

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 16, 2015

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Thursday, April 16, 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 (6:21pm), and Cope in attendance. Board member Zbinden and Young were absent. Also present were, Patti Welander, Ross Brown, Susan Riley, Christopher Garard, Jeremy Darnell, Justin Kean, Rick Brackmann, Anthony Galindo, and Acting Board Secretary Doris DeFries.

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

Recognition of Visitors:

A motion to go **into executive session** at 6:17pm 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 Elder and seconded by member Swearingen. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to **return to regular session** was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Johnson at 6:31pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

Addition Agenda Items:

None

Consent Agenda:

GCMS Accounts Payable bills approved for were \$533,700.96 (Education fund \$321,412.18- Building fund \$32,027.37- Debt Service fund \$0.00 - Transportation fund \$51,016.06 - IMRF fund \$13,649.19 - Capital Projects fund \$0.00- W/C \$0.00 –TORT \$115,596.16- F/HLS \$0.00) **GCMS Payrolls** approved were \$374,789.97 (Education fund \$334,453.37- Building fund \$17,600.80, -Transportation fund \$2,475.00 TORT \$19,960.80 **FCSEC Accounts Payable** bills approved were \$45,968.48 Accounts Payable (Education fund \$43,224.85- Building fund \$259.41 - IMRF Fund \$2,484.22 and **FCSEC Payrolls** approved were \$32,485.89 all in the Education fund. Also approved were the executive board meeting minutes from March 19, 2015, lunch reports in the month of March 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 October 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:

*Elementary PE teachers use of elementary gym on May 2, 2015, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm for **Parent's' Night Out.**

Approve Field Trip Request:

***5th grade to Gibson Bowl** - homework reward on April 2, 2015

* **Early Childhood Education** both the AM and PM classes to Children's Museum in Bloomington, IL on May 15, 2015

* **2nd grade to Museum of the Grand Prairie** in Mahomet, IL, and to the Staerkel Planetarium in Champaign, IL, on May 15, 2015

* **Driver Education, Project Ignition, and Operation Teen Safe Driving Students** to Springfield, IL, April 27 and 28, 2015

Approve the following donations:

Amount	From	To
\$1,000	Niemann Foods	HS Activities
\$1,000	Niemann Foods	ES Activities
\$500	Larry and Cheryl Crews	MS Softball
\$5,000	Anonymous	MS Softball

A motion to approve the **consent agenda** as presented in the board packet. Motion was made by member Johnson and seconded by member Elder. 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 **Lauren Pool as JV Volleyball Coach** for GCMS CUSD 5 effective at the end of school year 2014/2015 with thanks for her service to our district. Motion made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by voice vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to accept the resignation of **Sara Frankie as 8th grade Volleyball Coach** 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 Swearingen and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by voice vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to accept the resignation of **Erica Kostoff as JV Basketball Coach** for GCMS CUSD 5 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 Whitehouse and seconded by member Elder. Motion carried by voice vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to accept the resignation of **Matt Crews as 7th grade girls' Basketball Coach** effective the end of school year 2014 /2015 providing a suitable replacement is secured, with thanks for his service to our district. Motion made by member Johnson and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by voice vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to accept the resignation of **Erin Nuss as High School Student Council Advisor** effective at the end of school year 2014/2015 providing a suitable replacement is secure, with thanks for her service to our district. Motion made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by voice vote with all members present voting yes.

Approve Employment:

Motion to approve the employment of **Chad Augspurger as High School Social Science Teacher** at GCMS beginning the 2015/ 2016 School year at the rate 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

Motion to approve the employment of **Taylor Rubarts as the 7th grade girls Basketball 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 Whitehouse and seconded by member Johnson Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes

Motion to approve the employment of **Taylor Rubarts as Middle School Volleyball 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 Whitehouse and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes

Motion to approve the employment of **Elizabeth Maske as Middle School Cheerleading sponsor** 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 Elder and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes

Motion to approve the employment of **Matt Crews as the Middle School Head Softball 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 Whitehouse and seconded by member Swearingen. 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:

Motion to approve the **Early Graduation request**, at the end of first semester 2015/2016 school year pending meeting all requirements for graduation for **Glenn Mehl**. Motion made by member Johnson and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes

Committee Reports

Policy: Members-Rod Cope, Adam Elder, Jamie Zbinden
No Report

Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Members-Jamie Zbinden, Steve Swearingen, Rod Cope
No Report

Personnel & Finance: Members-Tyler Young, Phil Whitehouse, Josh Johnson
Superintendent Galindo reported on the March 27, 2015. personnel & finance meeting. The purpose of the meeting was Staffing for 2015/ 2016 - Library, Elementary School Special Education, Agriculture, and Kindergarten. Further information was given on reconsidering of a **librarian** at both the Elementary and High School. The search committee is looking at applications from both groups; certificate librarian and non-certified librarian.

