

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING
September 25, 2017

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 2017, at 6:30 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 Whitehouse, Elder, Young, Swearingen, Tucker-Davis and Leonard in attendance. Also present were: High School Principal Chris Garard, Middle School Principal Kyle Bielfeldt, Elementary School Principal Justin Kean, FCSEC Director Jesse McFarling, Curriculum Director Erin Nuss, 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:

A motion to **go into executive session** was made by board member Leonard and seconded by board member Whitehouse at 6:32 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.

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 Young and seconded by board member Tucker-Davis at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all board members present voting yes.

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Action Items to Consider From Executive Session

Accept Requests for:

Motion to **accept the resignation of Cynthia Wurmnest effective December 31, 2017 as a paraprofessional for GCMS School District with thanks for her service.** 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.

Motion to **approve the maternity leave for Nicole McNary for 12 weeks starting approximately September 10 through December 22, 2017.** Motion was made by board member Tucker-Davis and seconded by board member Leonard. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

Motion to **approve the maternity leave for Kristin Wilson from October 27 through December 22, 2017.** Motion was made by board member Leonard and seconded by board member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

Motion to **accept the following as volunteer coaches** for GCMS School District for the 2017-2018 school year.

- Wrestling: Phillip Schwing, Aaron Carter, Chad Augspurger, Tyler Brucker & Grant Horsch
- AG/FFA: Jackie Quinley and Michelle Marcum
- Music: Christine Harmet and Todd Thomas
- Basketball: A.J. Richard
- Volleyball: Shelbie Kearfott

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

Additional Agenda Items:

None

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Consent Agenda

GCMS Accounts Payable bills approved were \$658,793.88

Education fund	\$524,460.58
Building fund	\$44,369.62
Debt Service fund	\$0.00
Transportation fund	\$46,968.56
IMRF/FICA fund	\$25,585.13
Capital Projects fund	\$0.00
W/C	\$0.00
TORT	\$17,409.99
F/HLS	\$0.00

GCMS Payrolls approved were \$406,589.34

Education fund	\$362,392.81
Building fund	\$18,986.43
Transportation fund	\$2,630.73
TORT	\$22,579.37

FCSEC Accounts Payable bills approved were \$102,713.07

Education fund	\$100,511.27
Building fund	197.58
IMRF/FICA Fund	\$2,004.22

FCSEC Payrolls approved were \$36,862.01 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 March 2016.

Approve Field Trips for:

- Art 4 to Navy Pier in Chicago on 11/4/17 for the SOFA Art Show
- FFA/AG to Decatur on 10/6/17-10/7/17 for a leadership conference
- FFA/AG to Indianapolis on 10/25/17-10/28/17 for a leadership conference
- Spanish IV to Decatur on 4/20/18 for a cultural performance
- Senior Class to Parkland College on 10/11/17 for a college visit
- Senior Class to Illinois Wesleyan on 10/11/17 for a college visit
- Special Education Department to Parkland College on 10/5/17 for a college visit
- 4th Grade to Springfield on 5/4/17 for a Class trip to visit historical sites
- 1st Grade to Radar Farms on 10/11/17 for a grade level trip
- 7th Grade to Museum of Science & Industry in Chicago on 4/16/17 for a science trip

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Approve the following donations:

Amount	From	Designation
\$400.00	Valerie Kean	Whiteboard Donation
\$605.65	Booster Club	Signs for Athletes
\$15.26	Kula Foundation	Activity Fund
2,774.48	Anonymous	High School Agenda Books

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 August 21, 2017.

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

Advisory Reports:

Policy: Members - Adam Elder and Miranda Leonard

First reading of the IASB recommended changes to policies: 2:210, 2:260, 4:70, 6:80, 6:180, 6:210, 6:290, 6:330, 7:80, 7:160, 7:275, 8:70

The policy members recommended not adopting Policy 7:275 at this time. A formal adoption of the policy changes will take place at the October 16 board of education meeting.

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

Tucker-Davis

No Report

Personnel and Finance: Members - Josh Johnson and Phil Whitehouse

Personnel and Finance advisory members met on 9/20/17 to review the FY18 budget. Members also recognize this year is the last year of the current negotiated contract and negotiations will be needed in the near future.

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Strategy and Enrichment: Members – Tyler Young and Josh Johnson

Strategy and Enrichment advisory members met on 9/25/17 to discuss both academic and facility goals with recommendations to come.

Building Administration Reports:

Principal's Reports:

High School Principal, Chris Garard

Principal's report is attached to the minutes.

Middle School Principal, Kyle Bielfeldt

Principal's report is attached to the minutes.

Elementary Principal, Justin Kean

Principal's report is attached to the minutes.

Special Education, Jesse McFarling

Director McFarling reported to the board that FCSEC has received \$14,365.36 in Personnel Reimbursements so far this year. Mr. McFarling also reported there will be two training sessions scheduled for the October 6 teacher institute day. One training session will be on behavioral interventions and strategies for students with Autism for all GCMS paraprofessionals, and a half day NCI refresher course for staff that were not able to attend the training over the summer.

Curriculum Director, Erin Nuss

Mrs. Nuss described the optional professional development workshops offered this fall on the topic of trauma-sensitive teaching. She also updated the Board on the progress of our 18-month Curriculum Studies in the Social Studies, Agriculture, and Fine Arts departments. The GCMS University mentors were thanked for attending the September Mentor Breakfast. Mrs. Nuss ended with a brief update on the current status of our Title I Plan and ESEA Consolidated Application.

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Superintendent's Report

Communications

Evidence Based Model - School Funding Formula Passes

In the Evidence Based Model of the new School Funding Formula; the GCMS School District is designated as a Tier 2 District. Superintendent Darnell reported that the district will see a smaller amount of new money due to the designation of Tier 2. Those school districts designated as Tier 1 will receive the most state funding. Darnell also commented that even though the district will receive less new money through the new school funding formula, the district is on course to receive what the State has promised.

Community Engagement

Each building administrator provided a growing list of community organizations that GCMS staff are involved with in some capacity. The emphasis behind the exercise was to acknowledge the time and commitment the staff gives the community outside of their classroom.

Motion to approve the GCMS FY18 budget as presented. Motion was made by board member Whitehouse seconded by board member Young. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

Motion to approve the FCSEC FY18 budget as presented. Motion was made by board member Swearingen seconded by board member Young. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

Annual Salary Report

Superintendent Darnell shared with the board the annual salary report. The district is required to post staff salaries on the GCMS District website and submit the current year salary report to the State.

Motion to approve the Annual Salary Report as presented. Motion was made by board member Leonard seconded by board member Tucker-Davis. Motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yes.

Board of Education Leadership Conference

Mr. Darnell reported that the Board of Education will participate in a leadership conference by John Maxwell titled, "Live to Lead" on October 6.

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A motion to **adjourn the regular session** was made by board member Swearingen and seconded by board member Young at: 7:08 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

Board President Josh Johnson

Board Secretary Tyler Young

Secretary Pro-Tem Lori Kristensen