

**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 16	Regular	PAC	6:30 p.m.	December 20, 2021

**Present**

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

**Absent**

Jim Barnes – Member  
John Skaggs – Member

**Call to Order**

Mr. Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with 4 members present. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Skaggs were unable to attend. Mr. Holt arrived shortly after the moment of silence.

**Moment of Silence**

Observed

**Welcome and Celebrations - Christie Toland Informational**

1. Director's Report -[3a Asst. Supt's Report December 2122.](#)

**Consideration of Board Minutes**

1. Regular Board Meeting November 15, 2021[a #13 Regular Board Meeting November 15, 2021.pdf](#)
2. Special Board Meeting November 22,2021[4b #14 Special Board Meeting November 22, 2021.pdf](#)
3. Special Board Meeting December 16, 2021[100 December 16, 2021 Special Board Meeting #15 for FY 22 .pdf](#)

Randall Bolinger moved to adopt the minutes as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

**Consideration of Financial Reports**

- [5a Period 5 Bank Reconciliation Arvest November.pdf](#)
- [5b Period 5 FY 22 Board Report.pdf](#)
- [5c Period 5 FY 22 Check Register.pdf](#)
- [5d Period 5 FY 22 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary.pdf](#)
- [5e Period 5 FY 22 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary.pdf](#)
- [5f L - Potential Refunding Letter 12.08.2021.pdf](#)

- [5f L - Potential Refunding Series December 6.2016 and May 21.2017.pdf](#)
- [5f Potential Refunding Series Application Packet Ref 12.6.2016.pdf](#)

Ms. Metz noted a slight discrepancy between the paper copy and digital copy of the Board Report. There is a \$111 difference and Ms. Shawver is working with APSCN to find the issue. She reported the balance was at \$3.3 M before payroll and bonus checks clear. Gary Dunlap moved to accept the Financial Reports as presented and Randall Bolinger seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

Kevin Faught with Stephens, Inc. was present to discuss a possible bond refunding and noted “it will not affect a possible new high school build in future.” This would be a “refinancing” of a bond not extending the debt. Mr. Fought said, “It could be around \$1M in savings if both bonds qualify.” He said, “We may not be able to do both due to regulations - approving the resolution tonight does not lock us into anything.” “There is no obligation to move forward if rates increase. Approval just allows Stephens to research possibilities.” He is shooting for the February School Board meeting date as the approval target date.

The Resolution presented is included above. Ms. Metz recommended the Board adopt the resolution as presented. Randall Bolinger so moved, and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

### **Facilities and Transportation**

- F&T Report for November [6a November 2021 F&T Report.pdf](#) - Informational
- Liberty Easement [6b Gentry Public Schools 2.pdf](#) [6b Gentry Public Schools Exhibit.pdf](#) [6b Gentry Public Schools.pdf](#) (formerly Empire, change over some old documents not easily accessible. Spence has reviewed and approved as standard easements. Metz recommended Gary Dunlap and Jon 5-0
- Facilities Use Policy [6c DRAFT December 2021 Gentry Schools Facilities Usage Policy.pdf](#) - Randall Bolinger moved to accept the Draft as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 5-0.
- Architect HVAC [6d Architects.pdf](#) -

Mr. Bolinger recommended Bild based on personal work knowledge of the company and the professional recommendation presented by the Gravette School District. Hight-Jackson would be the second choice and Lewis, Elliott, McMorran, Vaden, Ragsdale & Woodward, Inc., as the third choice, as alternatives. Randall Bolinger noted he worked with Bild daily in his job with Siloam Springs Schools and appreciated their customer service. Gary Dunlap moved to accept Mr. Bolinger’s recommendation as presented, and Melissa Holland seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

### **Personnel - 7 Personnel December 20, 2021.pdf**

Randall Bolinger moved to accept the Personnel recommendations as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

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

None

### **ARP Homeless II 9 Gentry School District ARP Homeless II Application.pdf - Christie Toland**

See total page. Ms. Toland explained this was a grant from American Rescue Plan to focus on the homeless population needs of the district.

Budget link, included in the application link above, is a 3 year plan for funding.

Melissa Holland asked if homeless families are aware that help is available to them and where to request and access available services. Ms. Toland explained the enrollment process and a form used to identify homeless families. She said that the counselors, teachers, and receptionists are all trained to recognize need. Face to face meetings with families include a list of available resources and how and when to access them. This grant could provide additional services such as a private place to shower and do laundry.

Ms. Toland noted that the October 1st Child Count report only listed 35 students as identified homeless. This led staff to suspect forms were not filled out and the criteria was not clear. Homeless does not always mean “living on the street” ; it could, for example, mean living with family due to losing identifying other qualifying students. They sent out a SWIFT Alert regarding criteria and others responded. This method identified 14 more students and as of today - 64 homeless students have been identified based on and according to federal criteria.

Jon Holt moved to approve the grant application as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

**Ready for Learning Plan - Christie Toland (Continuity of Operations)**

[9 Updated for December 2021 Posting Gentry Scho - ol District Ready for Learning Plan.pdf](#)

No significant changes after considering comments - Gary Dunlap moved to accept the plan as presented and Randall Bolinger seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

**Athletics/Activity**

None

**Mask Mandate Review of Numbers**

Informational – Mr. Barrett reported that there rising numbers statewide, nationally, and globally. Currently, the District is still at 5 cases or below consistently. Elevated counts are being reported around us. “We will have to see what happens after the Holiday Break.”

**Second Reading of Policy**

None

**First Reading of Policy**

None

**Superintendent Evaluation**

- [15\\_Sup Eval and PGP FY22.docx.pdf](#)
- [15\\_Form-D-Annual-Summative-Evaluation-Report.pdf](#)

Ms. Metz provided her Growth Plan for the Board to review. Folders and Instructions for conducting the process next month were also distributed to each member present.

**Student Transfers**

None

**CPPC/PPC - Informational**

- [17\\_PPC November 2, 2021.pdf](#)
- [7\\_CPPC 11\\_16\\_21 MEETING.pdf](#)
- [17\\_CPPC 12\\_9\\_21 MEETING.pdf](#)

Ms. Metz reported some teachers were concerned about where Federal Covid Funding went. It was poured into technology to help with remote learning and to provided one-to-one devices. The Board approved the plan for the funding as it was presented.

CPPC – discussed how to recognize supervisors and requested the addition of steps to their salary schedule. Ms. Metz had no recommendations at this time.

**Miscellaneous and Informational Items**

None

**Miscellaneous Items after Publication of Agenda**

None

**Round Table**

- Jon Holt- Enjoyed Pioneer Story- Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays - be careful
- Gary Dunlap – “Merry Christmas” and expressed appreciation for the staff.
- Randall Bolinger – “Merry Christmas and enjoy the time off”
- Melissa Holland- noted she had been thanked for the bonus by some staff. Ms. Metz reported some staff also thanked her as well.
- David Williamson - agreed with all, nothing new to add.

**Adjourn**

Randall Bolinger moved to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Gary Dunlap seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.