There has been a request to hire special education teachers to have one at each grade level. They would like to stay at five teachers for the upcoming **2015/2016 kindergarten** based on the potential class size.

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 no report

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence:

Superintendent Galindo shared thank you notes from Governor Rauner for sharing information on pending legislation as well as from thank you from the family of Robert Main.

Superintendent Galindo updated the board on the **election results/situation** because of a possible tie with two of our school board positions. We will not know anything till Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at the earliest. The new board must be sat within 28 days after the election.

Set a special meeting of the GCMS School Board on Friday, April 24, 2015, at 8:00am

Superintendent Galindo presented the **negotiated agreement between the GSMSEA and GCMS BOE**. Motion to **approve** the negotiated agreement as presented. Motion made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by roll call vote. Members voting yes (Johnson, Elder, Whitehouse, Cope) Member voting no (Swearingen)

Building principals spoke of the handbook updates for each school for the coming 2015/2015 school year. Motion to approve the **handbook revisions** 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 informed the board of the **track resurfacing bid**. There was only one from **Midwest Track for \$52,877.00**. After some discussion there was a Motion to approve the bid for track resurfacing as presented. Motion made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes

Informational:

Superintendent Galindo stated that the district has received the check for the installation of egress windows in the amount of \$24,192.

Superintendent Galindo shared the news concerning the **health insurance renewal**. If we keep the current plan as with no changes the increase will be 37.48%. At this time we are looking at options with other companies as well as different plans. The lowest bid received was still a 19-5 % increase. The decision has been made to stay within the co-op. Now that the co-op is fully insured the self-insured part has been dissolved. We are working with Rick Ertel regarding possible options.

Superintendent Galindo provided an update on the **2014/2015 Budget**. The budget amounts for fiscal year 2013/2014 are now correct from the audit were about \$200,000.00 in the red after this fiscal year 2014. Superintendent Galindo went through the projection for the next three years. The salary increases are included in the project for the next three years as well. If nothing changes our fund balances will be depleted rapidly.

Superintendent Galindo informed the board the **CRCR report** has been received for completion. In addition a state auditor will be here next week Wednesday to do audits of some categorical grants.

Motion to nominate Josh Johnson at secretary pro-term. Motion made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Elder. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes

Upcoming Events: See Principals' Reports

A motion to **adjourn regular session** was made by member Johnson and seconded by member Whitehouse at 7:25pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

President

Secretary



Date April 4, 2015
TO: Members, Board of Education
FROM: Chris Garard - Principal
SUBJECT: Monthly Update

1. Enrollment- 310 (= from March)
 - a. Freshmen – 84 (+1)
 - b. Sophomores – 96 (=)
 - c. Juniors – 71 (-1)
 - d. Seniors – 59 (=)
2. Student of the Month
 - a. April – Clay Gaesser
3. PARCC – PARCC – PARCC
 - a. First round is finished. We will continue with End of Year (EOY) testing April 27-30.
4. Positive assembly
 - a. Hosted the band ATTABOY at the GCBC as a reward/positive assembly for the students following PARCC testing. The following is from Tim Totten, Youth Minister from GCBC.

“I talked with the band for a little bit after the assembly and I thought you should know what they had to say - they were extremely impressed with how the students behaved and interacted during the assembly. One of them said that you guys were probably one of the best, if not the best, assemblies they have done. They were very impressed for a number of reasons with GCMS, from the administration on down to the students.”
5. Staff survey
 - a. Mrs. Nuss put out a survey to gather feedback on perceptions from the staff. We have held 4 optional round table discussions to gather feedback and suggestions. We are using this information to create a more solid vision for the HS. More to come on this subject!
6. Project Ignition
 - a. Attended and presented in Washington D.C. at the National Service Learning Conference over Spring Break.
 - b. James Fairfield and Cayley Wilson presented at the Lifesavers National Conference in Chicago. This is the largest gathering of highway safety professionals in the United States.
 - c. Project Ignition leaders represented GCMS on CILiving and spoke about Operation Teen Safe Driving.
7. Upcoming Dates
 - a. Girls Track Invite – April 24
 - b. IHSA Band/Choir contest - April 18
 - c. FFA Banquet – April 23
 - d. Prom – April 25 – Promenade 4:30
 - e. Spring Band/Choir concert – May 3 – Starting at 2:15
 - f. Baccalaureate – May 17 - 7:00 at GCBC

Principal's Report to the Board of Education

April 16, 2015

Jeremy Darnell

GCMS Middle School

6th Grade:

The 6th grade team will be having a great experience on April 24th visiting Medieval Times, a truly great experience for these kids. Thanks to all who have helped to make this possible and limited expense to our students.

