

**GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MARCH 19, 2015**

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The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Thursday, March 19, 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, Zbinden, Young and Cope in attendance. Also present were, Patti Welander, Debra McCullough, Susan Riley, Kari Ryan-Cline, Erin Nuss, Lynne Titus, Angie Funk, Sandy Hathway, Lisa Heap, Caity Heap, Mike Allen, KiLee Lidwell-McFerren, Christopher Garard, Jeremy Darnell, Justin Kean, Anthony Galindo, Doris DeFries and Board Secretary Sarah Sarantakos.

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

**Recognition of Visitors:**

A few members of the GCMSEA(Susan Riley, Erin, Nuss, Caity Heap, Lynne Titus, Angie Funk), GCMS Para-Professional staff (Sandy Hathway) and a parent (Lisa Heap) were present to share their concerns about eliminating the High School Librarian position and replacing the position with a library clerk. They passed out information on studies that showed greater success in students when a certified librarian was on staff. They also distributed information on the duties and responsibilities that the high school librarian has. Board President Cope thanked them all for coming and sharing their thoughts, concerns and information with the board. Cope further stated they would take into consideration all that they had shared with the board.

Kari Ryan-Cline, our school bus manager, addressed the board concerning the satisfaction of the transportation service that the bus crew of Illinois Central provides the GCMS School District. The board congratulated her and her staff for their great service to the district.

A motion to go **into executive session** at 6:37pm 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 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 7:31pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

**Addition Agenda Items:**

None

**Consent Agenda:**

**GCMS Accounts Payable** bills approved for were \$591,646.31 (Education fund \$339,676.36- Building fund \$141,047.43- Debt Service fund \$0.00 - Transportation fund \$45,161.87 - IMRF fund \$26,025.07 - Capital Projects fund \$0.00- W/C \$0.00 -TORT \$39,735.58- F/HLS \$0.00) **GCMS Payrolls** approved were \$379,473.18 (Education fund \$339,846.38- Building fund \$17,160.04, -Transportation fund \$2,457.10 TORT \$20,009.66 **FCSEC Accounts Payable** bills approved were \$53,392.42 **Accounts Payable** (Education fund \$51,358.67- Building fund \$118.58 - IMRF Fund \$1,915.17 and **FCSEC Payrolls** approved were \$32,601.33 all in the Education fund. Also approved were the executive board meeting minutes from February 23, 2015, lunch reports in the month of February 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 September, 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:**

- \***Staci Lindelof requesting use of tables and chairs** on 3/14/2015 fees waived
- \* **CPR classes by Trisha Lozier** April 12, 2015, May 31, 2015 and June 16, 2015 - times will vary around buildings schedules and any building will work. No fees
- \* **FCA Summer Camp** from June 29 - July 2 - Use of Elementary Cafeteria and gym, HS gym, and softball, baseball, and tennis facilities. Fees waived.

**Approve Field Trip Request:**

- \* 8th Grade Trade Up group on April 24, 2015 to Parkland College, Champaign
- \* Middle School Student of the Month re-wardees to Heartland Community College in Bloomington on May 28, 2015
- \*4th grade Students to Springfield to historical sites on May 1, 2015
- \*Kindergarten to Miller Park Zoo in Bloomington on May 15, 2015

**Approve the following donations:**

| <b>Amount</b> | <b>From</b>  | <b>To</b>         |
|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| \$500         | Ricky Crewes | MS Softball       |
| \$374         | Anonymous    | HS Jr. In-service |
| \$100         | McDonalds    | HS Junior Class   |
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A motion to approve the **consent agenda** as presented in the board packet. Motion was made by member Johnson and seconded by member Zbinden. 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 **Kyle Bielfeldt** as a **High School Social Studies Teacher** for GCMS CUSD 5, effective at the end of school year 2014/2015, with thanks for his service to our district. 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 accept the resignation of **Jordan Kerber** as a **Middle School Cheerleading Sponsor**, effective at the end of school year 2014/2015 providing a suitable replacement is secured, with thanks for her service to our district. Motion made by member Johnson and seconded by member Young. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

