

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY, 23, 2015

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:15pm in the GCMS Board Room. The board was called to order by Board President Rod Cope. Roll was called with members Swearingen, Elder, Johnson, Whitehouse, Young and Cope in attendance. Board member Zbinden was absent. Also present were, Patti Welander, Debra McCullough, Will Brumleve, Susan Riley, Christopher Garard, Jeremy Darnell, Justin Kean, Rick Brackmann, Anthony Galindo, and Board Secretary Sarah Sarantakos.

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

Recognition of Visitors: None

A motion to go **into executive session** at 6:17 pm 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 Johnson and seconded by member Young. 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 Whitehouse at 6:23pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

Addition Agenda Items:

7.1 Correction of year 2014 should be 2015

11.10 Addition, Amending Board Meeting Dates

A motion to approve the agenda additions as presented. Motion was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Consent Agenda:

GCMS Accounts Payable bills approved for were \$512,895.18 (Education fund \$344,101.23- Building fund \$44,008.11- Debt Service fund \$0.00 - Transportation fund \$74,887.18 - IMRF fund \$24,625.63 - Capital Projects fund \$0.00- W/C \$0.00 -TORT \$25,273.03- F/HLS \$0.00) **GCMS Payrolls (There are (3) payrolls this time)** approved were \$553,882.71 (Education fund \$493,736.69- Building fund \$26,486.51, -Transportation fund \$3,723.94 TORT \$29,935.57 **FCSEC Accounts Payable** bills approved were \$83,545.01 Accounts Payable (Education fund \$81,508.71- Building fund \$123.75 - IMRF Fund \$1,912.55 and **FCSEC Payrolls** approved were \$49,233.44 all in the Education fund. Also approved were the executive board meeting minutes from January 15, 2015, lunch reports in the month of January, 2015, 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 August, 2013, donations, Facility Use Request, and Field Trip Request as seen below.

Approve Facility Use Agreements or Request for Use of School Kitchen/Cafeteria pending proof of insurance and all other district requirements for:

- *7th Grade Parent Lunch on March 6, 2015
- *Annual Pizza Dinner Band (Double Donation) Concert on Sunday, February, 22, 2015
- *Middle School Mentor/Student Lunch Wednesday, February, 18, 2015
- *Elementary School Lunch Connect (3rd & 5th Grades week of March 23, 27, 2015) (4th grade week of March 30, 2015-April 2, 2015)
- *WGCY All Star Basketball on Saturday, March, 21, 2015 in the High School

Approve Field Trip Request:

- *2nd grade class, to the Gibson Area Hospital
- *8th grade class to the Chicago-Art Institute/Millennium Park
- *High School Tractor Restoration/Vocational Ed to Burkey's in Gibson City

Approve the following donations:

Amount	From	To
\$3,000.00	Anonymous	Middle School Field Trips
\$50.00	Melvin Women's club	Project Ignition
\$1,774.00	Knights of Columbus	GCMS Special Ed
\$150.00	Niemann Foods	High School Football

A motion to approve the **consent agenda** as presented in the board packet. Motion was made by member Young and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Action Items from Executive Session

Accept Resignation:

A motion to accept the resignation of **Elliott Hassebring** as the high school agriculture teacher for GCMS CUSD 5 effective June 30, 2015 with thanks for his service to our district. Motion made by member Young and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Approve Employment: None at this time

Maternity Leave: None at this time

Approve Employment for Volunteer Coaches: None at this time

Early graduation requests: None at this time

Committee Reports

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

Superintendent Galindo informed the board of the amended changes to policy 5:185. Storm shelters only apply to new construction and the FMLA change to clarify that the year starts from time of incident (rolling year) also the employee has to be employed for 1 year to receive FMLA benefits. President Cope presented the motion with the amendments.

Motion to approve the following policies from October 2013 - Issue 87: 2:140, 4:10, 4:45, 4:110, 4:120, 4:130, 4:150, 5:10, 5:130, 5:220, 5:250, 6:20, 6:60, 6:110, 6:280, 6:300, 6:310, 6:340, 7:50, 7:100, 7:220, 7:270, 8:20 and 5:185 as amended. Motion made by member Elder and seconded by member Young.

Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

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

No Report however, Superintendent Galindo stated the committee will meet after the 2015 summer projects work request have been compiled. We are still waiting on a few recommendations.

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

Superintendent Galindo informed the board of scheduling for pre- negotiation meeting with attorney. In addition to the current positions opened. These will need to be filled for next academic year. Fees were also a topic of conversation. More information is presented later in these minutes.

Strategy and Enrichment Committee: Tyler Young

No Report

Wellness Team: Josh Johnson

No Report

Building Administrator Reports:

Principals Report:

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

Swearingen commended Mr. Renchen for the great concert that was held on Sunday, February 22, 2015.

Ford County Special Education Cooperative Report:

Ford County Special Education Coop Director, Rick Brackmann provided the board with information from the February 2015 board meeting. Spring pre-screening for the school year 2015/2016 will be held on March 20, 2015. This screening is opened to all children from Birth to 5 years old. (The report are attached to these minutes)

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence:

Superintendent Galindo received three notes of thanks from...

Thank you from family of Doris Benter

Thank you from Jane Quinlan, to Superintendent for presenting at a recent ROE meeting

Thank you from Iroquois Memorial Hospice in memory of Betty Meyer

Superintendent Galindo has provided the district with a new **GCMS Bullying Prevention and Response Plan**. This is in reply to a new state law requiring a Bullying Law and Plan. This new law expands the area of coverage on cyber bullying to electronic devices that are not only school electronic devices but a student's personal electronic devices as well. If the District is made aware of a cyber-bullying situation we are to investigate the claim. The law requires us to have a plan in place on reporting a cyber-bullying claims and how we will investigate that claim. The District will have a semiannually evaluation on any incidents on bullying.

Superintendent Galindo shared with the board the **proposed 2015 / 2016 School Calendar** for review. Superintendent Galindo pointed out that for 2015/2016 the teachers will have built in to the calendar four SIP (School Improvement Plan) afternoons for professional development. The students will be dismissed at 11:30am so that the teachers can have time for training or planning during regular school hours. This will save money for the district as we will not to fill in with substitute teachers. This is also good for our students as they will have continuity because they will have their classroom teacher. The preliminary schedule has school starting on Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

Superintendent Galindo lead discussion on the proposed middle school softball program. He reminded the board that the startup cost for this athletic program will come through donations. Then the district would financially keep the program going.

Motion to approve the **GCMS District support of IESA Softball Program at GCMS Middle School beginning 2015/2016** school year with start -up costs paid through donations. Motion made by member Elder and seconded by member Swearingen. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-1.

Voting Yes (Whitehouse, Swearingen, Young, Johnson, Elder) Voting No (Cope)

Superintendent Galindo conducted the discussion on the **Middle School Wrestling program**. In the 2015-2016 school year the district was asked to become the sponsor of the middle school wrestling program. For the past 4 years the middle school wrestling program has been self-supporting with donations. Motion to approve district sponsorship of Middle School Wrestling program beginning 2015-2016 school year with all current program funds going to that program. Motion made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-1.

Voting Yes (Whitehouse, Swearingen, Young, Johnson, Elder) Voting No (Cope)

Superintendent Galindo presented to the board for **review fees for the 2014-2015** school year, with discussion on adding an activity fee if a student participates in an athletics or scholastic Bowl for the 2015-2016 school year as well as adding a pass for just middle school athletic. Superintendent Galindo informed the board that at the next month board meeting in March 2015 the fees for the 2015-2016 school year will be presented for approval.

Superintendent Galindo furnished to the board the **ROE Compliance Review Findings**. We need to install outlets in all buildings to plug in our smart boards, and hang up a fire extinguisher in one room. We will add these to summer work plans. Superintendent Galindo has already filed the action plan to ISBE.

