

**Meeting of the Gentry Board of Education  
District #19  
Minutes of Board of Education**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b>
No 11	Regular	PAC	6:30 p.m.	October 18, 2021

**Present**

David Williamson – President  
Randall Bolinger - Vice President  
Melissa Holland – Secretary  
Jon Holt – Member

**Absent**

Jim Barnes – Member  
John Skaggs – Member  
Gary Dunlap- Member

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Williamson, at 6:30 pm with 4 members present. Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Skaggs were absent. Mr. Moll was present to represent the local press.

Also in attendance:

1. Christie Toland
2. Brent Hester
3. Jason Barrett
4. Clay Stewart, Police Chief Gentry
5. Keeta Neal
6. Victoria Groomer
7. Kristen Smartt
8. Danielle Freeman
9. Meredith Renfroe
10. Becca Newberry
11. Melissa cartwright
12. Meredith Renfroe
13. Misty Boettcher
14. Peyton Insko
15. William Boettcher
16. Shelbi Lynn Laughlin
17. Channing Renfroe

**Moment of Silence**

Observed

**Welcome and Celebrations - Christie Toland, Asst. Superintendent**

[https://www.gentrypioneers.com/state-required-information/sb/FY%2022/4.%20October%20FY%2022/3a\\_Asst.%20Supt's%20Report%20%20October%202122.pdf](https://www.gentrypioneers.com/state-required-information/sb/FY%2022/4.%20October%20FY%2022/3a_Asst.%20Supt's%20Report%20%20October%202122.pdf)

A lot of student awards and achievements as well as District wide activities.


Volunteer 7th Grade Volleyball Coach, Misty Boettcher, and some of the 7th Grade Volleyball students were present to update the Board on their first year as a team. The girls did well as a team of novice players and the Board congratulated them on their accomplishments and thanked their Coach for her efforts with these students.

### **Consideration of Board Minutes**

- Regular Board Meeting September 27, 2021 - [6a #6 Regular Board Meeting September 27,2021.pdf](#)
- Special Board Meeting September 27, AFR/Report to the Public - [4b #7 Annual Report to the Public Meeting September 27,2021.pdf](#)
- Special Board Meeting- September 27, 2021 Annual Title I - [4c #8 Annual Title I Report Meeting September 27,2021.pdf](#)
- Special September 30, 2021 - [4d #9 Special Board Meeting Student Expulsion Hearing.pdf](#)
- Special October 8, 2021 - [4e #10 Special Board Meeting Student Expulsion Hearing.pdf](#)

Randall Bolinger moved to accept the minutes as presented and Jon Holt seconded. The vote carried 4-0

### **Consideration of Financial Reports**

- Period 2 FY22 Bank Recon Period 3 FY22 Bank Recon -  [5a Period 2 FY 22 Arvest August Bank Reconciliation.pdf](#)
- Period 3 FY22 Board Report - [5b Period 3 FY 22 Board Report.pdf](#)
- Period 3 FY22 Check Register - [5c Period 3 FY 22 Check Register.pdf](#)
- Period 3 FY 22 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary - [5d Period 3 FY22 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary.pdf](#)
- Period 3 FY22 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary - [5e Period 3 FY 22 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary.pdf](#)

Ms. Metz reported that she had been notified the District would have to pay back \$90,000 of county tax revenue sent to the District in error. That repayment will be made in October. It will most likely be deducted from the county tax revenue check. Ms. Metz said she normally moves money in October but stated she was unsure if she would be able to do so after this repayment.

Randall Bolinger moved to accept the Financial Reports as presented and Jon Holt seconded. The vote carried 4-0.

### **Facilities and Transportation**

- F&T Report for July - [6a\\_September 2021 F&T Report.pdf](#) - FYI only
- Facilities Use Policy - [6b\\_Gentry Schools Facilities Usage Policy.pdf](#)

Ms. Metz reported that there was some discontent in the community that the District was denying traveling teams facility usage on a regular basis. She said that the demand on the fields and gyms is so great right now with the District's school team practice schedules. Coaches and players and families of Gentry students who are involved in traveling teams want to be able to use the facilities. The proposed changes to the Facilities Use Policy will address some of these concerns. The PPC and the coaching staff will be given the draft proposal for input, and she will bring the final recommendation for a first reading next month.

- New High School – Stephens Inc. Discussions (see below)

Ms. Metz reported she had a brief discussion regarding bond refunding with Stephens, Inc. at their initiative. She said that the high school is out of space and the gymnasium and track also need upgrades for the District to host regional competitions. She told the Board that the conversations are only “fact finding” preliminary discussions at this point. The Board was fine with her continuing to investigate financial opportunities with Stephens Inc.

### **Personnel 7 Personnel October 18, 2021.pdf**

The Board agreed by consensus to enter executive Session with Ms. Metz at 6:40pm. They returned to open session at 7:01 pm.

