

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No. 25	Special	PAC	6:00 pm	June 26, 2023

Present:

David Williamson - President
Jim Barnes - Vice President
Melissa Holland - Secretary
Becky Burkhalter - Member
Stacey Nations - Member
Chad Amos - Member

Absent:

Gary Dunlap- Member

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by David Williamson with six Board members present at roll call. Mr. Randy Moll was present to represent the local press.

2. Moment of Silence

Observed

3. Consideration of Board Minutes

[3a May 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes \(1\).pdf](#)

Melissa Holland made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

4. Facilities and Transportation

a. Safety grant

Mr. Barrett presented the information about the expenditures of the safety grant the district received. The district will make the purchases and then the state will reimburse. The project will be started on July 1. The #1 thing on the list is rekeying the district. There will be one master key for the district.

Wesche has been the company to key all new buildings, so we would like to use this company to keep the locks consistent. There is a long list. We will start at Middle, High, Primary

schools. There will be storeroom type locks everywhere. If the door is closed, it is locked. These handles are ADA compliant. The cost of this will be between \$140,000 - \$154,00. We were awarded \$163, 000.

All funds must be expended by December 31, 2023.

Would like to use the same supplier for all building locks.

The remainder of the funds will be spent on the Raptor Visitor system. The Receptionist scans the visitor's driver's license, it runs a quick check and prints the visitor sticker with the picture. We also need some signs and such, but that may be something we will pay for.

Maintenance department will be installing the hardware for the new locks. We will start at the high school.

We are ready to make the purchases.

Stacy Nations made a motion to accept the safety grant information as presented. Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

Jim Barnes made a motion to waive the bid process for the safety grant purchases. Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0

5. Personnel

[5a and b Personnel June 26, 2023 Meeting #25 FY 23..pdf](#)

David Williamson asked to go into Executive session with Ms. DePaola at 5:40 pm.

Jim Barnes made a motion to enter into executive session. Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0

The Board returned from Executive session at 6:26 pm.

Resignations, Hiring, Stipends, skip Shawn Teters.

Becky Burkhalter made a motion to approve the Personnel list excluding Shawn Teters. Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0

Shawn Teters Softball/Science

Becky Burkhalter made a motion to approve hiring Shawn Teters. Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0. Melissa Holland did not vote.

Sabbatical Leave for a Middle school teacher

Becky Burkhalter made a motion to approve the sabbatical leave. Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 5- 0. Jim Barnes voted not to approve.

Jim Barnes made a motion to give Ms. DePaola a 3% salary increase. Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

Ms. DePaola asked the Board to add Diana Rhea resignation to the Personnel list.

Melissa Holland made a motion to accept the resignation. Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0

6. Student Transfers

Parent is listed first then the student. The reasons for these transfers are a smaller district.

a. Board to Board

-Heidi Ippensen (Seth Ippensen–10th Grade)--Bentonville to Gentry

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the transfer. Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0

-Matt Rush (Tapanga Rush–11th Grade)--Springdale to Gentry

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the transfer. Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0

-Lauren Hulse (Oliver Thurman– Kindergarten)-- Siloam Springs to Gentry

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the transfer. Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0

7. Miscellaneous and Informational Items

None

8. Miscellaneous Items after Publication of Agenda

none

9. Adjourn

Melissa Holland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 pm Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.