

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No. 14	Regular	PAC	6:30 pm	February 27, 2023

Present:

David Williamson–President
Melissa Holland– Secretary
Gary Dunlap–Member
Becky Burkhalter – Member
Chad Amos–Member

Absent:

Jim Barnes –Vice President
Stacey Nations–Member

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mr. Williamson with five members present at roll call. Mr. Randy Moll was present to represent the local press. Several visitors were present and include but were not limited to the following: Gene Holland, Delilah Chamra, Jennifer Hoplight, Cynthia Hoplight, Kenny Seyer, Melissa Seyer, Cody Johnson, Kelly Johnson

2. Moment of Silence

Observed

3. Welcome and Celebration

- a. Director’s Report– Pioneer Story

[3a_Pioneer Story](#)

Ms. DePaola also recognized the students who submitted Art and photos on the AMI days. Each student was presented with a certificate and a \$10 Sonic gift card.

- b. Welcome new board member Ms. DePaola introduced the new board member, Chad Amos, through May. He is replacing Jon Holt. Mr. Amos has two children who attend Gentry and he is looking forward to serving on the board.

4. Consideration of Board Minutes

[4a_Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 23. 2023.pdf](#)

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

5. Consideration of Financial Reports

[5a_Period 7 FY 23 Bank Reconciliation Arvest.pdf](#)

[5b_Period 7 FY 23 Board Report.pdf](#)

[5c_Period 7 FY 23 Check Register.pdf](#)

[5d_Period 7 FY 23 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary.pdf](#)

[5e_Period 7 FY 23 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary.pdf](#)

Becky Burkhalter moved to accept the Financial Reports as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

6. Facilities and Transportation

[6a_January 2023 F&T Report.pdf](#)

6b HVAC Middle School and High School Gym Jason Barret reported the HVAC system is on a ship date for October. He is hoping it will be here sooner.

6c Architect RFQ's Jason Barrett covered the requirements for Professional services. The legislation has changed on how we can accept bids for projects. We can now ask companies to present their services annually. In January we advertised for companies to send us a list of their services. We had a good response and narrowed those to three companies. We have a stadium project coming up and we are hopeful for a new high school soon. Mr. Barrett presented the board members with three (3) informational packets from Architecture Plus, Inc., Modus Studio Architecture, and Hight Jackson Associates. The board members looked over the information. The three informational packets were ranked in the following order

- 1) Hight Jackson Associates
- 2) Architecture Plus
- 3) Modus Studio Architecture

Mr. Barret recommended that we extend Flint Co LLC contract for the HVAC for the facilities as well.

Gary Dunlap moved to approve the recommendations and Becky Burkhalter seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

7. Personnel

[7 Personnel for February 27, 2023 Meeting #14 FY 23.pdf](#)

Melissa Holland requested the board go into executive session with Ms. DePaola at 6:47 pm.

Ms. DePaola exited the executive session at 7:01 pm.

The board returned from executive session at 7:21 pm .

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

Item C Kristen Smartt was recommended as the Intermediate School Principal.

Melissa Holland moved to approve the recommendation and Gary Dunlap seconded.

The vote carried 5-0.

Item D Christie Toland, Assistant Superintendent was recommended for an additional one year contract. Melissa Holland moved to approve the recommendation and Becky Burkhalter seconded. The vote carried 5-0

8. Consideration of Various Tuition /Purchase Service Agreements

[8a Connections Behavioral Health MOU FY 23.pdf](#)

Melissa Holland made the motion to accept the MOU and Gary Dunlap seconded.

The vote carried 5-0

9. Cafeteria Unpaid Balances

Ms. DePaola reported that at the end of February the cafeteria had \$24,000 in unpaid balances for all four campuses; this will probably be \$50,000 by the end of the year. Every child who goes through the breakfast and or lunch line receives a meal regardless of the ability to pay. The Intermediate EAST students have requested a meeting with Ms. DePaola to go over ways to pay this balance. They asked if there was an Angel fund for donations. There is a fund and Ms. DePaola will meet with the students.

