

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING
July 16, 2018

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met for the Ford County Special Education Cooperative budget hearing on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the GCMS Board Room located at 307 N Sangamon Avenue, Gibson City. The board was called to order by President Josh Johnson. Roll was called with board members Whitehouse, 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.

FCSEC FY19 Budget

Information on the FY19 budget was presented by FCSEC Director Jesse McFarling. The budget estimates \$1,492,200 in revenue and \$1,523,500 in expenses which is a 1.7% increase from the FY18 budget. McFarling added that the FY18 budget came in at \$100,000 under budget. Public comment: Board member Swearingen asked what the increase in the expenditures is from FY18 to FY19. Director McFarling responded FCSEC is adding a new position by hiring a hearing specialist for the 2018-2019 school year.

A motion to **adjourn the FCSEC Budget Hearing** was made by board member Leonard and seconded by board member Elder at 6:04 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Monday, July 16, 2018, 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 President Josh Johnson. Roll was called with board members Whitehouse, 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:

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

Recognition of Visitors:

None

A motion to **go into executive session** was made by board member Whitehouse and seconded by board member Elder at 6:17 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). Motion was carried by roll call, with all members present voting yes.

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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).

A motion to **return to open session** was made by board member Swearingen and seconded by board member Whitehouse at 6:44 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all board members present voting yes.

Action Items to Consider From Executive Session

Accept Requests for:

Motion to **approve Jenny Deschepper as a volunteer coach for the GCMS softball program**. Motion was made by board member Leonard and seconded by board member Tucker-Davis. Motion carried by voice vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion to **accept the resignation of Chad Acree as GCMS teacher and coach** effective immediately with thanks for service. Motion was made by board member Whitehouse and seconded by board member Elder. Motion carried by voice vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion to **hire Melissa Nickols as a special education teacher** for GCMS School District at step 4 bachelor's degree on the negotiated agreement for the 2018-2019 school year. 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 **hire Jessica Lee as Middle School Office Assistant** at a rate of \$14.50 per hour for 195 days for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion was made by board member Whitehouse and seconded by board member Young. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

Motion to **hire Colton Leake as a physical education teacher** for the GCMS School District at step 5 bachelor's degree on the negotiated agreement for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion was made by board member Leonard and seconded by board member Elder. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

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Motion to **hire Kara Smith as varsity softball coach** for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion was made by board member Young and seconded by board member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

Motion to **accept the resignation of Ryan Tompkins as high school assistant softball coach** effective immediately with thanks for service. Motion was made by board member Tucker-Davis and seconded by board member Young. Motion carried by voice vote with all members present voting yes.

Additional Agenda Items:

None

Consent Agenda

GCMS Accounts Payable bills approved were \$712,678.02

Education fund	\$297,355.35
Building fund	\$85,504.00
Debt Service fund	\$0.00
Transportation fund	\$9,690.52
IMRF/FICA fund	\$27,642.71
Capital Projects fund	\$212,617.69
W/C	\$0.00
TORT	\$73,867.75
F/HLS	\$6,000.00

GCMS Payrolls approved were \$463,235.80

Education fund	\$412,030.44
Building fund	\$19,462.68
Transportation fund	\$2,505.85
TORT	\$29,236.83

FCSEC Accounts Payable bills approved were \$47,629.51

Education fund	\$44,105.24
Building fund	\$1,508.25
IMRF/FICA Fund	\$2,016.02

FCSEC Payrolls approved were \$37,943.71 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 January 2017.

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Approve Field Trips for:

None

Approve the following donations:

Amount	From	Designation
\$136,045.31	Roy Roemer	GCMS Schools Activities

Superintendent Darnell commented on the very generous donation from the Roy Roemer estate stating that Roy was a superfan in life by supporting GCMS athletics and most importantly encouraging all student athletes to do their best. He is now leaving a legacy for all GCMS students and athletes for future years.

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

None

Approve the minutes of the GCMS Regular and Executive Session Minutes of June 25, 2018.