### **Approve Employment:**

Motion to approve the employment of **Taylor Rubarts** as a **8<sup>th</sup> grade English Teacher** at the GCMS Middle School beginning school year 2015/2016 at the rate as prescribed by the negotiated agreement between the GCMSEA and GCMS BOE. Motion made by member Zbinden and seconded by member Young. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion to approve the employment of **Elizabeth Maske** as a **Middle School Title 1 Reading and Digital Communication Teacher** at GCMS beginning school year 2015/2016 at the rate as prescribed by the negotiated agreement between the GCMSEA and GCMS BOE. Motion made by member White and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion to approve the employment of **Chris Headrick** as a **High School Head Golf Coach** at GCMS beginning school year 2015/2016 at the rate as prescribed by the negotiated agreement between the GCMSEA and GCMS BOE. Motion made by member Johnson and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

**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  
No Report

**Building, Grounds, & Transportation:** Members-Jamie Zbinden, Steve Swearingen, Rod Cope  
Superintendent Galindo reported on the March 12, 2015 Building, Grounds and Transportation meeting. The items discussed were summer maintenance projects, performance Contracting Phase II with GRP, and the possible purchase of a maintenance truck.

**Personnel & Finance:** Members-Tyler Young, Phil Whitehouse, Josh Johnson  
Superintendent Galindo informed the board of scheduling meeting with the GCMSEA negotiation team on Friday, March 27, 2015 at 5:00pm

**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).

**Ford County Special Education Cooperative Report:**

Mr. Brackmann had not report

**Superintendent's Report**

**Correspondence:**

Superintendent Galindo received the following correspondence.

Superintendent congratulated Mark Berry for his nominated for "Co-Coach of the year" by IESA for Basketball.

Superintendent was happy to announce that GCMS was awarded \$660 grant for storyteller presentation from Illinois Arts Council, thanks to Cathy Walker-Steidinger for submitting the grant request.

Mr. Galindo presented the auditor fees proposal for both GCMS and FCSEC for auditing Fiscal Year 2015. GCMS fees not to exceed \$5,300 and FCSEC not to exceed \$2,800. A motion to approve the contract with **Russell Leigh & Associates for GCMS and FCSEC for Audit FY 2015**. Motion made my member Zbinden and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Superintendent Galindo informed the board that this year school calendar 2014/2015 needed to be amended due to the snow day on March 3, 2015. This will add one more day on to the school calendar. The last day for student attendance is June 2, 2015. A motion to approve the **amended calendar for 2014/2015 School Year** as presented. Motion made my member Young and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Superintendent Galindo presented the 2015/2016 School Calendar to the school board for their approval. The first day for student attendance is Tuesday, August 18, 2015. Motion to **approve the 2015/2016 School Calendar** as presented. Motion made my member Johnson and seconded by member Zbinden. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Superintendent Galindo submitted to the board **fees for 2015 2016 school year. Changes in the fee schedule** are adding an activity fee if a student in high school or middle school participates in an athletics or scholastic Bowl. The fee is \$50 per sport or scholastic bowl/ \$100 maximum per student/ or \$150 maximum per family. In the next school we will also be adding a pass for just middle school athletic. The remainder of the fees will remain the same. A motion to **approve fees for 2015/ 2016 school year** as

presented. Motion made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Superintendent Galindo furnished the board with membership renewal from the IESA and IHSA for the Middle School and High School Activities. A motion to **approve GCMS membership for IESA and IHSA for the GCMS Middle School and High School**. Motion made by member Young and seconded by member Zbinden. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Superintendent Galindo notified the board that the Senate Bill 7 reports have been completed and are out to teachers.

**Informational:**

News from the legislative arena and Vision 20 20

Superintendent Galindo informed the board of some changes that the State of Illinois is again considering. The TRS retirement cost shift to the school districts may be shifted quicker than originally thought. This would cost approximately \$350,000.00 per year. The state is also talking about cutting our last General State Aid payment approximately \$52,000.00. There was further talk about cutting our last categorical payments estimated at \$112,000.00. Special Education funding may also, be cut for our district in the estimated amount of \$170,000.00.

Triple I Conference - online registration

Superintendent Galindo informed the board of a FOIA request he received concerning copy machines. The FOIA request for this information has been processed.

