

**GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 6:20 pm in the GCMS Board Room located at 307 N Sangamon Ave. Gibson City. The board was called to order by Board President Josh Johnson. Roll was called with board members Swearingen, Leonard, Young, Elder, Zbinden, Whitehouse (left at 7:45pm) and Johnson in attendance. Also present were, Patti Welander, Debra E. McCullough, Susan Riley, Curriculum Director Erin Nuss, High School Principal Chris Garard, Middle School Principal Jeremy Darnell, Elementary School Principal Justin Kean, Assistant Principal ES & MS KiLee McFerren, Curriculum Coordinator Erin Nuss, FCSEC Director Rick Brackmann, District Superintendent Anthony Galindo, and Board Secretary Sarah Sarantakos.

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

Recognition of Visitors: None at this time

A motion to go **into executive session** at 6:22pm 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 board member Leonard and seconded by board member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all board members present voting yes.

A motion to **return to open session** was made by board member Swearingen and seconded by board member Young at 7:45pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all board members present voting yes.

Action Items to Consider From Executive Session

Accept Resignation: None at this time

Approve Employment: None at this time

Approve Employment of Volunteer Coaches:

Motion to approve **Jenny White** as a **volunteer assistant** coach for **Middle School Volleyball** beginning school year 2015 – 2016. Motion was made by board member Swearingen and seconded by board member Zbinden. Motion carried by a voice vote with all board members present voting yes.

Addition Agenda Items: None at this time

Consent Agenda:

Approved were the Regular and Executive Session Board meeting minutes from October 29, 2015, and the executive board meeting of October 29, 2015.

GCMS Accounts Payable bills approved for were \$773,614.74 (Education fund \$247,355.04- Building fund \$53,297.84- Debt Service fund \$397,017.50 - Transportation fund \$49,256.15, - IMRF fund \$488.80 - Capital Projects fund \$0.00- W/C \$0.00 -TORT \$25,609.41- F/HLS \$590.00 **GCMS Payrolls** approved were \$382,348.79 (Education fund \$342,070.37- Building fund \$16,658.24 -Transportation fund \$2,833.75- TORT \$20,786.43

FCSEC Accounts Payable bills approved were \$92,874.14 Accounts Payable (Education fund \$90,739.95- Building fund \$146.55 - IMRF Fund \$1,987.64 and **FCSEC Payrolls** approved were \$33,815.51 all in the Education fund.

Financial/treasurers report on behalf of the GCMS District and the FCSEC, Lunch Report, the summary of investment report on behalf of the GCMS District and the FCSEC, the destruction of executive session tapes through the end of May, 2014.

Approve Field Trips for:

- * 8th grade class to Champaign for the Career Conference on 1/13/2015 at 8:15 am - noon
- * FFA to Parkland for contest on 11/10/2015 at 3:00pm – 9:00pm

Approve the following donations:

Amount	From	To
\$500.00	Eric and Janie Hyatt	MS Softball

Approve Facility Use Agreements or Request for Use of School Kitchen/Cafeteria pending proof of insurance and all other district requirements for: None at this time

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

Committee Reports:

Policy: Members-Elder, Zbinden, Leonard

The policy committee members reported on the 11/16/2015 Policy committee meeting. Policies to consider are from **Policy Press issue 90, 10/2015:** 2:100, 2:150, 2:200, 4;170, 5:90 5:100, 6:15, 6:50, 6:60, 6:160, 6:270, 6:280, 6:310, 6:315, 6:320, 6:340, 7:50, 7;100, 7:130, 7:140, 7:290, 7:300, 7:305, 7:340, 8:30. After some clarification a **Motion to approve the first reading of policies :** 2:100, 2:150, 2:200, 4;170, 5:90 5:100, 6:15, 6:50, 6:60, 6:160, 6:270, 6:280, 6:310, 6:315, 6:320, 6:340, 7:50, 7;100, 7:130, 7:140, 7:290, 7:300, 7:305, 7:340, 8:30. Motion was made by board member Zbinden and seconded by board member Young. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Members- Zbinden, Swearingen, Elder
None at this time

Personnel & Finance: Members- Young, Whitehouse, and Johnson

Committee members Young, Whitehouse, and Johnson reported on the Personnel and Finance meeting held on 11/16/2015. We started with 11 candidates and choose to interview the top 6. One candidate called that morning and withdrew his from the search. From the remaining 5 candidates the committee has selected to bring back 2 candidates for a final interview sometime in early December 2015. The committee also reviewed the 2015, Levy.