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

Advisory Reports:

Policy: Members - Adam Elder and Miranda Leonard

First Reading Policy: 2:105, 2:170, 4:20, 4:80, 4:140, 6:10, 6:30, 6:60, 6:120, 6:130, 6:135, 6:190, 6:220, 6:230, 6:240, 6:250, 7:50, 7:165, 7:330, 7:340, 8:25

Building, Grounds, and Transportation: Members - Steve Swearingen and Emily Tucker-Davis
GCMS Elementary School Facility Update

Personnel and Finance: Members - Josh Johnson and Phil Whitehouse
Report given in Superintendent's Report / Action

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

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Building Administration Reports:

Principal's Reports:

High School Principal, Chris Garard

No report for summer

Middle School Principal, Kyle Bielfeldt

No report for summer

Elementary Principal, Justin Kean

No report for summer

Special Education Director, Jesse McFarling

Presentation on the FY19 budget during the FCSEC Budget Hearing.

Curriculum Director, Erin Nuss

Mrs. Nuss spoke briefly about the need for a Title I SchoolWide Waiver for GCMS Middle School. She thanked the Social Studies Curriculum Committee for their diligent and passionate work on re-aligning the GCMS Social Studies curriculum with the new Illinois Social Studies Standards over the past 18 months. Board members were provided with electronic copies of the Curriculum Study documents and maps for their consideration. Mrs. Nuss also explained that the district was very pleased with the recently released PARCC scores which show upward growth as students progress through grades 3 to 8.

Superintendent's Report

GCMS Proposed FY19 Budget

Superintendent Darnell presented to the board the tentative FY19 budget. The budget estimates \$13,782,050 in expenses and \$13,454,400 in revenue which results in a deficit of approximately \$327,650. The state budget formula only includes the school district's operating funds (education, operations and maintenance and transportation) therefore, as far as the state is concerned, the GCMS budget is balanced.

Darnell shared with the board that the largest expenses the school district has is from salaries, benefits and technology. For example: the district is spending \$60,000 in new, much needed copy machines this year.

In the transportation fund, Darnell shared that the spending increases are due to bus transportation for students in out-of-district placements.

Board member Swearingen asked if new water fountains were installed each of the schools. Darnell responded that new fountains were installed in 2017.

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Motion to place the GCMS FY19 Budget on public display and set a hearing for August 20, 2018. Motion was made by board member Young and seconded by board member Elder. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

FCSEC FY19 Budget

Motion to accept the FY19 FCSEC Budget on behalf of the FCSEC as presented. Motion was made by board member Swearingen and seconded by board member Leonard. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

One Earth Energy / TIF Review

A settlement proposal was presented to the board by Superintendent Darnell. More information on the settlement will be presented and discussed in the coming weeks. **Motion to accept the proposed settlement with One Earth Energy and the City of Gibson as presented.** Motion was made by board member Whitehouse and seconded by board member Tucker-Davis. Motion carried by roll call with members Elder, Tucker-Davis, Whitehouse, Swearingen, Leonard and Johnson voting yes and member Young voting no.

GCMS Middle School Title 1 Waiver

The Title 1 waiver allows for GCMS Middle School to apply for school-wide status of our Title I grants for the 2019 Fiscal Year. This waiver is necessary because the percentage of low-income students at the Middle School dropped below 40% to 39.56% in May.

Motion to approve the GCMS Middle School Title 1 waiver as presented. Motion was made by board member Elder and seconded by board member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

GCMS Elementary School Running Club

GCMS Elementary School PE teachers, Mike Schwenk and Chrystal Little, would like to start a running club for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students along with faculty and staff. Students and staff would meet at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning after Labor Day and extending no later than Thanksgiving.

Motion to approve the GCMS running club as presented. Motion was made by board member Whitehouse and seconded by board member Tucker-Davis. Motion carried by voice vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to **adjourn the meeting** was made by board member Leonard and seconded by board member Whitehouse at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

President Josh Johnson

Board Secretary Lori Kristensen