Superintendent Galindo delivered the **Post Issuance TAX Compliance report and review**. The district has a requirement of debt certificate bond that it is reviewed annually and all required reports are filed on time. This notification serves as the record of fulfillment of that review.

Superintendent Galindo advised the board of on the district's bids for **mowing for the summer of 2015**. These bids were to be sealed and marked "Mowing" and turned into the District office by February 13, 2015. Two bids were received, one from Jason Mackinson and the other from Jeff Jackson Total Lawn Perfection. After reviewing the bids it was determined to award the bid to Jeff Jackson, Total Lawn Perfection. Motion to approve the bid for summer 2015 mowing to Jeff Jackson, Total Lawn Perfection as presented. Motion made by member Johnson and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Superintendent Galindo informed the board that we have received one FOIA request- Superintendent Galindo has responded within the legal requirements.

Superintendent Galindo further shared that the district has received the **FY15 School District Library Program Grant in the amount of \$773.25**. Thanks to Lynne Titus for preparing that grant for GCMS.

Agenda addition: Amending Board Meeting Dates. This was too accurately reflect the February 2015 board meeting date, changing it from February 19, 2015 to February 23, 2015, in addition changing Tuesday, March 19, 2015 board meeting day from Tuesday to Thursday.

Upcoming Events: See Principles Report

Reminders:

*Board members need to get required training completed

A motion to return to **executive session** at 7:46pm for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the district or legal counsel for 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) Motion was made by member Young and seconded by member Elder. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Board Secretary Sarah Sarantakos was not in attendance for this portion of the executive session.

A motion to **return to regular session** was made by member Young and seconded by member Elder at 9:10pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

A motion to **adjourn regular session** was made by member Johnson and seconded by member Elder at 9:10pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

President

Secretary



Date February 13, 2015
TO: Members, Board of Education
FROM: Chris Garard - Principal
SUBJECT: Monthly Update

1. Enrollment- 310 (-3 from December)
 - a. Freshmen – 83 (+1)
 - b. Sophomores – 99 (-1)
 - c. Juniors – 73 (+1)
 - d. Seniors – 59 (-3)
2. PARCC and ACT testing preparation
3. Junior In-Service was held on January 29
 - a. Dr. Lau from Parkland College was the keynote speaker. ISU, Eureka, Lincoln Christian College, National Guard, and GAH were also represented. Students listened to presentations, did team building activities, and created their senior schedules after visiting with teachers from multiple departments.
4. Parkland College Early College and Career Academy update
 - a. One student signed up for Criminal Justice
5. Student of the Month
 - a. February – Devyn Roesch
6. Athletics
 - a. Congratulations to our Wrestling team for winning their 3rd consecutive Regional Championship
 - b. Team Wrestling Sectional – February 24, 6:00 at Prairie Central HS vs. Petersburg-Porta HS
7. HOIC Discussion – Information Item Only
 - a. Lexington HS is petitioning the HOIC to CO-OP with Ridgeview and Blue Ridge HS's for football.
8. Upcoming Dates
 - a. PSAT/ACT Testing – March 3-4 at GCBC
 - i. Juniors only
 - b. PARCC Testing – Performance Based Assessments – March 16-25
 - i. American Literature and Algebra 2 students only
 - c. Boys Basketball Regionals – February 23 at PBL.

Principal's Report to the Board of Education

February 19, 2015

Jeremy Darnell

GCMS Middle School

Academics and Discipline:

Winter blah is in effect! We are working hard to keep the students focused and moving forward. All team teachers are exposing kids to the different aspects of the PARCC testing while trying to maintain normal instruction.

PARCC:

Creating schedules, practice questions, preparing technology, watching the news, and training to be prepared. A great deal of time and energy are being spent getting ready to put our best foot forward.

Athletics:

Wrestling Regional is coming up on the 28th!

Volleyball –TCC tournament is tomorrow night and Saturday. Regionals will be next month.

Basketball- 7th grade lost a hard fought game in the regional championship showing great improvement and resilience. 8th Grade won their regional championship and will play on the 11th for a sectional title and bid to state.

