

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No 31	Regular	PAC	6:30 p.m.	June 20, 2022

Present

Absent

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

Call to Order

On June 20, 2022, the Gentry Board met in regular session. Mr. Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with six members present. Mr. Bolinger’s position was not filled at the time of the meeting. Mr. Randy Moll of the Westside Eagle Observer represented the press.

Moment of Silence

Observed

Welcome and Celebrations Informational Only

- Director’s Report-Pioneer Story - None
- Mary Bailey recognized as the Arkansas State Nurse of the Year.
- Ms. Metz reported that a donation to the late Summer Bostick’s children’s college fund in her memory, had been made. A thank you note from the family had been received and was shared with the Board.

Consideration of Board Minutes

[4a #27 Regular Board Meeting 05162022.pdf](#)

[4b #28 Special Board Meeting 05232022.pdf](#)

[4c #29 Special Board Meeting 06062022.pdf](#)

[4d #30 Special Board Meeting 06132022.pdf](#)

Jim Barnes moved to accept the board minutes as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Consideration of Financial Reports

[5a Grand Savings Reconciliation FY 22 February-April.pdf](#)

[5a Arvest Bank Reconciliation FY 22 March.pdf](#)

[5b Period 11 FY 22 Board Report.pdf](#)

[5c Period 11 FY 22 Check Register.pdf](#)

[5d Period 11 FY 22 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary.pdf](#)

[5e Period 11 FY 22 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary.pdf](#)

Ms. Metz reported the current Balance of \$2.29 M. Gary Dunlap moved to accept the Financial Reports as presented and Jon Holt seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

- Ms. Metz reported that she and Ms. Shawver had been working together on an electronic pay voucher system. Twenty out of 220 employees currently still opt for a check rather than direct deposit. Ms. Metz asked the Board to approve mandatory direct deposit for all employees. Jim Barnes so moved, and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 6-0.
- Ms. Metz asked the Board to approve the same \$1000 raise to the “salaries determined by the Board” employees and the administrators - Melissa Holland so moved and Jon Holt seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Facilities and Transportation

- F&T Report for April [6a May 2022 F&T ReGport.pdf](#)
- Portable Building Update - Mr. Barrett reported that the project is going well but it was necessary to move and replace the GMS swing set. The Happy Playground company, a TIPS/TAPS provider, was the chosen vendor. The swing set will cost \$24,880, if approved tonight, and would be delivered in September. After some discussion about the justified cost, Ms. Freeman noted that at the Middle School students still regularly enjoy the swings. Melissa Holland moved to approve the swing set replacement cost and vendor as presented. Gary Dunlap seconded, and the vote carried 7-0.
- HVAC Middle School and High School Gym update- one final review and then out to bid.
- Ag Roof - Franklin and Son’s, also a TIPS vendor will honor an older quote (4 years). The District has a well-established relationship with the company and a significant increase, in the near future, is expected. The project was scheduled and finished today. No real choice to wait.

Personnel 7 Personnel June 20, 2022.docx (1).pdf

Jim Barnes moved to approve the above linked personnel items as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Consideration of Various Tuition/Purchased Service Agreements

- ICLE Services [8a ICLE Services.pdf](#)

- Public Impact [8b Public Impact Contract.pdf](#)

Melissa Holland moved to accept as the services as presented. Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

GMS and GIS PD rate Proposal 9 [GMS GiS Daily PD Rate Proposal.pdf](#)

1. Ms. Toland noted that Ms. Freeman would like to schedule August 15-16 for required PD for training in specific strategies. She asked the Board to approve paying \$100 per day per certified employee to honor their time. She related that it is “Important that they all get the first hand, face- to- face training.” This would not be a flex day and would be beyond the 60 hours currently required. Two full days of training. Every class including library and choir would be involved. This would involve the entire GMS staff for training.

2. GIS requested the Board approve a \$100 per day stipend for curriculum and materials support training. This would require training hours over and above the current contractual agreement. It would be 4 days of “all staff training” in August to provide a “solid start.” This would be a one-time training not a yearly training and would be provided for through ESSER funding.

Melissa Holland moved to approve the rate proposal for both campus trainings as presented. Gary Dunlap seconded, and the vote carried 6-0.

Purchases for new portable classrooms

- Promethean Boards Purchase [10a Promethean Boards.pdf](#)
- HMH Read 180 and System 44 Quote [10b_HMH Read 180 and System 44 Quote.pdf](#) funded with ARPESSER (learning loss funds)
- SEL Program Price Information [10c Navigate 360 SEL Quote.pdf](#) [10c Navigate 360.pdf](#) - Dorie Davenport presented the information to the Board. She noted she and the counseling team were asking the Board to approve implementing the three components that are starred in the link above. Lessons are completely packaged and that helps with time management and stress on counselors. Real time and e-mail chat features are available. Restorative learning, coupled with discipline strategy is provided. John Holt made a motion to approve as presented. Gary Dunlap seconded, and the vote carried 6-0. Ms. Metz noted, “I applaud the counselors for finding this program for students.” She said, “They are very busy, and this took time to research.”

