

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
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 five members present. Ms. Burkhalter was unable to attend. One seat was vacant with Mr. Bolinger’s resignation from the Board. 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
5. Randy Dozier

Moment of Silence

Observed

Personnel

[Personnel July 5, 2022 Meeting #1 FY 23.pdf](#)

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 to Open Session 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 greatly and very quickly just since the company gave the District the bid for the portable classrooms. She said, "They gave us a good deal at \$54,000 to ship the classrooms to the site but the current cost with no profit included is now \$72,600." She further explained, "They are asking the District to split the difference and pay half of the increase." Ms. Metz reported 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

[Food Service Meal Price Increase for FY 23.pdf](#)

Ms. Metz reported a recent commissioner's memo came out authorizing reduced student meals to be free status with state funding with Board approval. She recommended the Board approve the status change for reduced meal students.

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

IRS Increase Mileage Rate from 58.5 to 62.5

Ms. Metz presented the new state mileage reimbursement rate and 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. One perspective candidate, Lisa Goodyear, was unable to attend but Ms. Metz read a summary from Ms. Goodyear as to why she wished to serve and what she hoped to contribute. Each candidate present was asked about their interest in serving on the Board, if they currently had students enrolled, and what they hoped to bring to the Board if chosen. 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.