

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No. 19	Regular	PAC	6:00 pm	March 11, 2024

Present:

David Williamson - President
Melissa Holland - Secretary
Chad Amos - Member
Becky Burkhalter - Member

Absent:

Jim Barnes -Vice President
Gary Dunlap- Member
Stacy Nations - Member

1. Call to order

David Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with four (4) Board Members present. Jim Barnes, Gary Dunlap, and Stacy Nations were present. Also present, but not limited to: District Administrators, Building Administrators, Classified staff representing Employees of the first semester, the Bowling coaches and team members, Taylor France and Scot Hundley with Flintco, and the Spelling Bee Winner, Carissa Hood and her parents.

2.Moment of Silence

Observed

3. Welcome and Celebrations

Jason Barrett, Director of Operations, recognized the Classified Employees for 1st semester.

Megan Smith - Secretaries
Klae Beyers - At large group
Nellia Philpott - Paraprofessionals
Bob Holloway - Maintenance
Cheryl Smith - Food Service
Allie Wood - Transportation

Kristen Smartt, Intermediate School Principal, recognized the GIS Spelling Bee Winner, Carrissa Hood. Carrissa also competed through the 4th round of the Regional spelling bee.

The Boys and Girls Bowling teams were recognized. The boys made it to the conference tournament. The girls won conference and are State champions.

4. Consideration of Board Minutes

[4a February 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Melissa Holland made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 4-0.

5. Consideration of Financial Reports

Ms. DePaola reported there is approximately \$5.7 million in checking. County taxes are down again.

[5b Period 8 FY 24](#)

[5c Period 8 FY 24 Check Register Board Report](#)

[5d Period 8 FY 24 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary](#)

[5e Period 8 FY 24 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary](#)

Melissa Holland made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented and Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 4-0.

6. Facilities and Transportation

[6a 2024 F&T Report.pdf](#)

Mr. Jason Barrett reported updated for ongoing projects:

- HVAC demo is underway. Electrical is moving forward
- Stadium project is moving forward. Storm drains have been installed. The old field goals have been taken down. We will look at donating the old field goals to a school in need.
- Baseball and Softball undercut will be moving dirt. Mr. Barrett handed out plans for colors for the Baseball/Softball fields. Mr. Hundley and Mr. France with Flintco, were in attendance to answer questions. The plans distributed included a picture of the Fayetteville baseball field for reference.

Melissa; Are the stripes on the field necessary?

Mr. Hundley: Most people do the stripes because it looks like natural grass.

Terra cotta resembles the red dirt.

Melissa: Have the coaches looked at this?

Mr. Barrett: Yes, this hasn't changed.

Chad: If we put the mascot or logo on the field, what is the cost?

Mr. Hundley: the cost is minimal

After much discussion, the final decision was made.

Terra cotta and 2 greens stripes The Mascots facing the fans on the Baseball field and in center field on the Softball field.

Melissa: just a suggestionwhen all this gets finished - Do we want to look at not opening our fields to the community to help preserve the life of the fields.

Ms. DePaola: Be prepared for the community to not be happy about this.

You know GYO will want to use the turf.

Melissa: We do let GYO use our fields. I just want to make sure that our school teams are the ones benefiting from the use of the fields.

Ms. DePaola: We will look at updating the Facilities use agreement and bring it back to a future meeting.

Melissa Holland made a motion to go into executive session at 6:26 pm and Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 4-0.

The Board returned from executive session at 7:03 pm.

7. Personnel

[Personnel March 11, 2024 Meeting #19 FY 24.docx.pdf](#)

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the personnel items as presented and Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 4-0

8.Consideration of Various Tuition /Purchase Service Agreements/MOU/MOA

None

9. Student Transfers

None

10. Student Data Report- Attendance Data Update

Mrs. Toland reported the Attendance Task force has been meeting. There has been a steady decrease in the number of absences. Attendance is trending.

11. Athletics

Ms. DePaola reported that Mr. Hester is covering duty for games tonight. Please send some ideas for parent, Community member, and Board member for the HS girls basketball coach committee. Melissa Holland recommended Chad Amos to represent the Board on the committee. Chad Amos agreed to serve on the committee.

12. Handbooks/Programs Guides

[a_24-25 CTE Handbook.pdf](#)[15c_8.0 Classified Policy update.pdf](#)

[b_2024-25 ESOL Program Guide - Gentry.pdf](#)

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the handbooks as presented and Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 4-0

13. ESA Plan FY25

[FY25 ESA Plan \(1\).pdf](#)

Becky Burkhalter made a motion to approve the ESA plan as presented and Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 4-0

14. First Reading of Policy

[a_Salary Schedule for FY 25.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola reported that \$500 will be added to the salary schedule for certified. The Classified will get their normal step.

Becky Burkhalter made a motion to accept the salary schedule as presented for 1st reading and Melissa Holland seconded the motion. The vote carried 4-0

15. Second Reading of Policy

[a_Superintendent \(Travel\) BENEFITS.pdf](#)

[Model Policy Update January FY 24/](#)

CPPC has approved all the Model policies that deal with Classified staff

[c_8.0 Classified Policy update.pdf](#)

[d Personal Care Paraprofessional Stipend..pdf](#)

[e 8.0 Classified Personnel Salary Schedule updated a stipend.pdf](#)

All were in favor of the second reading of these policies.

16. Wellness Committee- Triennial Assessment

[2024 Wellness Triennial Assessment March 2024.pdf](#)

Becky Burkhalter made a motion to approve the report as presented and Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 4-0.

17. Gentry School District Endorsed Community Service Provider

[Gentry District Endorsed Community Service Provider \(2\).pdf](#)

One provider has been added to the list.

18. PPC/CPPC

Ms. DePaola reported that CPPC met, she just didn't have the minutes. PPC will be meeting next week.

19. Miscellaneous and Informational Items

We received a thank you card from Coach Nolan's family for the flowers the District sent to his service.

20. Miscellaneous Items after Publication of Agenda

Ms. DePaola reported that the April 15 Board meeting needs to be moved to April 29, 2024

21. Round Table

None

22. Adjourn

Melissa Holland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm and Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 4-0