

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2014

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Thursday, December 18, 2014 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, Susan Riley, Will Brumleve, Christopher Garard, Justin Kean, Mike Allen, Rick Brackmann, Laura Weber, Bob Fogerty, Anthony Galindo, and Board Secretary Sarah Sarantakos.

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

Recognition of Visitors:

Laura Weber and Bob Fogerty from GRF were present to discuss Phase II of the performance contracting projects. Mr. Fogerty spoke about the Middle School parking lots. The east parking lot needed to be completely redone to include drainage and down spouts. The south parking lot has water issues because of the down spouts. The north parking lot has minor repairs. All lots would be restriped. At the Elementary School, a new heating and cooling system in the 1st grade wing, with possible asbestos in that area that would increase cost to have removed.

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 Young and seconded by member Johnson. 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 7:24pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

Addition Agenda Items:

7.1 Approve the Special meeting session minutes of November 24, 2014. Motion was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Zbinden. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Consent Agenda:

GCMS Accounts Payable bills approved for were \$531,677.44 (Education fund \$368,377.67 - Building fund \$37,194.66- Debt Service fund \$0.00 - Transportation fund \$43,538.69 - IMRF fund \$25,851.49 - Capital Projects fund \$33,585.71- W/C \$0.00 –TORT \$23,129.22- F/HLS \$0.00) **GCMS Payrolls** approved were \$368,733.98 (Education fund \$330,296.55- Building fund \$16,207.49, -Transportation fund \$2,486.39 TORT \$19,743.55 **FCSEC Accounts Payable** bills approved were \$99,006.15 Accounts Payable (Education fund \$96,907.31- Building fund \$120.92 - IMRF Fund \$1,977.92 and **FCSEC Payrolls** approved were \$31,933.72 all in the Education fund. Also approved were the executive board meeting minutes from November 18, 2014, and the Special Board Meeting on Monday, November 24, 2014, lunch reports in the month of November, 2014, 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 June 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:

Youth Basketball League beginning January 10 - February 21, 2015 at the High School and Elementary School gyms with fees waived.

Approve Field Trip Request:

Project Ignition to Lifesavers Conference in Chicago, IL on March 15, 2015

8th grade students to Career Expo at the I-Hotel in Champaign, IL on January 14, 2015

3rd grade to Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts April 29, 2015

Approve the following donations:

Amount	From	To
\$2,000	Child Care Resource & Referral Network	Project Ignition
\$5,740	Exposure Marketing and Promotion INC.	Project Ignition

A motion to approve the **consent agenda** as presented in the board packet, along with the agenda addition to 7.1. Motion was made by member Johnson and seconded by member Young. 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 **Maureen Keigher** as an aide in the GCMS CUSD #5 Elementary School effective December 19, 2014, with thanks for her service to our district. Motion made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Zbinden. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to accept the resignation of **Guy Percy** as the boys/girls/ golf coach effective at the end of fiscal year 2015, with thanks for his service to our district. Motion made by member Zbinden and seconded by member Swearingen. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes

Approve Employment:

Motion to approve employment of **Stephanie Hahn as a special education teacher for the communication disorder classroom** beginning January 5th, 2015, at a rate prescribed in the GCMSEA negotiated agreement, plus benefits, pending receipt and approval of all GCMS required materials. Motion made by member Elder and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Maternity Leave: None at this time

Approve Employment for Volunteer Coaches:

High School Track

Thomas Stone and Adam Schafer

Softball

Greg Brucker and Caitlin Heap

Baseball

Christian Rosenbeck and Patrick Bean

Youth Basketball

Doug Fanson, Tom Barnes, Lyn Zumwalt, Chris Giroux, Mike Elliott, Kip Rutledge, Ron Cail, Lonnie Engel, Mike Carley, Mark Ward, Rob Kollross, Joe Weir, Ken Hendricks, Brandon Roderick, Tim Bauer, Austin Eichelberger, Marcus Watterson, Eric Hyatt, Rich Baillie, and Eric Timm

Motion to approve Volunteer Coaches for the GCMS spring season 2014-2015 GCMS School Year, motion made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Young. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Early graduation requests:

Motion to approve an early **graduation at the end of first semester 2015-2016 school year for Bridgette Quimby** pending meeting all requirements for graduation. Motion made by member Zbinden and seconded by member Elder. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion to approve an **early graduation at the end of first semester 2014-2015 school year for Dalton Johnson** pending meeting all requirements for graduation. 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 **opening of the full and redacted executive session minutes of June 19, 2014, through November 18, 2014**, minutes to the public. Motion made by member Young and seconded by member Zbinden. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Committee Reports

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

No report however Superintendent Galindo stated he has received more policies to review. A Policy committee has been set for Tuesday, December 23, 2014, at 4:00pm.

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

Personnel & Finance: Members-Tyler Young, Phil Whitehouse, Josh Johnson
No Report

Strategy and Enrichment Committee:
Young reported on the meeting from Friday, November 21, 2014.

