

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2016

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 6:15 pm in the GCMS Board Room located at 307 N Sangamon Ave. Gibson City. The board was called to order by Board Vice President Phil Whitehouse. Roll was called with board members Swearingen, Leonard (Returned at 6:55pm), Young, Elder, and Zbinden in attendance. Board President Josh Johnson was absent. Also present were, Susan Riley, Ross Brown, Tim Evans, Kari Ryan, Steve Arends, Steve Kelly, High School Principal Chris Garard, Middle School Principal Jeremy Darnell, Elementary School Principal Justin Kean, 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:

Mr. Steve Arends voiced his concerns about the increase tax rate to cover the bonds. Vice President Whitehouse stated this issue will be discussed during the Bond Hearing later on in the meeting.

Mr. Tim Evans introduced himself. He is the Ford County Record's Editor.

A motion to go **into executive session** at 6:25 pm 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 Elder and seconded by board member Young. 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 Elder and seconded by board member Zbinden at 6:53 pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all board members present voting yes.

Working Cash Bond Hearing started at 6:55 pm

Vice President Whitehouse conducted the Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell **\$1,000,000 in Working Cash Fund Bonds**.

Minutes of the hearing are attached to these minutes.

Motion to **close the bond hearing** Motion was made by board member Young and seconded by board member Zbinden. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Consent Agenda:

Approved were the Regular and Executive Session Board meeting minutes from December 17, 2015

GCMS Accounts Payable bills approved for were \$490,849.36 (Education fund \$349,507.83- Building fund \$42,487.17- Debt Service fund \$0.00- Transportation fund \$43,220.66, - IMRF fund \$25,554.23 - Capital Projects fund \$0.00- W/C \$0.00 –TORT \$30,079.47- F/HLS \$0.00 **GCMS Payrolls** approved were \$380,300.02 (Education fund \$339,623.77- Building fund \$17,297.71-Transportation fund \$2,568.79- TORT \$20,809.75.

FCSEC Accounts Payable bills approved were \$100,853.42 Accounts Payable (Education fund \$98,718.09- Building fund \$138.13 - IMRF Fund \$1,997.20 and **FCSEC Payrolls** approved were \$33,478.07 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 July 2014.

Approve Field Trips for:

- 5th grade to Gibson Area Bowl on 1/15/2016 from 1–3pm
- FFA to Schaumburg on 1/29/2016 - 1/30/2016 for a conference
- 2nd grade to Gibson Area Hospital on 4/13/2016 from 12:45 - 2:30pm
- 6th Grade to Peoria, IL Chiefs Baseball on 4/20/2016 from 8:30am - 4:30pm- rain date 5/4/2016

Approve the following donations:

Amount	From	Designated to:
\$100	Charles and Sandra Smith	John Cowell Scholarship
\$150	Milan and Linda Hansen	John Cowell Scholarship
\$1000	Joseph and Julie Taets	John Cowell Scholarship
\$11,284	Wesley Uhimeyer	John Cowell Scholarship
\$250	Various ADM Employees	John Cowell Scholarship
\$500	Gary and Ruth Towne	John Cowell Scholarship
\$1,000	Christopher L Boerm	John Cowell Scholarship
\$868.95	GCMS Booster Club	High School Wrestling
\$2,045	GCMS Booster Club	High School Wrestling

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 Young and seconded by board member Elder. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mrs. Nuss ended by recalling that the upcoming Junior Parent In-service, 8th Grade Parent Orientation, and Title Math Nights are all examples of parent outreach activities we've created based on feedback from our annual Needs Assessment. At the next meeting, she will be asking the Board to provide guidance on what questions they would like to see asked on the 2016, Needs Assessment.

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence/Communications

Superintendent Galindo informed the board that the Office of Secretary of State has awarded GCMS with a **\$750 Library Grant**.

Superintendent Galindo presented the **Middle School Wrestling Coop Contract** to the board for consideration. Motion to approve the Cooperative Team Agreement for Middle School Wrestling for years **2016-2017 and 2017-2018**, between GCMS Middle School and Fisher Jr. High. Motion was made by board member Young and seconded by board member Elder. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Superintendent Galindo stated that he had received a **FOIA request from One Chance Illinois** requesting information concerning all gifted courses or programs we have in GCMS and some of the attributes of those enrolled. The reply was made within the required timeline.

Superintendent Galindo sent out information and request forms to the staff about the **Education Foundation Grants**. Thanks to the GCMS Education Foundation for their support of our programs and students.

Superintendent Galindo provided the board with the proposed **2016-2017, School Calendar**. We will motion to approve at the March 2016, board meeting. School would start just a little earlier. Teachers to start on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, and the Students will start on Thursday, August 18, 2016. The last day if we have no snow day would be Wednesday, May 24, 2016, for Students and May 25, 2016, for teachers. If we have snow days the latest would be June 2, 2016.

A motion to **adjourn regular session** was made by board member Swearingen and seconded by board Young at 8:16pm. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

Board President Josh Johnson

Board Secretary Tyler Young

Elementary School Board Report 1/21/16

- 1) BUG
 - a. For the month of Jan. we are highlighting Empathy
 - b. Assembly on Jan. 8th and Jen McMullin (nurse) was the mystery reader
 - c. Next assembly is Jan. 29th

- 2) Aimsweb Testing
 - a. Intervention staff did testing on Jan. 13-14
 - b. Done in the cafeteria
 - c. Use for RtI, special ed. referral, small group formation, etc.

- 3) Pennies for Patients
 - a. Raising \$ to help those with blood cancers.
 - b. Kids are bringing in coins and there are some incentives.
 - c. Jersey day on 1-20-16

- 4) Social Events for Elementary Staff
 - a. Chili Day- Jan. 7th
 - b. Arm scarf knitting- Jan. 14th
 - c. Winter Blues Party- Jan 22nd at the Lake of the Woods (Trivia DJ)

- 5) Registered students:
 - a. K= 68
 - b. 1st= 74
 - c. 2nd= 88
 - d. 3rd= 73
 - e. 4th= 75
 - f. 5th= 84
 - g. ECE= 19
 - h. Total= 481

Curriculum Office
January Board Report

- I. Review of January 4 Institute Day
 - A. Faculty appreciation for Board presentation
 - B. Mindfulness presentation
- II. Linda Dorn Book Study at the Elementary School
 - A. Continued focus on guided reading
- III. Annual Reviews
 - A. Foreign Language
 - B. Vocational Education
- IV. Course Evaluations
- V. Junior Parent Inservice
- VI. Annual Needs Assessment
 - A. Purpose and explanation
 - B. Board suggestions?