

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No. 24	Regular	PAC	6:00 pm	June 19, 2023

Present:

David Williamson - President
Jim Barnes - Vice President
Melissa Holland - Secretary
Gary Dunlap- Member
Stacey Nations - Member

Absent:

Becky Burkhalter - Member
Chad Amos - Member

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by David Williamson with five Board 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: Candi Todd, Parent and Devon Conrad.

2. Moment of Silence

Observed

3. Welcome and Celebrations

[3_Pioneer Story June 2023.pdf](#)

Mr. Harper announced the Teacher of year for each building:

High School: Mr. Andrew White

Middle School: Tonya Sweeten

Intermediate School: Karen Williams

Primary School: Jennifer Ellis- Lundholm

Mary Bailey will be traveling to the National School Nurses conference in Orlando where she will be recognized as Arkansas School Nurse of the year.

We had a shout out from a parent on the organization of graduation and how smooth it all went.

[3_H.I.R.E.D! Newsletter MAY 2023-Final.pdf](#)

The HIRED newsletter was shared.

4. Consideration of Board Minutes

No minutes were presented at this meeting. Will be ready for the next meeting.

5. Consideration of Financial Reports

[5a_Period 10 and Period 11 FY 23 Bank Reconciliation April Grand Savings May Arvest.pdf](#)

[5b_Period 11 FY 23 Board Report.pdf](#)

[5c_Period 11 FY 23 Check Register.pdf](#)

[5d_Period 11 FY 23 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary.pdf](#)

[5e_Period 11 FY 23 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola reported there is approximately \$4.4 million in the bank.

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

Ms. DePaola requested that she as ex officio be able to move money for example to the building fund at the end of June.

Gary Dunlap made a motion to approve the request. Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

6. Facilities and Transportation

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

Mr. Barrett presented the report. Nothing new to report on the HVAC system for the gyms.

Mr. Barnes reported he had been onsite to inspect the wall that Mr. Barnes reported needed to be repaired.

7. Personnel

a. Staff Transfers

b. Resignation, Disciplining, Demotion, Promotion, Appointment, Hiring Staff, Waiver

[7b_Personnel June 19, 2023 Meeting #23 FY 23.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola introduced Mrs. Devon Conrad. Mrs. Conrad told the Board she has been in Education for 18 years, all at Decatur. She has taught Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, ESL, Dean of Students, Assistant Principal and Principal. While she was Principal at Decatur

Middle school the students had top growth in ELA and Math. She has four kids and loves to travel. If you have any questions, please ask.

Board went into executive session at 6:10 pm with Ms. DePaola.

The Board returned from executive session at 6:34 pm.

Gary Dunlap made a motion to accept the items presented in Personnel a and b. Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

c. Athletic Assignments

[7c_FY 24 Coaches Stipends and Pay.pdf](#)

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

d. Appoint District Treasurer- Resolution

[7d_District Treasurer Appointment.pdf](#)

Jim Barnes made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented to appoint Christen Vancuren District Treasurer. Melissa Holland seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

8. Consideration of Various Tuition /Purchased Service Agreements

[8a_MOU with Coop Preschool Special Education Services FY 24.pdf](#)

[8b_MOU FY 23 Amended for Pre School Special Education Services.pdf](#)

[8c_Ed. Examiner Contract Gentry FY 24.pdf](#)

[8d_Sarratt Therapy Services FY 24 OTContract.pdf](#)

[8f_Gentry High School Concurrent MOU 23-24.pdf](#)

[8g_Gentry PT contract Melissa Little FY 24.pdf](#)

Stacy Nations made a motion to approve the Tuition/Purchased service agreements as presented. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

9. Mileage Rate change

Ms. DePaola presented the mileage rate increase for 2023-24 school year. Currently our rate is .625 cents per mile. The IRS standard rate is what we follow and it is now .655 cents per mile.

Melissa Holland made a motion to increase the mileage rate as presented. Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

10. Assistant Superintendent

None

11. Athletics

None

12. Second Reading of Polices

[12a. Proposed Classified Salary Schedule FY 24.pdf](#)

Added \$1 per hour to the sub bus drivers.

Gary Dunlap made a motion to accept the classified salary schedule change as presented.

Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0

[12b. Updated Model Policy/](#)

The Board and Certified policies were presented for second reading.

13. First Reading of Policy

None

14. Food Service Bid Opening

a. Tankersley-Food \$636,211 yearly, Bread-0, Milk \$4,536 monthly

b. BenE. Keith Food-Food \$488,986 yearly, Bread-\$45,000 yearly, Milk N/A

c. Springfield Grocery Food \$532,758 yearly, Bread-\$57,391 yearly, Milk \$8,122 monthly

d. Graves Food \$571,490, Bread \$329 per case, Milk N/A

e. After produce comparison and availability of product-Springfield Grocery Food is the winner.

Ms. DePaola reported the lowest bid did not include 30-40 items on the list. She asked the Board to approve Springfield Grocery.

Jim Barnes made a motion to accept the bid as presented. Melissa Holland seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0

15. Student Transfers

a. Board to Board

Rowan Gwin - K- Siloam Springs to Gentry

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the transfer. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion.

The vote carried 5-0

Revan Womack- K- Siloam Springs to Gentry

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the transfer. Jim Barnes seconded the motion.

The vote carried 5-0

Ellie O'Dell - 1- Gentry to Siloam Springs

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the transfer. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion.

The vote carried 5-0

Claire Braschler 1- Gentry to Siloam Springs

Paul Braschler K - Gentry to Siloam Springs

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the transfer. Jim Barnes seconded the motion.

The vote carried 5-0

Ethan Young - 9 Gentry to Gravette

Parker Young 11 Gentry to Gravette

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the transfer. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion.