Additionally, there was conversation concerning the possible tax caps and the effects on Bonding. The board will voice their apprehension as to the effects on the school district finances. The board however is looking into extending our current bonding capacity.

Building Administrator Reports:

Principals Report:

High School Principal Chris Garard, Jeremy Darnell-Middle School Principal and Elementary School Principal 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:

Rick Brackmann, Director of the FCSEC, reported on the 3rd quarter financials for the FCSEC as well as the 2015 Annual Financial Report. (Directors report is attached to these minutes)

Curriculum Director:

Erin Nuss, Curriculum Director, (Directors report is attached to these minutes)

Curriculum Director, Erin Nuss, summarized the topics covered and discussed at the most recent CCC meeting, which included: a revision to high school Government course to meet the new Civics graduation requirement, discussion of retake and revision policy, review of the Fall Parent Survey data, and applause for Mr. Willis' PARCC video. She shared the positive outcomes from first semester Professional Book Clubs. Board Member Leonard introduced a bucket-filling challenge to all Board members to supplement the activities we are also working on in the schools. Participation in the first semester Assessment Improvement

Workshops was above 50% of the staff. The incredible success (137 students and families attending) of the ES Title I Parent Night was shared with the Board. Mrs. Nuss reported on the overall increase in Lumen usage by parents over last years usage numbers. An explanation of the ISU Borg Literacy Center professional development was provided. The results of a survey administered to current Statistics students and potential Statistics students were shared as evidence of student interest in online dual credit coursework. The Curriculum Office has recently applied for two state grants which we hope to hear the results of before the next Board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence/Communications

Superintendent Galindo provided an account of the ROE and **Fire Marshall Inspection Report**.

The report showed the following findings -

Middle School - An emergency light in the MS was not operational and the fire and tornado safety site sign was not posted in the teacher work room. Both items are remedied

Elementary School - A refrigerator was plugged into an extension cord - It is now directly plugged into the outlet.

High School - An extension cord was being used in the computer lab - It has been removed

Superintendent Galindo shared with the board the Certified and Non-Certified Seniority list for 2015-2016 school year. With no objections, a **motion was made to approve the Certified and Con-Certified Seniority lists as presented**. Motion was made by board member Elder and seconded by board member Leonard. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Superintendent Galindo **reviewed with the board the resolutions and give guidance to our delegate, Tyler Young. Tyler Young is our GCMS Representative in Chicago, from the GCMS Board of Education on voting for or against Resolutions** that will be voted on at the Illinois School Board Conference this week November 20, 21 & 22, 2015.

Superintendent Galindo led further discussion on bonding extension. He was asked to check into bonding with a local bank verses a bonding company.

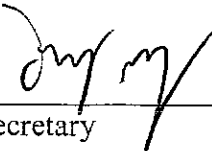
Superintendent Galindo presented the tentative **Levy for tax year 2015**, also discussed the setting of the Levy hearing. It was agreed upon for December 17, 2015, at 6:00pm with the location of the Unit Office Board Room at 307 N Sangamon, Ave. Gibson City, Illinois. Motion to **approve the tentative Levy and set the Levy hearing for December 17, 2015, at 6:00 pm at the Unit Office Board Room at 307 N. Sangamon Avenue, Gibson City, Illinois**. Motion made by board member Young and seconded by board member Zbinden. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Superintendent Galindo provided an updated **Historical Date Booklet for 2015**, going over the highlights on the changes made.

A motion to **adjourn regular session** was made by board member Zbinden and seconded by board Swearingen at 9:18pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.



