

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES OF
January 28, 2019

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. in the GCMS Board Room located at 307 N Sangamon Avenue, Gibson City. The board was called to order by Board President Josh Johnson. Roll was called with board members Elder, Young, Swearingen, Tucker-Davis and Leonard in attendance. Also present were: Ross Brown with the Ford County Record, GCMS Education Association President Susan Riley, School Board Secretary Lori Kristensen and District Superintendent Jeremy Darnell.

Absent: Board member Whitehouse, Building Administrators, Curriculum Director and FCSEC Director

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

Recognition of Visitors:

None

There were no discussion items on the agenda for the board to go into Executive session 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).

Discussion of lawfully closed meeting minutes, whether for the purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

Action Items to Consider From Executive Session

Accept Requests for:

Motion to **approve the resignation of Guy Percy as high school golf coach effective immediately with thanks for service.** Motion was made by board member Swearingen and seconded by board member Young. Motion carried by voice vote with all members present voting yes.

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Additional Agenda Items:

None

Consent Agenda

GCMS Accounts Payable bills approved were \$3,275,456.90

Education fund	\$412,432.66
Building fund	\$2,040,155.99
Debt Service fund	\$0.00
Transportation fund	\$56,845.91
IMRF/FICA fund	\$29,112.71
Capital Projects fund	\$720,200.00
W/C	\$0.00
TORT	\$16,709.63
F/HLS	\$0.00

GCMS Payrolls approved were \$401,716.12

Education fund	\$350,269.35
Building fund	\$18,241.09
Transportation fund	\$1,261.03
TORT	\$31,944.65

FCSEC Accounts Payable bills approved were \$84,517.33

Education fund	\$82,346.44
Building fund	\$132.44
IMRF/FICA Fund	\$2,038.45

FCSEC Payrolls approved were \$36,950.61 all in the Education fund

Financial/treasurer's 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 July 2017.

Approve Field Trips for:

Middle School Student Council	Hoopston Middle School	February 16, 2019
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Approve the following donations:

Amount	From	Designation
\$50	Stephen and Connie Day	Boys Basketball
\$50	Class of 1959	High School Library
\$1,000	Anonymous	High School Athletics

Approve Facility Use Agreements or Request for Use of School Kitchen/Cafeteria pending proof of insurance and all other district requirements for:

PTA has requested to use the Middle School Cafeteria on March 17, 2019

Approve the minutes of the GCMS Regular and Executive Session Minutes of December 17, 2018.

Motion to accept the consent agenda as presented in the board packet. Motion was made by board member Elder seconded by board member Leonard. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

Advisory Reports:

Policy: Members - Adam Elder and Miranda Leonard

Superintendent Darnell shared with the board the **First Reading of Policies: 2:80, 2:120, 4:45, 4:130, 4:170, 5:30, 5:60, 5:100, 5:220, 6:20, 6:60, 6:220, 6:310, 7:70, 7:100, 7:190, 7:250, *7:270, 7:290, 7:305.** Policy 7:270 will not be considered for approval by the board. This policy pertains to medicinal marijuana. The exiting district policy for medication will continue to be what the school district will follow going forward.

Building, Grounds, and Transportation: Members - Steve Swearingen and Emily Tucker-Davis

Superintendent Darnell reported the school district is in a holding pattern for large construction projects. Typically the summer is when large construction projects take place, but only routine projects will occur this summer.

Personnel and Finance: Members - Josh Johnson and Phil Whitehouse

Superintendent Darnell is currently working on an amended budget for FY19 due to the settlement with One Earth Energy. The amended budget will be presented to the board at the February 25 board meeting.

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Strategy and Enrichment: Members – Tyler Young and Josh Johnson
No Report

Building Administration Reports:

Principal's Reports:

High School Principal, Chris Garard

Enrollment - 301

Freshman: 72

Sophomores: 75

Juniors: 77

Seniors: 77

New students: 0

Non-returning students: 1

Student of the month is Senior, Jenny Patel

Practice ACT and Mental Health In-service

140 students (grades 9,10,11) volunteered to take a practice SAT during the morning of January 16. Afternoon activities were planned for participation for a mental health awareness day for all high school students and staff. Six different session times were planned with 10-12 activities per session. Mr. Garard thanked Mr. Ertel and the team of students and staff for planning this afternoon activity.

Junior In-Service, January 24

A Junior in-service on January 24 was held to provide SAT results to those students who took the practice test and how these results relate to potential college placement tests. Information was shared with students on Parkland College, EIU, ISU, Paul Mitchell, Eureka College, Gibson Area Hospital, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

Scheduling for 2019-2020

The scheduling process has already begun for the 2019-2020 school year. The 8th grade orientation to high school curriculum is planned for January 25.

Guys and Dolls

Musical rehearsals are underway for this year's presentation which will be on March 8 and 9.