Melissa Holland moved to accept the personnel items as presented and Randall Bolinger seconded. The vote carried 4-0.

### **School Board Zone**

Map1 and Map 2 - [8a Map 1 and Map 2.pdf](#) The 2020 census precipitated changes to Zones 1 and 3. The difference between the two options was discussed with the Board as well as population change information (see stats below). Ms. Metz recommended that the Board resolve to accept Map 1 as their zone boundaries. NWA Regional Planning drew the maps using the census data.

#### [8b Statistical Analysis of Gentry's Population.pdf](#)

- Resolution - [8c Resolution FY 22 Zoning.pdf](#) - Randall Bolinger moved to resolve to adopt Map 1 and submit to the Benton County Election Commission for approval, and

Melissa seconded. The vote carried 4-0. Ms. Metz will bring back certified zone maps after filed with and approved by the election commission for the May election.

### **Athletics - Brent Hester, AD**

- Baseball/Soccer - [9a Jr High Baseball Soccer.pdf](#)

Mr. Hester was present to discuss a request to add some additional teams at the lower grade levels; Jr. High Baseball and Soccer. (see link above) He reported that to do so would make an already stretched athletic budget “very difficult to balance.”

Coach Hester also noted that there were no AAA teams in NWA that have these 7-8 grade teams. The only ones in the state are 7 A schools. To build a schedule would require out of state travel and competition.

Other Budget Concerns related to Adding Teams:

- Transportation (availability and added cost)
- Stipends
- Equipment
- Additional Coaches
- Currently we do have some volunteer coaches, if we lose the volunteers, we would still have a responsibility and expense related obligations to an established team.
- Facilities already stacked for practice. To allow additional late practices often means students are either waiting on campus or in town unsupervised as well as being late getting home which already often happens during competition.
- Master Scheduling issues
  
- GYO is dominated by travel teams. True interest would probably remain with traveling teams.
  
- Spreading athletes out further hurts current programs. The District is Title IV compliant right now and to add a boy’s or girls’ team would mean adding the same for the other sex. It creates a snowball effect.
  
- Coach Ledbetter has made it clear he is not interested in AAA sport coaching jr. high baseball. Suggested a club option.

Mr. Hester said based on the information presented that he recommended the Board not approve the request for additional teams. Ms. Metz said she agreed.

Jon Holt moved to deny the request for additional teams mentioned and Melissa Holland seconded. The vote carried 3-1 with Randall Bolinger abstaining.

- Stadium Renovation-

Ms. Metz said she will have an Architect look at the stadium when looking at gymnasium air conditioning. She said part of the decision as to how to proceed through the Facilities Plan is knowing what it would take to renovate the stadium and make it ADA compliant. By consensus the Board agreed to allow Ms. Metz to continue investigating the matter and talking with Architects and Stephens Inc. No commitments will be made to either until the Board is fully apprised and approves a plan to proceed.

### **Consideration of Various Tuition/Purchased Service Agreements**

None

### **Mask Mandate Review of Numbers [11\\_Covid Number Review.pdf](#)**

At the lowest point since Covid began.

### **Act 1120 5% Salary Report [12\\_Act 1120 5% Increases for FY 22 Board Meeting.pdf](#)**

This report meets a legal requirement. Randall moved to approve the list as presented and Jon Holt seconded. The vote carried 4-0.

### **Second Reading of Policy**

None

### **First Reading of Policy**

None

### **Student Transfers**

Gravette to Gentry - Gabriella Jennings 7th grade

Randall Bolinger moved to accept this transfer as presented and Melissa Holland seconded. The vote carried 4-0.

### **PPC/CPPC - FYI**

PPC - [16\\_PPC Meeting Oct 5, 2021.pdf](#)

CPPC - [16b\\_CPPC 10 14 21 Meeting.pdf](#)

Ms. Metz had no recommendations at this point. She noted that some of the PPC requests were impossible with current staffing. (i.e., Bimonthly Payroll and Summer normal Payroll or August Payroll) She said that Staff are paid in August, they just get the June, July, and August checks in the summer before the fiscal year ends.

CPPC - has asked about adding a 25th step to salary schedule but to do so include fringe benefits and must be sustainable and she is not ready to make that recommendation. Informational only at this point.

**Miscellaneous and Information Items**

None

**Miscellaneous Items after Publication of Agenda**

None

**Round Table**

1. Melissa Holland - Homecoming was very nice. The middle school library is doing an amazing job. Ms. Chenault is doing contests and projects to motivate student interest and deserves praise.
2. Randall Bolinger - None
3. Jon Holt- Great student accomplishments highlighted tonight!
4. David Williamson - Agreed with Mr. Holt, enjoyed the positive report.

**Adjourn**

At 7:29 pm Randall Bolinger moved to adjourn, and Jon Holt seconded. The vote carried 4-0.