The vote carried 5-0

Parker Ramthun 9 Gentry to Bentonville

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the transfer. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion.

The vote carried 5-0

b. School Choice

Bella Vo- 2- Gravette to Gentry

Jim Barnes made a motion to approve the School choice application. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

Lucas Vo- K-Gravette to Gentry

Melissa made a motion to approve the School choice application. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

Emery Barnett- K- Siloam Springs to Gentry

Melissa made a motion to approve the School choice application. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

Emma McGowan 8- Siloam Springs to Gentry

Neela McGowan 10- Siloam Springs to Gentry

Melissa made a motion to approve the School choice application. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

Luna Lor K - Decatur to Gentry

Melissa made a motion to approve the School choice application. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

Layton Hubbard 11- Decatur to Gentry

Melissa made a motion to approve the School choice application. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

Hunter Amos 5- Decatur to Gentry

Melissa made a motion to approve the School choice application. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

Tiffani Tenes 5 Decatur to Gentry

Brielle Tenes 6 Decatur to Gentry

Lawrence Tenes 7 Decatur to Gentry

Melissa made a motion to approve the School choice application. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

Ayz Rosales Martinez K Bentonville to Gentry

Melissa made a motion to approve the School choice application. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

Ms. DePaola gave a report on the student transferring out with School choice.

16. Annual Discipline and Bullying Report

[16_2022-2023 Bullying & Discipline Report.pdf](#)

The report was presented. Melissa Holland spoke concerning the Intermediate school numbers and said it is heartbreaking to see all the numbers.

Bus Discipline is a learning curve

Melissa Holland asked for some examples of disorderly conduct.

Mrs. Toland reported that could be running in the hallway, disruptive in class, repeatedly not following directions, etc.

Ms. DePaola reported that some other issues are vandalism at the Intermediate due to students throwing things.

Vaping is also a big issue.

Jim Barnes made a motion to accept the report as presented. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

17. CPPC/PPC

[17_May 23, 2023 PPC Meeting.pdf](#)

PPC- asked about taking a non paid day off, do not always want to use a day.

Questions about the new law concerning nouns and pronouns, using the name on the birth certificate. The Principal at each campus will make sure it is known.

[17_Copy of CPPC 5_23_23 MEETING.pdf](#)

[17_Copy of CPPC 5_25_23 MEETING.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola reported that CPPC had questions regarding the policies and the new law that CPPC and PPC meetings must now be recorded. There is now a term limit of 2 years to serve on CPPC. All these policies came from ASBA lawyers. They have items blacked out, Ms DePaola will talk to them about this. They were trying to keep the employee of the year

18. Proposed Board Meeting Dates for FY24

[18_Proposed Board Meeting Dates for FY 24.pdf](#)

Jim Barnes made a motion to approve the Board meeting dates for FY24 as presented.

Melissa Holland seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

19. Board Election Results

[19b_Gentry Public School District Primary Board Disbursing Officer.pdf](#)

[19c_Gentry Public School District Primary Board Disbursing Officer.pdf](#)

[19d_ Ex Officio FY 24.pdf](#)

[19e_Election Results Certification FY 23.pdf](#)

[19f_Board Member Positions Terms Officers_email_FY 24.pdf](#)

Jim Barnes made a motion to recommend David Williamson School Board President. Gary Dunap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0

David Williamson made a motion to recommend Gary Dunlap as the Primary Board Disbursing officer. Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0

David Williamson made a motion to recommend Jim Barnes as the Alternate Board Disbursing officer. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0

Jim Barnes made a motion to continue with Ms Terrie DePaola as the ex officio officer for the 2023-24 school year. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0

Melissa Holland made a motion to recommend Jim Barnes as School Board Vice President. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0

David Williamson made a motion to recommend Melissa Holland as the School Board Secretary. Jim seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

20. New Law from Legislative Session that directly relate to the Board

[20 New Laws from Legislative Session relate to School Board.pdf](#)

- a. HB1535 ACT 425 Student Academics Presentation on Board Agenda
- b. HB 1691 ACT 745 Board Consolidated Grievances
- c. HB 1739 ACT 750 Appointee Board Members Not Holdovers

- d. SB 543 ACT 883 School Board Member Ethics Update
- e. HB 1495 ACT 721 Deadline to Provide Millage Rate to County Clerk
- f. HB 1510 ACT 300 Decreases Number of Special Election Dates
- g. SB 276 ACT 276 Clarifies Fall School Board Elections Filing Period
- h. SB 277 ACT 462 Amends Spring Candidate Filing Period
- i. SB 245 ACT 305 Eliminate Write-In Candidates
- j. HB 1192 ACT 802 Education Service Cooperatives
- k. HB 1604 ACT 731 Board-to-Board Transfers

21. School Health survey

Ms. DePaola presented the school health survey numbers. The school nurses saw students for a variety of reasons. The school nurses sent 11,546 students back to class, 1,221 students sent home by nurse, 326 students sent home by parents

Gary Dunlap made a motion to accept the school health survey as presented. Melissa Holland seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

22. Miscellaneous and Informational Items

Ms. DePaola reported that there will be a Special called board meeting at 5:30 pm on June 26, to finish personnel hiring.

23. Miscellaneous Item after Publication of Agenda

Keep the July Board meeting on the calendar.

24. Round Table

Stacy Nations— 12 schools in the entire State had no ejections of coaches or players. There was only one school in our district –Gentry.

Gary Dunlap- Congratulations to the Teachers of the year

Melissa Holland– Would like to look into having a guest speaker at graduation. The Learns town hall was very informative.

Jim Barnes - none.

David Williamson- Congratulations to the Teachers of the Year. Welcome to Mrs. Conrad.

25. Adjourn

Jim Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Gary Dunlap seconded the motion.