resignation **Chrystal Little** as 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach at GCMS Middle School effective immediately pending suitable replacement. Motion made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to accept the resignation **Julie Withrow** as Counselor/Teacher at GCMS Middle School effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Young. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to accept the resignation **Kay Swearingen** as an aide at GCMS Middle School effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion made by member Johnson and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes, board member Steve Swearingen abstained.

A motion to accept the resignation **Ericka Kostoff** as 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach at GCMS Middle School effective immediately pending suitable replacement. Motion made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Zbinden. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Approve Employment:

A motion to employ **Lori Hinrichs** as a part time personal aide at GCMS Elementary School at a rate of \$10.00/hour with no benefits beginning April 22, 2014 pending all GCMS required materials are received and approved. Motion made by member Johnson and seconded by member Young. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to employ **Ashley Barnes** as the middle school math teacher beginning with school year 2014-2015 at the rate according to the GCMSEA and GCMS Board of Education Negotiated agreement pending all GCMS required materials are received and approved. Motion made by member Zbinden and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Mr. Galindo informed the Board that pending Lori Hinrichs' employment, **Kaitlyn Henrichs** will then be a **full time** aide (1/2 time personal aide and ½ time in the elementary library) at the elementary school beginning at a rate of \$10.00/hour. She would then receive benefits.

A motion to approve **Early Graduation** at the end of first semester in the 2014-2015 school year after meeting all of the graduation requirements of GCMS CUSD 5 for **Abby McGuire**. Motion made by member Young and seconded by member Swearingen. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to approve **Early Graduation** at the end of first semester in the 2014-2015 school year after meeting all of the graduation requirements of GCMS CUSD 5 for **Dillan Vanderhye**. Motion made by member Johnson and seconded by member Young. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to approve **Kristine Rousseau's** parental leave beginning on the birth date of her child, approximately July 15, 2014, for 8 weeks (anticipated return September 9, 2014). Motion made by member Zbinden and seconded by member Swearingen. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to approve **Dustin White's** parental leave beginning on the birth date of his child, approximately June 17, 2014, for 8 weeks (anticipated return August 18, 2014). Motion made by member Elder and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Committee Reports

Policy: Members-Rod Cope, Adam Elder, Jamie Zbinden

Mr. Elder reviewed Policy Press Issue 84 - February 2014

Policy numbers - 2:30, 2:100, 2:110, 4:30, 5:10, 5:30, 5:35, 5:125, 5:180, 5:190, 6:65, 6:160, 7:70, 7:140, 7:180, 7:185, 8:95, 7:190.

Motion made to approve the first reading of policies listed. Motion made by member Young and seconded by member Swearingen. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Not adopted at this time was 5:240.

Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Members-Jamie Zbinden, Steve Swearingen, Rod Cope

Mr. Galindo reported on the April 3, 2014 meeting of the Building, Grounds, & Transportation

Committee. Items discussed were to ok plans for HS gym, discussion on walls in elementary school, and re-evaluate phase 2 work timing.

Personnel & Finance: Members-Tyler Young, Phil Whitehouse, Josh Johnson

Mr. Galindo reported on the April 16, 2014 meeting of the Personnel & Finance Committee. Items discussed were Fees for 2014, Contracts for administrators, and FY 14 budget update.

Strategy and Enrichment Committee:

Board member Young reported on the April 17, 2014 meeting of the Strategy and Enrichment Committee. Items discussed were goals – Semi-annual retreat is April 17, 2014 at 5 PM in unit board room.

Building Administrator Reports:

Principals Report:

Principals Christopher Garard, Jeremy Darnell and Justin Kean addressed the board, reporting on staffing, current activities and planned events in their perspective buildings. (Principals reports are attached to these minutes).

Ford County Special Education Cooperative Report:

Mr. Brackmann was not in attendance. There was no report.

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence:

Recognition from IASB for Phil Whitehouse as he served on the Delegate Assembly in Chicago.

Principals from all three schools have made updates and changes to the **2014/2015 Parent/Student Handbooks**. After brief discussion a motion was made to approve the handbooks for 2014 - 2015 school year for all 3 GCMS Schools. Motion made by member Elder and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Galindo informed the Board about grants. We did receive notice that we will receive the **School District Library Program Grant in the amount of \$782.25**. Thank you to Mrs. Titus for preparing the grant. We also received notice that we were granted the 2nd round ISBE **Maintenance Project Grant** for work towards our **High School gym Windows in the amount of \$50,000**.

Mr. Galindo provided information regarding the DOL. He received and answered a request from DOL on our water main break. No follow up on it at this time.

Fees – Final discussion on fees for 2014-2015 school year. **Approve fees for 2014/2015 school year**. Motion made by member Young and seconded by member Zbinden. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Galindo informed the Board of the **amended calendar for FY14 and proposed calendar for FY 15** are **approved** by the ROE and ISBE.

Contract for HS Sports Medicine Services: Motion to approve the **contract through 2017** as presented. Motion made by member Young and seconded by member Swearingen. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Galindo communicated to the board that we have received notice from ISBE that all of GCMS Schools are Fully Recognized by the ISBE.

Mr. Galindo spoke to the Board concerning Education for Employment (EFE) working on possible agreement with Parkland for Career Technical Education (CTE) classes

Reminders:

Mr. Galindo informed the Board of the **Corn Belt Governing Meeting** on Thursday, May 8, at 6:30 in Fairbury to plan for next year's meetings.

A motion to adjourn regular session was made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Young at 8:40pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

President

Secretary