7th Grade:

April 17th they will be traveling to The Museum of Science and Industry.

8th Grade:

The 8th graders will be taking their annual trip to have lunch at Millennium Park and visit the Art Institute of Chicago on April 20th.

RAP Party:

8th Graders will be participating in the annual RAP party on April 17th. This is a great transition activity for our soon to be high schoolers.

Track and Field- First meet is in the books. 84 kids participating is a great sight.

Enrollment:

6th – 84

7th – 90

8th – 94

Total = 268

Upcoming Events:

- **April 24th Final Dance**
- **June 1st Falcon Fun Day and Talent Show**
- **June 2nd – 8th Grade Promotion / Report Card Day**

Elementary School Board Report 4/16/15

- 1) BUG
 - a. Our April theme is Cooperation
 - b. We had an assembly on 3-27-15 and there is another video posted
 - c. Next assembly is May 1st
- 2) Cafeteria floor
 - a. Parts of it are being replaced over Spring Break
- 3) Reading incentive
 - a. Had a party on Friday, March 27th
 - b. Kids played Bingo and had ice cream
 - c. KiLee and I are planning to do cartwheels in the hallway if they get to 4,450,000 minutes before the end of the year (at about 3,600,000 now).
- 4) 3rd Grade Reading Night (March 24th)
 - a. Activities were organized by Tammy Seneca, Debbie Hohulin, and Evon Fredrickson
 - b. Doug Eckerty presented at a station about bees
 - c. Gibson City Rotary Club supplied funds for books
- 5) Storyteller assembly March 31st
 - a. We had 2 assemblies by Linda Gorham during the day and one at night.
 - b. Cathy Walker-Steidinger organized the event.
 - c. Tom Stone and Bess Lanker (and students) provided art activities for the kids
- 6) IPA Outstanding Students and Citizens (banquet April 15th)
 - a. Parker Chase
 - b. Peyton Leonard
- 7) Lunch connect
 - a. 266 parents/guardians/etc. participated (88% of the families in 3rd, 4th, 5th grade)
 - b. Organized by Cathy Walker-Steidinger
- 8) Upcoming Dates
 - a. April 17= Earth Day Rotation
 - b. April 21= 2nd Grade hospital visit
 - c. April 22= Earth Day Community Service
 - d. April 23= Open House
 - e. April 24= 4th Grade Fun Night
 - f. April 29= 3rd Grade Field Trip
 - g. May 1= 4th Grade Field Trip and 5th Safety Day
 - h. May 5-7= End Of Year PARCC
 - i. May 13= W.O.O.S.H. assembly
- 9) Enrollment
 - a. K= 70
 - b. 1st= 86
 - c. 2nd= 74
 - d. 3rd= 75
 - e. 4th= 83
 - f. 5th= 63
 - g. ECE= 21
 - h. Total= 472

Operating Funds

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Local Revenues	5,407,754	5,632,445	6,072,993	6,634,535	6,518,861	6,665,130	6,826,540
Flow-Through Revenues	11,729	0	14,564	15,540	15,540	15,540	15,540
State Revenues	3,556,832	3,344,213	3,218,152	2,580,095	2,430,720	2,319,844	2,224,523
Federal Revenues	498,463	521,622	572,747	551,671	551,671	551,671	551,671
Total Revenues	9,474,778	9,498,280	9,878,456	9,781,841	9,516,792	9,552,185	9,618,274
Salaries	6,724,713	6,703,671	6,729,311	6,450,978	6,573,864	6,661,359	6,824,538
Benefits	990,138	1,021,630	1,032,241	1,061,140	1,071,140	1,081,140	1,091,140
Purchased Services	1,100,227	1,335,914	1,250,167	1,373,130	1,373,130	1,373,130	1,373,130
Supplies	733,745	727,560	743,646	802,575	802,575	802,575	802,575
Capital Outlay	78,527	149,797	65,601	77,091	59,001	59,001	59,001
Other	16,427	12,776	10,823	148,300	548,300	148,300	148,300
Transfers	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Non-Capitalized Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuition	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Termination Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	9,643,777	9,951,348	9,831,789	9,913,214	10,428,010	10,125,505	10,298,684
Beginning Fund Balance	6,336,886	6,008,339	5,555,271	5,351,938	4,720,565	3,309,346	2,236,026
Shown Results of Operation	(168,999)	(453,068)	46,667	(131,373)	(911,218)	(573,320)	(680,410)
Reserves of Tif 2 OEE			(250,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)
Ending Fund Balance	6,008,339	5,555,271	5,351,938	4,720,565	3,309,346	2,236,026	1,055,616
Estimated results of operation			(203,333)	(631,373)	(1,411,218)	(1,073,320)	(1,180,410)