

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in special session on Thursday, September 17, 2015, at 6:02.p.m. in the GCMS Board Room for the purpose of the Public Hearing on the **GCMS Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget**. The board was called to order by Board President Josh Johnson roll was called with members Swearingen, Young, Leonard, Whitehouse (6:15pm), Elder, Zbinden, and Johnson in attendance. Also present were, High School Principal Chris Garard (6:20pm), Middle School Principal Jeremy Darnell, Elementary School Principal Justin Kean, Assistant Principal ES & MS KiLee McFerren, Curriculum Director Erin Nuss, Patti Welander, Debra McCullough, Jean Noelsch, Rob Fogarty (GRP), Susan Riley, Superintendent Anthony Galindo, and Board Secretary Sarah Sarantakos.

Recognition of Visitors: None

Public Comment: None

Mr. Galindo presented to the board the proposed **Fiscal Year 2016 budget for the GCMS School District**. Mr. Galindo explained the revenue, expenditures per fund as well as the unknown's factors for this fiscal year, and the projected ending balances. Mr. Galindo further explained that some of the changes in...

Revenues:

Changes in the EVA-slight projected increase
CPPRT- projected decrease
State Aide-projected decrease
State cuts in categoricals

Expenditures:

May add an aide position
Insurance cost increase-Health and Property
Salary, benefits and stipends increased
Negligible saving from staff changes
Added a 5th grade teacher
Added a Title position at the middle school ½ time
Added a PE/Drivers Ed/Health teacher at the high school
Added a parking lot and fence at the high school to the summer scope work
Transportation-added the route to Parkland College \$16,000

Unknowns:

- No TRS ruling at this time
- Unforeseen maintenance issues
- Health care cost
- School funding-possible tax freeze
- Special needs
- Upgrades in technology, will always be needed
- Utility and fuel cost
- No maintenance or energy grants available this year

Fiscal Year 2016, budget is \$12,446,697.86

There were a few questions by the board and Superintendent Galindo addressed each satisfactorily. After that there were no additional questions.

A motion to adjourn session was made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Zbinden at 6:25pm. Motion carried by roll call vote. MC

President

Secretary