**Upcoming Events:** See Principles Report

A motion to return to **executive session** at 8:30pm 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 Swearingen and seconded by member Whitehouse. 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 Whitehouse and seconded by member Johnson at 9:06pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

A motion to **adjourn regular session** was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Johnson at 9:08pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

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President

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Secretary



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**Date**                    **March 12, 2015**  
**TO:**                      **Members, Board of Education**  
**FROM:**                 **Chris Garard - Principal**  
**SUBJECT:**             **Monthly Update**

1. Enrollment- 310 (= from February)
  - a. Freshmen – 83 (=)
  - b. Sophomores – 96 (=)
  - c. Juniors – 72 (=)
  - d. Seniors – 59 (=)
  
2. Student of the Month
  - a. March – Candis Mueller
  
3. PARCC – PARCC – PARCC
  - a. Preparations have been taking place since – FOREVER! We have had to adjust our schedule for PARCC due to the ACT being postponed because of a bad weather day. We will now begin testing on March 20.
  
4. ACT
  - a. The ACT was rescheduled and happened on March 17. Mr. McDevitt and Mrs. DeSchepper handled the postponement and reschedule very well. Our kids were phenomenal and worked very hard.
  - b. WorkKeys – We conducted the WorkKeys portion of the ACT as scheduled.
  
5. National Honor Society
  - a. William M. Loy chapter had 14 new members inducted on Thursday, March 12 and a desert banquet was held that evening at Railside Golf Course in there honor.
  
6. Athletics
  - a. Congratulations to our Wrestling team – 4<sup>th</sup> Place at IHSA Team Dual Championships.
  
7. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
  - a. Congratulations to our cast and crew on their entertaining rendition of Joseph under the direction of Amanda Broaddus and Kyle Renchen.
  
8. Upcoming Dates
  - a. PARCC Testing March 20-27
  - b. Boys Track Invite – April 10
  - c. Girls Track Invite – April 24

**Principal's Report to the Board of Education**

**March 19, 2015**

**Jeremy Darnell**

**GCMS Middle School**

**Teams:**

Each grade level has been working hard on their regular content. In addition, teachers have been using warm-ups and occasional lessons to expose kids to "PARCC" style questions. Each grade level has also committed time to the PARCC practice tests. We have made a conscious choice not to "teach to the test", but have exposed the students to the format and technology.

**PARCC Test:**

Will report on progress at the meeting.

**Volleyball:**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade season ended with the first round of regionals. 8<sup>th</sup> Graders won their opening round of regionals and will be playing on 3/11. Update at the meeting.

**Track and Field:**

Practices start on 3/16. We currently have over 70 kids signed up.

**Wrestling:**

We have three state qualifiers and three alternates! They will compete 3/13 and 3/14 at the state meet. Update available at the meeting.

**Current Enrollment:**

6<sup>th</sup> - 84

7<sup>th</sup> - 90

8<sup>th</sup> - 94

**Total = 268**

## Elementary School Board Report 3/19/15

### 1) BUG

- a. Our March theme is Best Effort (goes along with PARCC)
- b. We had an assembly on 2-27-15 and there is another video posted (I kissed a pig 😊)
- c. Next assembly is March 27<sup>th</sup>

### 2) Fire in the gym

- a. A foam softball hit one of the lights and broke a bulb
- b. Thanks to the fire department for their quick response!!!
- c. Small damage to the floor and ceiling.
- d. Lucky that it happened when it did!!!!

### 3) Projected #'s for K

- a. Preregistration= 48 students
- b. Others (retention, known from preschool)= 13 students (?)
- c. Unknown= usually averages 10-15 students
- d. Total projected is still around 70-75 students

### 4) PARCC testing

- a. Went well (HUGE thanks to Walker, KiLee, and Don for getting us ready and making sure all went as smoothly as possible).
- b. Staff and students were awesome!!
- c. Absences #s were pretty low.

### 5) Upcoming Dates

- a. March 20= Preschool screening
- b. March 23-27= 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Lunch Connect
- c. March 24= 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Night @ 6:30
- d. March 27= Reading Incentive Reward Party
- e. March 27= BUG Assembly
- f. March 30-April 3= 4<sup>th</sup> Lunch Connect
- g. March 31= Storyteller Assembly and Fine Arts night
- h. April 1= Beginning of annual reviews
- i. April 1= PTA
- j. April 2= Spring Pictures
- k. April 15= IPA Student Recognition
- l. April 17= Earth Day Rotation

### 6) Enrollment

- a. K= 71
- b. 1<sup>st</sup>= 86
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup>= 74
- d. 3<sup>rd</sup>= 75
- e. 4<sup>th</sup>= 83
- f. 5<sup>th</sup>= 63
- g. ECE= 21
- h. Total= 473