10. Mid Year Data Presentation

[10a ABLE Classroom-3rd Grade Data.pdf](#)

Mrs. Smart gave the winter growth numbers for the ABLE classroom. The students are succeeding, some for the first time.

[10_2023 Mid Year MAP Update FY 23.pdf](#)

Mrs. Freeman gave a report on the Mid year MAP. They are seeing improvement in students who have never had improvement before. The students who are not growing are rapid guessing. They are meeting with students about this and setting goals. Middle school had a challenge to overcome and the students are improving their scores.

Mr. Blanchard reported that the high school has set the students up in testing groups instead of core classes. They are working on reward strategies for students who have any growth. Some areas did not have scores. Melissa Holland asked about this. Mr. Blanchard mentioned that AP classes do not take MAP tests.

Mr. Blanchard talked about the HS Career coach and the success they are seeing with the opportunities presented to our students for careers after high school. Students are attending Career seminars on a regular basis.

11. Consortium with Decatur

[11 Consortium Breakdown - Including Gentry for 1st Semester.pdf](#)

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Ms. DePaola would like to keep our LEA supervisor in the district full time and is asking to dissolve the consortium with Decatur for the 2023-24 school year.

Next year we are required by law to do inclusion, we are growing and need our staff full time. Becky Burkhalter made a motion to accept the recommendation to dissolve the consortium with Decatur and Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 5-0

12. Athletics/Activity

Ms. DePaola would like to request an early release day for Friday, March 3, 2023 so anyone wanting to attend the Sr. High Girls basketball game in the State Playoffs in Blytheville, AR may do so.

Melissa Holland made a motion to accept the recommendation to release early on March 3, Gary Dunlap seconded. The vote carried 5-0

13. Student Transfers

NONE

14. Second Reading of Policy

NONE

15. First Reading of Policy

[15a_5.29_1-5-23 Wellness Policy Updated.pdf](#)

[15b_6.5_1-5-23 Visitors to the Schools.pdf](#)

[15c_4.31_1-5-23 Expulsion.pdf](#)

[15d_4.5F_1-5-23 School Choice Capacity Resolution.pdf](#)

The yellow highlighted sections are the changes. All these policies are from the ASBA Model policy.

Gary Dunlap made the motion to accept these policies for the First reading and Melissa Holland seconded. The vote carried 5-0.

16. Calendar FY24 Proposal

[16_FY24 Calendar A.pdf](#)

[16_FY24 Calendar B.pdf](#)

Calendar B is Ms. DePaola's recommendation. There has been great feedback on the late parent teacher conferences. There is an error in Calendar A with the number PD days. Once that is corrected the calendars will be sent out to staff for a vote.

Becky Burkhalter made a motion, seconded by Gary Dunlap. The vote carried 5-0.

17. CPPC/PPC

[17c_CPPC 1_5_23 MEETING.pdf](#)

CPPC announced the employees of 1st semester. They will recognize employees for 2nd semester at the end of the year.

18 Miscellaneous and Information Items

NONE

19. Miscellaneous Items after Publication of Agenda

NONE

20. Round Table

Becky Burkhalter –Congratulations to Mrs. Smartt

Melissa Holland - It speaks volume when the HS basketball team down to Mullen's 4th grade class to express kindness and respect for others. Their teachers are encouraging this in their students. We hold high expectations for academics but we also hold respect for others just as high. This was displayed last month from HS and Intermediate . I appreciate the teachers and coaches for setting that example.

Also, wanted to praise Mrs. Toland who is usually behind the scenes. Melissa received an email from a parent who praised Mrs. Toland for helping them with an issue.

Congratulations to Mrs. Smartt

Chad Amos- Congratulations to Mrs. Smartt

Gary Dunlap- Welcome Mr. Amos and Congratulations to Mrs. Smartt

21. Adjourn

Gary Dunlap moved to adjourn at 8:08 pm and Melissa Holland seconded.
The vote carried 5-0