Wellness Team: Josh Johnson
No Report

Building Administrator Reports:

Principals Report:
Principals Christopher Garard, and Jeremy Darnell (not here report attached to minutes), 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:
No Report

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence:
Superintending Galindo shared a letter he received from the GCMSEA concerning the desire to open negotiations. The representing the GCMS School Board for these negotiations are board members Johnson, Young and Whitehouse.

Superintendent Galindo presented the **2014 Tax Levy** for the GCMS School District to the board. The amount of the requested levy is \$6,427,060.00 this is an increase of 11%. All members were in agreement with the proposed 2014 Tax Levy. A motion to approve the GCMS 2014 Levy as presented. Motion made my member Young and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Superintendent Galindo led discussion on the **Early College and Career Academy** through Parkland College. The board felt there were too many unanswered questions on the application/student selection process to determine how the cost of participating the **Early College and Career Academy** would or would not be shared. More discussion will take place at the January 2015 board meeting.

Board President Rod Cope provided general information on **Vision 20/20** and recommended that the board support this initiative. He further stated there was more information available on the GCMS website and on the Vision 20/20 website.

Motion to approve the **Vision 20/20 Resolution**. Motion made by member Elder and seconded by member Johnson. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Galindo reviewed for the board the regular School Board meeting dates for 2015. **Motion to approve the dates for GCMS Regular board meeting dates for 2015 as presented**. Motion made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Elder. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Superintendent Galindo stated there will be discussion on the possibility of a **Middle School Girls softball program** at the January School Board meeting.

Special recognition:

Our GCMS Middle School Girls Basketball team is playing tonight for 3rd place in the state finals. We are very proud of them.

Upcoming Events:

Hearing & Vision Screening January 8, 9 &12, 2015

Reminders:

*The School District will be closed on Christmas Break starting December 22, 2014– January 2, 2015. School will resume on January 6, 2015.

*No school on Monday January 19, 2015 in observance of Martin Luther King’s Birthday

A motion to adjourn regular session was made by member Young and seconded by member Zbinden at 8:25pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

President

Secretary

VISION 20/20 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, public education plays a defining role in ensuring equal opportunity for the children in Illinois and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is our collective duty to ensure that every student, no matter his or her demographic or geographic identity, has equal access to a quality education; and

WHEREAS, though we reject the notion that public education is currently failing, we believe that strides need to be made to continually improve our public education system; and

WHEREAS, there have been four areas of prioritization identified as integral in improving our public schools: Shared Accountability, 21st Century Learning, Highly Effective Educators, and Equitable and Adequate Funding; and

WHEREAS, Shared Accountability should address: providing a greater role in State education governance by practicing educators, implementing a differentiated accountability system recognizing the diversity of each individual school district, and abating and restructuring unfunded mandates on local school districts; and

WHEREAS, 21st Century Learning should address: developing the “whole child” educationally instead of only focusing on the assessment of all students in a narrow scope of test scores in math and science, preserving instructional time for the best use of teacher/student interaction, investing in Early Childhood Education, linking students to college and careers, and expanding equity in technology access; and

WHEREAS, Highly Effective Educators should address: recruiting and retaining high-impact educators, and providing relevant professional development for teachers and administrators; and

WHEREAS, Equitable and Adequate Funding should address: providing funding to school districts based on the local need, stabilizing State budgets, generally, and education funding specifically, and enhancing school district flexibility to increase financial efficiency; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that any education improvement proposal for comprehensive change must be developed and supported by not only the education community, but in collaboration with parents, communities, businesses, and others whose priorities reflect the best interests of the students; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the GCMJ Board of Education joins with the Illinois Association of School Administrators, Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Principals' Association, Illinois Association of School Business Officials, Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents, and the Superintendents' Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity in supporting the Vision 20/20 education improvement proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GCMJ Board of Education urges the Illinois General Assembly to approve the necessary legislative changes to implement the recommendations under the four pillars of education improvement as contained in the Vision 20/20 document.



Date December 11, 2014
TO: Members, Board of Education
FROM: Chris Garard - Principal
SUBJECT: Monthly Update

1. Enrollment- 314 (-1 from November)
 - a. Freshmen – 83 (-1)
 - b. Sophomores – 96 (-1)
 - c. Juniors – 72 (+2)
 - d. Seniors – 63 (-1)

2. Academic Spotlight
 - a. Mrs. Funk – Early American Literature – Her students were doing an activity called a JigSaw with Edgar Allen Poe’s *The Raven*. Students were randomly placed in 5 groups. In this first grouping, they were asked to answer 5 questions. (Each group was given 5 different questions.) They were to use the poem and previous knowledge to answer the questions. After a set time period, they were reassigned to different groups. In the new groups, they were to share the information learned in the previous groups with their new groups. This activity ensured that ALL students were held accountable for learning and sharing of information. All of the students participated and enjoyed the activity. I overheard one student as he read the questions out loud to himself saying “Hey, I know some of these”.