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HS Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location & Time
February 1	Distinguished Alumni presentation	Halftime - High School boys basketball game
February 18-23 Saturday, February 23	National FFA Week FFA Auction	High School Gymnasium
February 24	Band Double Donation Dinner Concert	High School Gymnasium 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Middle School Principal, Kyle Bielfeldt

Enrollment - 232

6th: 73

7th: 76

8th: 83

December Students of the Month

6th Grade - Amanda Freehill

7th Grade - Nick Smith

8th Grade - Kaitlyn Milligan

Career Day

Friday, January 25 was the 2nd annual career day at the middle school. Mrs. Jamison brought together 26 speakers from the Gibson City community and surrounding areas to speak to the 8th grade students. The keynote speaker during the morning session was Marc Chagnon. In the afternoon, the students had the opportunity to speak with business men and women about possible careers. The students were placed in specific fields based on their personal interests and from results of their Career Cruising. Mr. Garard, Mr. McDevitt, and Mr. Carter also discussed with the students what to expect in high school. Several high school students also came to the middle school building to speak to 8th grade Enrichment classes about elective opportunities at the high school.

School Assembly

The 7th grade team and students led the last school assembly for the year. The focus of the assembly was TEAMWORK. They led a team building exercise that focused on working together to complete a task. Coach Allen and four of the varsity football players also attended the assembly and spoke on what it means to be a good teammate. They answered questions from the students to close out the assembly.

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Athletics

- The 7th grade boys basketball team lost their regional opener on Monday, January 21 to end their season.
- The 8th grade boys basketball team will play on Saturday, January 26 in the first round of regional play.
- The 7th and 8th grade girls volleyball teams are off to a great start with 5-2 records.

MS Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location & Time
January 25	8th grade career fair	MS
January 26	8th grade boys regionals begins	Maroa Forsythe
February 11	Student Advisory Meeting	MS
February 13-14	IEP Annual Reviews	MS
February 15	School Improvement Day	District Wide
February 16	Girl Scouts Daddy Daughter Dance	MS
February 18	President's Day	No School

Elementary Principal, Justin Kean

Enrollment - 470

ECE: 20
 Pre K: 39
 K: 58
 1st: 63
 2nd: 81
 3rd: 64
 4th: 70
 5th: 75

The **BUG PROGRAM** theme for the month of January is Empathy.

The Elementary School staff has enjoyed a few **winter social activities**. 42 staff members and guests met at Destihl on January 25 for a winter blues get together. Several staff members are participating in after school yoga classes with more days being offered soon. They also enjoyed a chili day on January 24.

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The Elementary School **Book Fair** was held January 14-18 in the ES library. A shout out to Jessica Titus, district librarian, for hosting the book fair and to Mr. and Mrs. Titus for helping out.

The **Christmas Concert** in December went well this year by avoiding inclement weather and district wide sickness. The students had fun and there were added instruments this year for 5th grade.

A **2-week tumbling session** begins in PE on January 28.

The **5 Essentials Survey** will be complete on February 1. This is the first year 4th and 5th grade students are required to participate.

ES Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location & Time
January 28	Tumbling in PE	ES
February 1-5	5 Essentials Survey	District Wide
February 4	Honesty BUG Video released	ES
February 11	PTA	

Special Education Director, Jesse McFarling

The FCSEC school psychologist position is currently posted, but no applicants have been received to date. Mrs. Nuss and Mr. McFarling are attending the Illinois School Psychologist Association job fair in February. Mr. Farling is currently exploring additional medicaid billing opportunities to see if more funding exists for the cooperative.

Annual review season is right around the corner. Case managers have completed their trainings and they have also received set their assigned review days and meeting are being scheduled.

The Grant Accessibility and Transparency Act (GATA) requires new audit information this year. Mr. McFarling is currently working with the school district's auditor and bookkeeper to complete the audits.

The students taking the state alternative assessment DLM have been updated and teacher rosters are updated within the online system. No new special education staff will be administering the DLM this year, therefore, no additional teacher training is required by GCMS.

The December Fund Balance is: \$376,933.80

The start of the year Fund Balance was: \$378,046.59

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Curriculum Director, Erin Nuss

Mrs. Nuss's report from the Curriculum Office reviewed the very successful Institute Day on January 7. The day focused on ways in which staff can come together to better support each other and our students. Mrs. Nuss extended special thanks to the many guest speakers from within the school and the community who shared their stories related to mental health awareness.

Superintendent's Report

Gas and Electric Contracts

The school district signed on with Twin City Energy Services approximately two years ago to assist with lowering energy costs. Superintendent Darnell asked the board to approve an additional two year contract with both MidAmerican Energy Services LLC for a 9% decrease in electric costs and Mansfield Power & Gas LLC for a 7% decrease in natural gas costs.

Motion to approve the contract with MidAmerican Energy Services LLC as presented.

Motion was made by board member Tucker-Davis and seconded by board member Swearingen. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

Motion to approve the contract with Mansfield Power & Gas LLC for natural gas as presented.

Motion was made by board member Elder and seconded by board member Swearingen. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

IASA Article on High School Mental Health Initiative

An article was written in the Illinois Association of School Administrators by Mary Schaefer, IASA Director of Communication & Marketing. Ms Schaefer wrote about the recent Mental Health Initiative hosted by GCMS and led by GCMS students. The article offers great recognition to Ms. Riley and the students who organized and led the event. Mr. Darnell commented that events like this one helps to open doors for conversations about mental health among GCMS students, staff and families.

A motion to **adjourn the meeting** was made by board member Swearingen and seconded by board member Tucker-Davis at 6:27 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

Board President Josh Johnson

Board Secretary Lori Kristensen