

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2016

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 2016, at 6:15 p.m. 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 Elder, Leonard, Johnson, Swearingen, Whitehouse and Zbinden in attendance. Also present were: Deanna Leitz, Alex Hunt, Kari Ryan-Cline, Angie Funk, Ross Brown, Russ Leigh, Susan Riley, Curriculum Director Erin Nuss, FCSEC Director Rick Brackmann, School Board Secretary Doris DeFries and District Superintendent Jeremy Darnell.

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

Recognition of Visitors:

Senior Alex Hunt, a member of the Student Council Policy Committee, attended the meeting to discuss dual credit courses and the fact that they are not weighted like AP credit courses are. He began by thanking the board for their support in addressing this topic and acknowledged that those courses did not exist when the agenda was written. Alex feels strongly that they need to consider that college level courses taught by Parkland professors should be weighted as well. He stated this would be a perfect way to help out a lot of students at the high school. The board thanked Alex for taking the time to bring this issue to their attention. H.S. English teacher Angie Funk was also in attendance to contribute to the discussion. She stated that we have had additional interest in these types of courses and that we currently have 25 students enrolled in them. It is more important than ever that we pursue recognizing the extra efforts these students are putting forth and consider acknowledging that within our grading system.

Audit Presentation

Russell Leigh from Russell Leigh and Associates presented the GCMS Community Unit School District #5 FY2016 audit results. He began by stating that there are no issues with school code or compliance. Our revenue was very similar to last year and is always dependent on what the state provides. We did have a deficit in our Education Fund, but that was common in most districts. There are no concerns with that as all of our fund balances are very solid.

Mr. Leigh also presented the audit results for FCSEC for FY2016. He stated the Cooperative is in very good shape with solid fund balances in all funds as well.

A motion to **accept the GCMS FY2016 Audit as presented** was made by board member Whitehouse and seconded by board member Elder. Motion carried by voice vote, with all board members present voting yes.

A motion to **accept the FCSEC FY2016 Audit as presented** was made by board member Zbinden and seconded by board member Leonard. Motion carried by voice vote, with all board members present voting yes.

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Secretary Pro-Tem

A motion was made to nominate Miranda Leonard as secretary pro-tem in Tyler Young's absence for this meeting. Motion made by board member Whitehouse and seconded by board member Elder. Motion carried by voice vote, with all board members present voting yes.

A motion to **go into executive session** at 6:57 p.m. 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), Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9). Motion was made by board member Whitehouse and seconded by board member Elder. 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 Elder at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all board members present voting yes.

Action Items to Consider From Executive Session

Accept Employment for:

Motion to approve **Tyler Brucker, Cameron Schwing, and Grant Horsch** as volunteer wrestling coaches for the 2016-2017 season. Motion was made by board member Swearingen and seconded by board member Whitehouse. Motion carried by voice vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion to approve **Michelle Schultz** as volunteer dance team coach for 2016-2017. Motion was made by board member Whitehouse and seconded by board member Zbinden. Motion carried by voice vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion to employ **Maria Rodriguez** at a rate of \$20 per hour as needed as a translator for the GCMS School District for the 2016-2017 school year effective September 1, 2016. Motion made by board member Swearingen and seconded by board member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

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Motion to employ **Derrick Babbs** as a Paraprofessional for the GCMS School District on Step 13 of the Para Professional Negotiated Agreement for the 2016-2017 school year effective October 13, 2016. Motion made by board member Leonard and seconded by board member Zbinden. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion to approve tuition reimbursement for **Staci Lindelof** per her negotiated agreement for a Special Education Advanced Endorsement. Motion made by board member Elder and seconded by board member Leonard. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Additional Agenda Items:

Nothing to report at this time

Consent Agenda

GCMS Accounts Payable bills approved were \$569,901.93. (Education fund \$385,785.34- Building fund \$73,210.86- Debt Service fund \$0.00- Transportation fund \$71,822.33 - IMRF fund \$25,481.43 - Capital Projects fund \$0.00- W/C \$0.00 –TORT \$13,601.97- F/HLS \$0.00)
GCMS Payrolls approved were \$365,746.91. (Education fund \$326,728.64- Building fund \$16,005.05-Transportation fund \$2,258.07- TORT \$20,755.15)

FCSEC Accounts Payable bills approved were \$109,839.13. (Education fund \$107,767.16- Building fund \$182.62-IMRF Fund \$1,889.35)
FCSEC Payrolls approved were \$33,931.51 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, and the destruction of executive session tapes through the end of April 2015.

Approve Field Trips for:

- Amanda Broaddus - Chamber Choir caroling 12/14/16
- Marcia Meyer - Life Skills Class to County Market 10/12/16 and 11/16/16
- Marcia Meyer - Life Skills Class to McDonalds 10/28/16
- Marcia Meyer - Life Skills Class to Dollar General 12/16/16
- Malory Hughes - FFA Officers Retreat to Grizzley Jacks Resort 12/21/16 - 12/22/16
- Jason Mackinson - Welding Class Alamo Tour 11/4/16
- PACT - GCMS All School Trip 4/1/17

Approve the following donations:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Designated To</u>
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Approve Facility Use Agreements or Request for Use of School Kitchen/Cafeteria pending proof of insurance and all other district requirements for:

Approve the kitchen supply use of cafeteria trays on November 13, 2016 by Our Lady of Lourdes Church for their annual turkey dinner.

Approve the facilities use of the GCMS HS gym and cafeteria on December 3, 2016 for the Falcon Youth Wrestling Funrawl.

Approve the facilities use of the MS gym and cafeteria on April 22-23, 2017, for After Prom, requested by Angie Davis.

Approve the minutes of the GCMS Regular and Executive Session Board Meeting of September 19, 2016 as presented.

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

Committee Reports:

Policy: Members - Elder, Leonard, and Zbinden.

Motion to accept **Policy 5:330** as presented in the board packet. Motion was made by board member Zbinden and seconded by board member Swearingen. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Building, Grounds, and Transportation: Members - Elder, Swearingen, and Zbinden.
No report.

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

Board member Whitehouse reported:

- Discussion on fund balances
- Utilities contracts
- Environmental review

Strategy and Enrichment: Members – Johnson, Whitehouse, and Young.

Board member Whitehouse reported on the first reading of the Superintendent and Board agreements. The committee members voted to review the reports provided from the Board Retreat.

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Wellness:

No report.

Building Administrator Reports:

Principals Report:

(Principal reports are attached to these minutes.)

High School Principal, Chris Garard

Not in attendance.

Middle School Principal, Kyle Bielfeldt

Not in attendance.

Elementary Principal, Justin Kean

Not in attendance.

Special Education:

Rick Brackmann, FCSEC Director

A special meeting was held on October 4th, 2016. The Cooperative will also be using the services of Bushue Human Resources. Some changes were made regarding the job description for Mr. Brackmann's position (as he is retiring at the end of 2016/2017) and it will be posted soon.

Curriculum Report:

Erin Nuss, Curriculum Director

Mrs. Nuss expressed appreciation for our partnering with the PTA. She commented that Spring conferences may be added and that the two Round Table discussions are going really well. A poverty simulation will be conducted by the United Way of Champaign County which will challenge individuals on how they would get through a month on limited income. There will no longer be ACT testing for students as we are moving to SAT instead.

Bucket Drops

To Mrs. Funk and the students that organized homecoming for doing such a great job putting it all together.

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Thank you to Erin Nuss for attending the October 10th city council meeting that both Mr. Darnell and Mr. Johnson were unable to attend.

Superintendent's Report - Communications

Superintendent Darnell read a thank you letter from the Center for Philanthropy for a \$25.00 donation.

EIS Salary Report:

Motion to approve the 2016-2017 EIS Administrator And Teacher Salary Report as presented. Motion made by board member Leonard and seconded by board member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

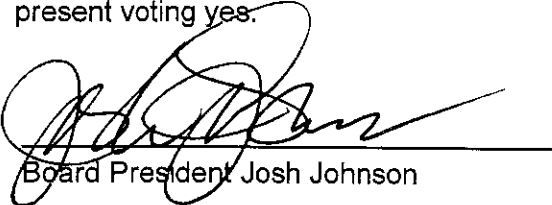
Environmental and Water Quality Study

Motion to retain the services of Environmental Consultants, LLC to conduct both an environmental and water quality study at all buildings. This will include the Unit Office and weight room at no additional cost to the district. Motion made by board member Zbinden and seconded by board member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Utilities

Motion to retain the services of Twin City Energy effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 as gas and electric service vendor for GCMS. They will reach out to extend contracts when it will be beneficial to us and will be helping us save \$70,000 to \$80,000 on electric rates alone during the contract term. Motion made by board member Whitehouse and seconded by board member Leonard. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to **adjourn the regular session** was made by board member Swearingen and seconded by board member Elder at: 7:58 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.


Board President Josh Johnson


Board Secretary Miranda Leonard