

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No 20	Regular	PAC	6:30 p.m.	June 21, 2021

Present

Absent

David Williamson – President
Randall Bolinger - Vice President
Melissa Holland – Secretary
Jim Barnes – Member
Gary Dunlap- Member
Jon Holt – Member
John Skaggs - Member

Call to Order

Mr. Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the following members present at roll call: Jon Holt, Jim Barnes, Mr. Williamson, Randall Bolinger, John Skaggs, Melissa Holland. Mr. Dunlap was unable to attend

Moment of Silence

Observed

Welcome and Celebrations (Attach)

Informational

Mr. Terry Rye and his wife Connie were welcomed to the District. Mr. Rye will be the new Fleet Manager.

Comments

Public – Student, Kaitlyn Braun, a former band student told the board that she and other band members felt “rudderless” over the past year. Covid-19 restrictions robbed them of many of their normal performances and activities. As Covid restrictions lessened the band director was taken ill and they seemed to be left without direction. She said that they had no quality instruction, no performances, and no real attention for the second semester. She said she had plans to pursue a musical education and now with weakened skills she had lost her drive for that

career path. She said she was not willing to spend another year wasting time in the high school band program

Weakened skills and drive for that career path. She said she was leaving the band and had no desire to waste any more time in the current situation. She told the Board others felt the same and said, "It is your job to provide qualified instructors." She also said that her goal in addressing the Board was to offer them inside awareness to the issues affecting their Band Program.

Mr. Battenfield, a band parent, and supporter said that he was present as support for Miss Braun and other students and felt Miss Braun issued a s brave statement. He said that he had previously been impressed with the band program here and was sorry that Covid destroyed so much enjoyment for the students but the situation with no qualified Band Director onsite was also taking a toll. The students are being made to suffer. He said his own senior has noted she may abandon the program and if others also leave, Gentry may not have a program in 2021-2022. He said he was concerned and hoped the Board would find a solution.

Staff - Ms. Metz thanked Miss Braun for her statement. The Board also thanked her for her bravery and assured her that they working toward a solution.

Consideration of Board Minutes

May 17, 20201 – Regular - [5a #18 Regular May 17,2021.pdf](#)

June 10, 2021 – Special - [5b #19 Special June 10, 2021.pdf](#)

Jim Barnes moved to accept the minutes as presented and Randall Bolinger seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Consideration of Financial Reports

Period 11, FY21 Bank Reconciliation - [6a Arvest Bank Period 11, FY 21 Bank Reconciliation.pdf](#)

Period 11, FY21 Board Report - [6b Period 11, FY 21 Board Report.pdf](#)

Period 11, FY21 Check Register - [6c Period 11, FY 21 Check Register.pdf](#)

Period 11, FY21 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary - [6d Period 11 FY 21 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary.pdf](#)

Period 11, Fy21, Fund 2001 Revenue Summary - [6e Period 11, FY 21 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary.pdf](#)

John Skaggs moved to accept the Financial Reports as presented and Randall Bolinger seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Facilities and Transportation -7a May 2021 F&T Report.pdf

Informational.

Personnel

Randall Bolinger moved to accept the personnel items as presented and John Skaggs seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Consideration of Various Tuition and Purchased Service Agreements

1. NWACC Concurrent Credit MOU - No significant changes.
2. Virtual Arkansas MOU - 7-12 for FY22 –

Jim Barnes moved to accept the minutes as presented and John Skaggs seconded. The vote carried 6-0

Second Reading of Policy -[Additional Stipends Desc Code GBAAA.pdf](#)

The vote carried 6-0.

First Reading of Policy

None

Assurances

1. ARP- ESSER Assurances -[ARP ESSER Assurances FY22.pdf](#) (learning loss)
2. Federal ESEA Assurances -[FederalAssurancesSY2021-22.pdf](#)

Randall Bolinger moved to accept the Assurances as presented and Jon Holt seconded. The vote carried 6-0 .

Dyslexia Plan - [District Dyslexia Plan.pdf](#)

It was noted that Ms. Montgomery was instrumental in bringing the District into Standards Compliance while serving students. Students are being identified and served.

Informational only

Nurse Survey - [District Nurse Survey.pdf](#)

Ms. Metz said that this survey was meeting a new state requirement for Districts. She said it is important for the Board to see what the campus nursing staff is handling daily. Ms. Metz said, “We could not do it without them.”

Jim Barnes moved to approve the survey results as presented and Jon Holt seconded. The vote carried 6-0. The Board expressed appreciation for the Nursing Staff and their efforts in caring for students.

Food Services Bids -[Food Service Bids for FY 22.pdf](#)

Ms. Metz provided the bid information and asked the Board to approve Ben E. Keith Foods as the apparent low bidder.

Bread Bid - Ben E. Keith as apparent low bid.

The District has not used them previously, but they do deliver locally.

Randall Bolinger moved to approve the bid as presented and John Skaggs seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Student Transfers

Erlich Siloam to Gentry Grade 1

Jase Makin - Siloam to Gentry

Kately Johnson - Gentry to Siloam

Jensen Fuller - Pre-K Gentry to Siloam

Randall Bolinger moved to approve these transfers as presented and Jim Barnes seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Discipline Report -[June 21, 2021-Bullying & Discipline Report .pdf](#)

Discipline issues decreased this year. Possibly due to social distancing requirements. See link above for detailed report.

Jim Barnes moved to accept the Discipline Report as presented and John Skaggs seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Election Results Board Reorganization

- Election of Officers for 2021-22 School Year
- Primary Board Disbursing Officer Resolution
- Alternate Board Disbursing Officer Resolution
- Ex Officio Financial Secretary -
- Election Certification Results -[8e Election Results Certified FY 21.pdf](#)

Jon Holt's paperwork has been filed and he has been sworn in. [8e Election Results Certified FY 21.pdf](#)

Randall Bolinger nominated David Williamson as the Board President with nominations to cease. Jim Barnes seconded, and the vote carried 6-0.

David Williamson nominated Randall Bolinger as the Board VP with nominations to cease and Jim Barnes seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Jim Barnes nominated Melissa Holland as the Board Secretary with nominations to cease and Randall Bolinger seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Randall Bollinger was elected the Board's Primary Disbursing Officer by consensus and Jim Barnes was elected the Alternate Disbursing Officer by consensus.

The Board agreed by consensus for Ms. Metz to remain their Ex-Officio Financial Secretary.

Proposed Board Meeting Dates for FY22 -[Proposed Board Meeting Dates for FY 22.pdf](#)

Having had the chance to review the proposed meeting dates Ms. Metz asked the Board to approve the list as presented. Melissa Holland so moved, and Randall Bolinger seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Mileage Rate for FY22 -[Mileage Rate for FY 22.pdf](#)

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PPC and CPPC - Informational

[CPPC 5 20 21 MAY MEETING.pdf](#)

American Rescue Plan Stakeholder Input - [American Rescue Plan Stakeholder Input.pdf](#)

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Miscellaneous and Informational

None

Miscellaneous Items after Publication of Agenda

None

Round Table

- Jon Holt- Noted he was glad to see patrons here and involved. He praised Miss Braun's courage and maturity in coming and presenting her concerns.
- Jim Barnes – agreed that he “appreciated Kaitlyn's courage.”
- David Williamson - agree with previous statements
- Randall Bolinger – Randall Bolinger also agreed with above comments.
- Melissa Holland – Praised Ms. Neal and Ms. Dover, noting the GIS Mental Health Day was left out of the Pioneer Celebration and it's important to hear. Ms. Neal said that they found the Mental Health Day to be the Best Day of the whole year! Teachers had a day to relax as well- staff and students scheduled, yoga, dancing, zones of regulation, etc. Even though the rain upset some of the outdoor activities, it was a wonderful day. Students laughed, came out of their shells, enjoyed themselves. They needed it after the year they had. Ms. Neal said hopefully in all the fun, adults, and children alike, learned skills to use going forward to help combat stress. A student told Ms. Yates “I've never been this relaxed in my life.”
- John Skaggs addressed Miss Braun and said, “Thank you for speaking up tonight letting us how you feel.” Mr. Skaggs Thanked the participants tonight who brought their concerns to us tonight. He also addressed the Rye family and said “thank- you Mr. Rye for choosing Gentry.”

Adjourn

At 7:08 pm Randall Bolinger moved to adjourn, and Jim Barnes seconded. The vote carried 6-0.