3. Student of the Month
 - a. December – Graysen Voelker

4. THANK YOU – Mrs. Garard and I would like to thank the Board of Education for having us as your guests at the Illinois School Board Convention in Chicago.

5. Upcoming Dates
 - a. Final Exams – December 17, 18, 19 This has been our main focus over the last few weeks.

Principal's Report to the Board of Education

December 18, 2014

Jeremy Darnell
GCMS Middle School

Music/Art-

Our winter concert for both Band and Chorus took place on Sunday the 14th at the high school. We were excited to celebrate a day of music and art.

Kickoff Assembly:

8th grade students led an assembly that focused on the idea of "paying it forward". With the holiday season and a sense of giving we wanted to focus the students on the idea of random acts of kindness and that giving is more than things and everyone is capable of doing it. Tyler Ricks, Matt Hunt, Shelby Butler, and Shannon Spangler showed maturity and poise beyond their years!

Girls Basketball:

At the time of print our 8th grade team is getting ready to take on Danville Oakwood in the sectional championship. I will update at the board meeting. If I am not there it is because we are in the state finals or 3rd / 4th place game☺

Boys Basketball:

7th and 8th grade are having success. 8th graders are undefeated at the time of print and getting ready for the conference championship game on Thursday the 11th. Thanks to Coach Berry for organizing and running the TCC Conference tournament, and also all the workers!

Wrestling:

First matches will have taken place on Tuesday the 9th, and our wrestlers defeated Clifton!

Volleyball:

Huge numbers again for tryouts! We have over 50 kids trying out. Teams could be set by Saturday, but the tryouts are dependent on basketball outcomes.

Enrollment Numbers = 265

Cheerleading:

Congrats to Coach Kerber and her team for their performance at the conference cheer competition.

Elementary School Board Report 12/18/14

- 1) BUG
 - a. Our highlighted character trait for December is caring.
 - b. Mr. Galindo was our mystery reader.
 - c. Next assembly is Jan. 9th
- 2) MAP testing
 - a. Benchmarking done for the winter session
 - b. Kids did well
 - c. Thanks to Tammy Seneca, Evon Fredrickson, and Debbie Hohulin for coordinating and to Walker for all of the tech stuff that goes into this.
- 3) Reading incentive
 - a. Kids are really working to meet their goals for the quarter.
 - b. Have an incentive party planned for Dec. 18th
 - c. The building has read 4,473,431 minutes so far this year.
 - d. Thanks to Mrs. McFerren for all of her work on this.
- 4) Letters to Santa
 - a. Look forward to reading them in the Courier and the Paxton Record!!!
 - b. Some will warm your heart and others will make you laugh enough to fall out of your chair.
- 5) Christmas activities
 - a. Fun to see how each grade level/classroom incorporates
 - b. Christmas around the world in K
 - c. Letters to Santa
 - d. Hats and gloves for those in need
 - e. Polar Express
 - f. Christmas music concert (Dec. 16th)
 - g. Etc.....
- 6) Upcoming Dates
 - a. Jan. 5th= institute (Daily 5 planning)
 - b. Jan. 8, 9, 12= Hearing and Vision screening
 - c. Jan. 9= BUG Assembly
 - d. Jan. 12= Aimsweb testing begins
 - e. Jan. 12= Pennies for Patients begins (Leukemia)
 - f. Jan. 16= ISU Small Group Reading Class @ Leroy
- 7) Enrollment
 - a. K= 72
 - b. 1st= 83
 - c. 2nd= 74
 - d. 3rd= 76
 - e. 4th= 83
 - f. 5th= 61
 - g. ECE= 20
 - h. Total= 469

GCMS Community Unit School District No. 5
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES
2015

Thursday, January 15	Executive Session Regular Session	6:15 P.M. 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, February 19	Executive Session Regular Session	6:15 P.M. 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, March 19	RIF Notices Executive Session Regular Session	6:15 P.M. 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, April 16	Executive Session Regular Session	6:15 P.M. 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, May 21	Executive Session Regular Session	6:15 P.M. 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, June 18	(FCSEC Tentative Budget presented) Executive Session Regular Session	6:15 P.M. 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, July 16	(GCMS Tentative Budget Presented) Executive Session Regular Session	6:15 P.M. 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, August 20	FCSEC Budget Hearing Executive Session Regular Session	6:00 P.M. 6:15 P.M. 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, September 17	GCMS Budget Hearing Executive Session Regular Session	6:00 P.M. 6:15 P.M. 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, October 15	Executive Session Regular Session (AFR report)	6:15 P.M. 6:30 P.M.
<u>Tuesday, November 17</u>	(Levy presented) Executive Session Regular Session	6:15 P.M. 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, December 17	Levy Hearing Executive Session Regular Session	6:00 P.M. 6:15 P.M. 6:30 P.M.

Unless otherwise noted or posted, all meetings will be held in the Board Room at 307 N. Sangamon Street, Gibson City, Illinois 60936.

Adopted: December 18, 2014

Amended: