

**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 1	Special	PAC	5:30 p.m.	July 5, 2022

**Present**

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

**Absent**

Becky Burkhalter - Member

**Call to Order**

The Gentry School Board met in special session on July 5, 2022. Mr. Williamson called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm with 5 members present. Ms. Burkhalter was unable to attend. Also, in attendance included but may not have been strictly limited to the following:

1. Loren Babcock
2. Larry Scribner
3. Stacey nations
4. Christie Toland

**Moment of Silence**

Observed

**Personnel**

Ms. Holland asked for an Executive Session at 5:33 pm with Ms. Metz. Jim Barnes seconded, and the vote carried 5-0

The Board returned at 5:45pm by consensus. Mr. Dunlap moved to accept the personnel items as presented and Ms. Holland seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

**Facilities and Transportation**

Ms. Metz explained that Mr. Barrett was dealing with a family situation, and she would be explaining this situation in his place. Diesel prices have increased very quickly just since the company gave the District the bid for the portable classrooms. They gave us a good deal at

\$54,000 to ship them to the site but the current cost with no profit included is now \$72,600. They are asking the District to split the difference and pay half of the increase. Ms. Metz said that the arrival would still be guaranteed in place and ready by the start of the school year and she recommended agreeing to the shipping addition of \$9,300. Jon Holt so moved, and Gary Dunlap seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.

### **Student Transfers**

Bianca Underwood - Gentry to Siloam  
Kasen Kleber - Gentry to Gravette  
Sage Kleber - Gentry to Gravette

Melissa Holland moved to accept the Transfers as presented and Jim Barnes seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

### **Food Services Price Increase**

Ms. Metz reported a recent commissioners memo came out authorizing reduced students to be free status with state funding.

Melissa Holland moved to accept as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

### **IRS Increase Mileage Rate from 58.5 to 62.5**

Jim Barnes moved to adopt the change as presented. Gary Dunlap seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.

### **Board to Appoint for Zone 4 Positions**

The following Board Candidates were interviewed by the Board: Larry Scribner, Loren Babcock, Stacy Nations, Randy Dozier. They were asked their interest in the Board, if they currently had students enrolled and what they hoped to bring to the Board. Most were life-long residents, many were alumni, and all answered in a way that proved they were interested in seeing the District be its best. Ms. Babcock noted that her family had two generations of school board members and she hoped to continue that legacy of community service. The Board thanked them all for their willingness to attend tonight and to serve. It was noted that any one of them would be a valuable addition. The board voted and Ms. Nations was chosen to replace Mr. Bolinger for the remainder of the year. She will have the option to run for the seat at the next board election.

### **Adjourn**

Melissa Holland moved to adjourn at 6:05 pm and Jim Barnes seconded. The vote carried 5-0.