

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

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| No. 16         | Regular     | PAC             | 6:30 pm     | March 13, 2023 |

**Present:**

Melissa Holland - Secretary  
Gary Dunlap- Member  
Becky Burhalter- Member  
Stacey Nations - Member  
Chad Amos - Member

**Absent:**

David Williamson - President  
Jim Barnes - Vice President

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Melissa Holland with five members present at roll call. Mr. Randy Moll was present to represent the local press. Visitors were present and included but not limited to the following: Thomas Clement, Kim Holt, Jon Holt.

**2. Moment of Silence**

Observed

**3. Welcome and Celebrations**

Ms. DePaola recognized and thanked Jon Holt for his service to Gentry Public Schools. Mr. Holt was present with a plaque for his years serving on the School Board.

[3\\_February Pioneer Story.pdf](#)

[3\\_March FY 23 Pioneer Story .pdf](#)

a) Celebrations –

Primary School - Students love playing different instruments (Keyboards and ukuleles) in Music class. Primary school has been using Happy Numbers in math class and have seen tremendous growth. Primary school also celebrated Read across America this month.

Intermediate School - Has been diving into MAP assessments. Special classes held a parent night in conjunction with Parent Teacher conferences in February.

Intermediate school has several students who participated in GYO sports and have Basketball Champs and Wrestling went to state. Book fair was a success. EAST students head off to conference tomorrow.

High School - The esports team has a National ranking.  
Girls Basketball 3rd in State. Coach Tevebaugh was the 4A Girls Basketball Coach of the year. The Band received a Superior rating at Concert Assessment. Bowling is the State runner up.

#### **4. Consideration of Board Minutes**

[4a\\_Regular Board meeting minutes, February 27, 2023.pdf](#)

[4b\\_Special Board meeting minutes, March 6, 2023.pdf](#)

Gary Dunlap made a motion to accept the board minutes as presented and Becky Burkhalter seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

#### **5. Consideration of Financial Reports**

[5a\\_Period 7 FY 23 Bank Reconciliation January Grand Savings.pdf](#)

[5a\\_Period 8 FY 23 Bank Reconciliation Arvest Bank Reconciliation February.pdf](#)

[5b\\_Period 8 FY 23 Board Report.pdf](#)

[5c\\_Period 8 FY 23 Check Register.pdf](#)

[5d\\_Period 8 FY 23 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary.pdf](#)

[5e\\_Period 8 FY 23 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola reported the district has a \$4.5 million balance. May will have three (3) pay periods and June has one (1) pay period. County tax money has been the same or a little higher.

Becky Burkhalter moved to accept the Financial Reports as presented and Stacey Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

Ms. DePaola also mentioned that the district will be setting the budget for the Stadium project soon.

## **6. Facilities and Transportation**

[6a\\_February 2023 F&T Report.pdf](#)

b. Mr. Barrett said he is still waiting for the delivery date on the HVAC for the Middle school and high school gym.

Gary Dunlap moved to accept the Facilities report as presented and Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

## **7. Personnel**

[7a Personnel March 13, 2023 Meeting #16 FY 23.pdf](#)

Becky Burkhalter requested the board go in executive session with Ms. DePaola at 6:43pm. The Board returned from executive session at 6:53 pm.

Items A and B Gary Dunlap moved to accept the Personnel items as presented. Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

Item C: Administrators contracts renewal

Brae Harper - Federal Program

Victoria Groomer - Primary School Principal

Danielle Freeman - Middle School Principal

Brent Hester - Athletic Director/Assistant Principal Middle School

Justin Blanchard - High School Principal

Stacey Nations moved to approve the Administrator contracts renewal as presented. Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

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

None

## **9. ARP ESSER update**

Ms. DePaola gave the report on ESSER funds. The funds have been expended. The remaining funds approximately \$15,000 will be spent on High quality instructional materials. All other expenditures will be redistributed to other funds.

Gary Dunlap moved to accept the ESSER report as presented. Stacey Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

## **10. Consortium with Decatur**

### **[10 Consortium Breakdown - Sheet1 \(2\).pdf](#)**

Ms. DePaola stated that there was an error on the report presented previously. Becky Burkhalter moved to accept the report with the changes. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

## **11. Ready for Learning Plan**

### **[11 March 13, 2023 Ready for Learning Plan.pdf](#)**

Ms. DePaola said this will be the last requirement for sharing the Ready for Learning Plan. There have been no changes to our plan. No updated comments. As soon as the ESSER funds are expended it will not be necessary to update the plan.

Gary Dunlap moved to accept the plan as presented. Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

## **12. Athletics/Activity**

Ms. DePaola reported that Mr. Hester is moving forward with a plan to move all Sr. High Athletics to 8th period. Jr. High Athletics will be 1st hour. 7th grade Athletics will remain around the lunch period.

## **13. Student Transfers**

### **Siloam Springs to Gentry**

Connor Martin

Kaelin Martin

Nathan Cross

### **Gentry to Siloam Springs**

Alexandria Duncan

Makenzie Ramos

Issac Ramos

Becky Burkhalter moved to accept the student transfers as presented. Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

## 14. Second Reading of Policy

[14a 5.29 1-5-23 Wellness Policy Updated.pdf](#)

[14b 6.5 1-5-23Visitors to the Schools.docx.pdf](#)

[14c\\_4.31\\_1-5-23Expulsion.docx.pdf](#)

[14d 4.5F 1-5-23 School Choice Capacity Resolution.docx \(1\).pdf](#)

Gary Dunlap made a motion to approve items A - D as presented. Stacey Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

[14e FY24 Calendar \(A\).pdf](#)

[14e FY24 Calendar \(B\).pdf](#)

[14f FY24 Staff Calendar Vote Results \(1\).pdf](#)

The calendars were voted on by the staff and Calendar B was the clear winner.

Chad Amos made a motion to approve Calendar B for the 2023-24 school year. Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 5- 0.

## 15. First Reading of Policy

None

Ms. DePaola stated with the New LEARNS policy she is working on an updated salary schedule and will be presenting it to the board at a future meeting.

Melissa Holland asked if there will be training on LEARNS for the school board.

## 16. CPPC/PPC

None The PPC did meet to correct the error on Calendar A.

## 17. Miscellaneous and Informational items

Change April's Board Meeting to April 10, 2023

Ms. DePaola said she and Mrs. Toland had been invited to a conference on April 17, 2023 and she would be out of town. All board members present were in favor of moving the meeting date.

## 18. Miscellaneous Items after Publication of Agenda

The School Board has two open seats. Both seats were uncontested. There will be absentee and early voting only. No Polls will be open in Gentry.

## **19. Round Table**

Chad Amos- Nothing

Gary Dunlap - Nothing

Stacey Nations- Praying for you all, I know Spring can be a crazy time.

Becky Burkhalter - Nothing

Melissa Holland- Asked if the new laundry is staying busy. Mr. Barrett said it has not been busy yet.

## **20. Adjourn**

Gary Dunlap moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.