Dance:

The next dance will be February 27th

Student Enrollment (2/10/15):

6th – 83

7th – 90

8th - 94

Elementary School Board Report 2/19/15

- 1) BUG
 - a. Our February theme is Honesty
 - b. We had an assembly on 1-30-15 and there is another video posted
 - c. Next assembly is Feb. 27th

- 2) Small group reading training
 - a. Class at Leroy through ISU
 - b. Has been a positive experience!
 - c. Professor is going to visit us on Feb. 26th

- 3) Pennies For Patients-
 - a. Funds benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
 - b. We raised \$1990.77
 - c. 2A donated \$144.43 and will receive a pizza party
 - d. \$69.65 was put in Mr. Kean's box (has to kiss a farm animal at a BUG assembly)

- 4) Projected #'s for K
 - a. Pre-registration will be March 3rd from 9:00-4:00 and March 4th from 4:00-6:30 pm
 - b. Busy hands= 23
 - c. Little Achievers= 13
 - d. ECE= 10
 - e. Head Start= 9
 - f. Known others= 5
 - g. Unknown= usually averages 10-15 students
 - h. Total projected= 70-75 students

- 5) Upcoming Dates
 - a. Feb. 22= Double Donation Band Concert
 - b. Feb. 24= ISU Reading @ Leroy
 - c. Feb. 25= START
 - d. Feb. 26= ISU visit to GCMS
 - e. Feb. 27= Miles of Smiles
 - f. Feb. 27= BUG Assembly @ 2:20
 - g. March 3= K pre-registration @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 - h. March 4= K pre-registration @ 4:00-6:30 pm
 - i. March 4= PTA meeting @ 6:30
 - j. March 9-13= GCMS Elem. PARCC Testing
 - k. March 14= All School Trip

- 6) Enrollment (up!)
 - a. K= 72
 - b. 1st= 86
 - c. 2nd= 74
 - d. 3rd= 76
 - e. 4th= 83
 - f. 5th= 63
 - g. ECE= 21
 - h. Total= 475

Ford County Special Education Cooperative
February 2015 Quarterly Report to GCMS and PBL

Fund	Year to Date		Fund Balance		
	Expense	Income	YTD Change	Start of Year	Current
Education	1,010,898.86	900,253.05	(110,645.81)	399,831.57	289,185.76
O & M	847.76	-	(847.76)	21,958.49	21,110.73
IMRF/Soc Sec	13,714.43	-	(13,714.43)	15,413.60	1,699.17
	\$ 1,025,461.05	\$ 900,253.05	\$ (125,208.00)	\$ 437,203.66	\$ 311,995.66

Dec. 1st Child Count

	12/1 Child Count	District Enrollment	% with IEPs
GCMS 02-03	175	1007	17.4%
GCMS 03-04	165	1014	16.3%
GCMS 04-05	173	1104	15.7%
GCMS 05-06	191	1122	17.0%
GCMS 06-07	190	1092	17.4%
GCMS 07-08	180	1104	16.3%
GCMS 08-09	165	1115	14.8%
GCMS 09-10	160	1061	15.1%
GCMS 10-11	150	1047	14.3%
GCMS 11-12	139	1064	13.1%
GCMS 12-13	132	1058	12.5%
GCMS 13-14	133	1041	12.8%
GCMS 14-15	144*	1058*	13.6%
PBL 02-03	232	1411	16.4%
PBL 03-04	250	1466	17.1%
PBL 04-05	266	1485	17.9%
PBL 05-06	268	1510	17.7%
PBL 06-07	256	1527	16.8%
PBL 07-08	248	1555	15.9%
PBL 08-09	246	1550	15.9%
PBL 09-10	240	1532	15.7%
PBL 10-11	209	1483	14.1%
PBL 11-12	203	1394	14.6%
PBL 12-13	203	1453	14.0%
PBL 13-14	199	1415	14.1%
PBL 14-15	213*	1392*	15.3%

Parent Night in PBL (11/20/2014)

- Around 24 parents and students
- 4 agencies that can provide post-high school services to students with disabilities gave presentations