President



Secretary



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

1. Enrollment- 334 (-4 from October)
 - a. Freshmen – 95 (=)
 - b. Sophomores – 81 (-2)
 - c. Juniors – 89 (-2)
 - d. Seniors – 69

2. Veteran's Day Assembly – WOW!

3. HOIC Information
 - a. Expansion –
 - b. Conference for a Cause update

4. ACT Prep Class

5. Fall sports
 - a. Football Playoffs

6. Latin Honors recognition during Graduation Ceremony

7. Student of the Month – Emily Allen – Nominated by Mr. Renchen

Elementary School Board Report 11/17/15

1) BUG

- a. For the month of Nov. we are highlighting Citizenship
- b. Appropriate for Veteran's Day
- c. Assembly on Oct. 30th
- d. Next assembly is Nov. 24th

2) Vision and Hearing Screening

- a. Completed on Nov. 2, 3, and 5
- b. Retest on Nov. 19
- c. Thanks to the PTA for supplying runners!!

3) ISU Reading Class

- a. We have 7 staff members for the elem. school attending the 4 sessions.
- b. Has been a good learning and collaborating opportunity for staff.

4) Veteran's Day

- a. Always one of my favorite days of the year.
- b. Practice was impressive and brought staff to tears or put a big smile on their face!
- c. Look forward to the presentation by the kids and Mrs. Keefe on the 11th (the day after this report)

5) Social Events for Elementary Staff

- a. Chili Day in the lounge Nov. 5th
- b. Game Night on Nov. 19th

6) Registered students:

- a. K= 69
- b. 1st= 74
- c. 2nd= 88
- d. 3rd= 74
- e. 4th= 77
- f. 5th= 85
- g. ECE= 19
- h. Total= 486

FORD COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
Board of Education Report
November 2015

1) Financial Report

Fund Balance September 30, 2015				
Fund	Description	YTD Change	Start of Year	Current
10	Education Fund	(86,640.30)	246,221.88	159,581.58
20	Oper. Build. & Maint Fund	(397.72)	18,964.41	18,566.69
50	I M. R. F.	(5,829.80)	20,620.99	14,791.19
		(92,867.82)	285,807.28	192,939.46

2) District costs for the past 6 years:

FY	Percent of Coop Cost	
	GCMS	PBL
2015	43.06	56.94
2014	43.47	56.53
2013	43.02	56.98
2012	43.18	56.82
*2011	42.66	57.34
*2010	42.46	57.54

FY	Actual Costs	
	GCMS	PBL
2015	\$564,468.80	\$746,571.77
2014	\$547,574.60	\$712,215.20
2013	\$550,582.56	\$729,310.56
2012	\$543,634.51	\$715,472.04
*2011	\$622,287.78	\$836,419.46
*2010	\$641,766.27	\$869,545.74

* Included \$585,689 ARRA Federal Grant money, the majority of which was spent during FY10 and FY11.

3) 2015 Annual Financial Report - Russ Leigh, Auditor, found no issues with the FCSEC financials from 2014-2015.

Curriculum Office
November Board Report

- I. CCC Updates
 1. Civics Course
 2. Discussion of Redo/Reteach Philosophy and Practices
 3. Fall Parent Survey Discussion
 4. PARCC Results Video

- II. Professional Book Study Outcomes
 1. Staff Feedback
 2. Innovative Ideas for Improving Culture
 3. Second Semester Book: *Choice Words* by Peter Johnston

- III. Assessment Improvement Workshops

- IV. Title I Parent Night: Bucker Wilder Presentation
Mrs. Walker-Steidinger, Mrs. Fredrickson, and Mrs. Hohulin
137 people attended and 40 families registered for the meal

- V. Lumen Usage Numbers

- VI. ISU Borg Literacy Center Guided Reading Workshops
10 Teachers and 3 Administrators

- VII. Statics 108 Survey Results
 1. 82% of current seniors in Statistics would have signed up for Dual Credit if it were available and 56% would have paid for the chance to take it as Dual Credit.
 2. 95% of the juniors (21 students) who already qualify for admittance to Dual Credit would sign up to take it if it were offered and 95% of them would be willing to pay for it.

- VIII. AP/College Board Grant and New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Grant Applications