- GIS Site License and PD Imagine Learning [10d Gentry Intermediate Site License and PD Imagine Learning.pdf](#) (Tier I and Tier II remediation funded with ARPESSER)
- [10e Benchmark GIS.pdf](#)-Ms. Smartt and a group of teachers reviewed products on the state approved list for literacy instruction and agreed this is the best program - Ms. Smartt stated she preferred the 3yr agreement as opposed to the 6-yr quoted. The 3-year would be \$54,000. David Williamson asked why 3 years when the cost difference was only \$14,000 and the price could increase substantially in 3-years. She said she preferred to “not be locked in if it is not effective.” Ms. Toland agreed that 3-years was the best plan because literacy instruction “is a moving target in Arkansas.” “In 2- years they will be revising the standards for literacy.”

Athletics/Activity

None

Student Transfers

Siloam to Gentry

	Name	From	To
5	Baker, Conner	4 Siloam	Gentry
6	Collins, Dani	2 Siloam	Gentry
7	Darrin, Chloe	6 Siloam	Gentry
8	Darrin, Maximus	1 Siloam	Gentry
9	Visperas, Charlotte	5 Siloam	Gentry
10	Gonzalez, Aiden	K Siloam	Gentry
11	Newby, Gunner	1 Siloam	Gentry
12	Newby, Ashley	K Siloam	Gentry
13	Erlich, Jack	PK Siloam	Gentry

Gary Dunlap moved to accept the transfers as presented and Jim Barnes seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Second Reading of Policy

Ms. Metz asked the Board for emergency approval to create and post a new position - Psychological Examiner- a 190 day contract for \$60,000, added to the “Set by Board Action” salary schedule. Previously this was a purchased service, but the long-time provider was no longer available, and no other available provider can be found at this point. Jim Barnes moved to approve the position as presented and Jon Holt seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

First Reading of Policy

None

Handbook Changes

None

Food Service Bid Opening and Food Services Price Increase

- Ben E Keith - \$463,625.27
- Springfield Grocery - \$434,271.14

Gary Dunlap moved to approve Springfield Grocery as the Apparent Low Bid as presented. Melissa Holland seconded, and the vote carried 6-0.

- Price of Meal Increase - Ms. Metz noted that she was asking the Board to approve a meal increase for Regular Student and Adult meals. In the past the district provided for the reduced status so free and reduced were both “free” and this is also recommended for this year. Melissa Holland asked Ms. Metz to bring the matter back next month with information as to how the District compares with other districts in the region.

Proposed Meeting Dates

[17 Proposed Board Meeting Dates for FY 23.pdf](#)

Jim Barnes moved to approve the meeting dates as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded, and the vote carried 6-0.

Federal Assurances

[18 Federal Assurances FY23.pdf](#)

Jim Barnes moved to accept the Federal Assurances as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

Bullying and Discipline Report

[19 2021-2022 Bullying & Discipline Report FY 22 .pdf](#)

This was noted to be a yearly reporting requirement. Gary Dunlap moved to accept the report as presented and Jim Barnes seconded, and the vote carried 6-0.

Website

- Certified Salary Schedules/ [FY 23 Certified Salary Schedule FY23.pdf](#)
- Classified Salary Schedules [_FY 23 Certified.Licensed Personnel Policy.pdf](#)

These policies were cleaned up and formatted for the website. No changes are included that have not been approved previously. Jim Barnes moved to accept these changes as presented and Melissa Holland seconded. The vote carried 6-0.

CPPC/PPC

None

Miscellaneous and Informational Items

1. [21_Zone 4 Candidates for open position.pdf](#)

None of these candidates were present. The Board reviewed the e-mails received expressing interest. The Board decided to invite the candidates to a special meeting to discuss the position with them and give them a chance to discuss what they would like to “bring to the table” and why they wanted to join the Board.

Miscellaneous Items after Publication of Agenda

None

Round Table

Becky Burkhalter - none

Melissa Holland - none

Jim Barnes - announced he would like to recognize John Skaggs and Randall Bolinger for their previous service time to the Board. He said both brought a level of wisdom to the Board and their service was greatly appreciated.

Jon Holt – Offered congratulations to Ms. Bailey for her state recognition and agreed “I do appreciate Mr. Bolinger and Mr. Skaggs and they will be missed”

Gary Dunlap- agreed with all

David Williamson – agreed with all

Adjourn

Gary Dunlap moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm and Jim Barnes seconded, and the vote carried 6-0.