

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No. 9	Regular	PAC	6:00 pm	October 23, 2023

Present:

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

Absent:

Gary Dunlap - Member

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by David Williamson at 6:00 pm with five members present. Jim Barnes came in at 6:12 pm. Several visitors were present, including parents and students.

2. Moment of Silence

Observed

3. Welcome and Celebrations

Mrs. Toland talked about the focus on attendance. Mrs. Conrad presented awards to the Primary students who had Perfect attendance for the 1st quarter. Several students were also presented with Character awards. Mr. Blanchard presented 1st quarter Perfect attendance awards and character awards for the High school. Melissa Holland thanked the students for being great role models.

4. Consideration of Board Minutes

[4a. September 26, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[4b. September 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[4c. September 27, 2023 Report to the Public Special Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[4d September 27, 2023 Title I Annual Meeting Special Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

5. Consideration of Financial Reports

[5a_Period 3 FY 24 Bank Reconciliation Arvest.pdf](#)

[5a_Period 3 FY 24 Bank Reconciliation Grand Savings.pdf](#)

[5b_Period 3 FY 24 Board Report.pdf](#)

[5c_Period 3 FY 24 Check Register.pdf](#)

[5d_Period 3 FY 24 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary.pdf](#)

[5e_Period 3 FY 24 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary.pdf](#)

[5f_Millage_Report_2022.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola reported there is currently \$3.5 million in the Arvest account. This month we get taxes, typically \$3-4 million. The millage information is informational only.

Jim Barnes made a motion to approve the financial reports A-E as presented and Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

6. Facilities and Transportation

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

Mr. Barrett asked for any questions. Stacy Nations asked for an update on the HVAC project for the gyms. Mr. Barrett reported that the units have arrived in Tontitown. We are currently working with GYO to form a plan for a time to install the units. Flintco will have a contingency plan to work around the weather.

7. Personnel

a. Staff transfers

b. Resignation, disciplining, demotion, promotion, Appointment, hiring staff, waiver

[7_Personnel October 23, 2023 Meeting #9 FY 24.pdf](#)

Melissa Holland made a motion to enter executive session with Ms. DePaola at 6:20 pm and Stacy Nations seconded the motion.

The Board returned from executive session at 6:59 pm. Ms. DePaola read the Personnel items including her resignation as Superintendent at the end of the school year, 2023-24.

Melissa Holland made a motion to accept the personnel items as presented and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

8. Consideration of Various Tuition /Purchased Service Agreements/MOU/MOA
NONE

9. Student Transfers

Gravette to Gentry - Elyas Hall 8th grade

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

10. Ethics Disclosure Forms

[10_Form A Ethics Disclosure FY 24.pdf](#)

[10_Form B Ethics Disclosure FY 24.docx.pdf](#)

[10_FY 24 Ethics Disclosure Info Letter.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola reported this is the Ethics form that is handed out each year and the forms will be collected at the next meeting.

11. Student Data Report

[11_Attendance, What are we going to do about it?](#)

[11_GHS Attendance Survey Results.pdf](#)

[11_GMS Attendance Survey Results.pdf](#)

[11_GMS Student Written Responses.pdf](#)

Mrs. Toland reported on the results of the attendance survey given to Middle and High school students. The District attendance task force has been developed and includes the following members: All Administrators, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Millsap, Mr. Herbaugh and all MCL staff. They will have weekly meetings and monitor progress.

Mrs. Toland then went over the highlights of the survey.

Melissa Holland: the Middle school survey responses were well thought out and gave solutions. Melissa Holland also thanked Mrs. Toland for putting in the work for this survey.

12. Athletics

NONE

13. First Reading of Policy

[13a_4.11_Update_10-5-23 .pdf](#)

Stacy Nations made a motion to approve the policy as presented and Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0

[13b_Policy_GBBAAA_Substitute_Policy_Change.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola reported this policy is being updated as the requirements have changed for a long term substitute.

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the updated policy as presented and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

[13c_Licensed_3.28F_Internet_Use_Agreement_Updated_and_8.22F_Classified .pdf](#)

Mr. Millsap worked on updating the policy based on the new law. The policy is the same for licensed and classified staff.

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the policy as presented and Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

[13d_Stipend_Additions_National_Honor_Society_and_Color_Guard_Removal_of_Expelled_and_504_Building_FY_24.docx.pdf](#)

Stacy Nations made a motion to approve the updated Stipend schedule and Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

14. Second Reading of Policy

[14a_4.11_Update_10-5-23 .pdf](#)

[14b_Policy_GBBAAA_Substitute_Policy_Change.pdf](#)

[14c_Licensed_3.28F_Internet_Use_Agreement_Updated_and_8.22F_Classified .pdf](#)

Emergency approval for policies A - C. All in favor, unanimous.

15. Community Service Learning

[15_Community_Service_Learning_Plan_2023-24.pdf](#)

[15_Community_Sign-In_\(2\).pdf](#)

[15_Gentry_District_Endorsed_Community_Service_Provider.pdf](#)

Mrs. Toland updated the Board on the Community service requirement for High school students. The community service locations must be approved by the Board. Mr. Blanchard said the students will need 15 -20 hours per year.

Stacy Nations made a motion to approve the Community service information as presented and Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

16. Updated Board Training hours

Mrs. DePaola updated the Board on their training hours. Everyone has above the hours needed.

17. PPC/CPPC

[17_PPC Meeting-October.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola went over the PPC concerns which included, but not limited to the following:

- Electronic signature for absences
- Request an August check. Staff receives three checks in May, this covers the remainder of the contract for July and August. An August check is not feasible at this time as we are closing out the year.
- Lunch duty concern
- Primary asked if IPR's are necessary? Yes, we have to complete interim progress reports.

Jim Barnes made a motion to accept the PPC minutes and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

18. Miscellaneous and Informational Items

[18a_24-25 OC Frequently Asked Questions.pdf](#)

[18a_Direct Reach Teacher Job Description.pdf](#)

[18a_MCL Job Description.docx \(3\).pdf](#)

[18b_Broadband.png](#)

Informational- Ms. DePaola is part of a group looking at the need for improved Broadband.

19. Miscellaneous Items after Publication of Agenda

[19_Prom Powerpointfor 2024.pptxpdf.pdf](#)

The Junior class is requesting to have the Prom off site at the Holland Barn in Highfill. Jim Barnes made a motion to approve the request and Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

The Board will be touring the Primary and Intermediate schools on Wednesday, October 25, Primary at 9:30 am and Intermediate at 11:40 am.

Round Table:

Stacy Nations- Thank you for hosting the Middle and High school vaping conference. It was very informational.

Becky Burkhalter- Loved seeing us recognize the students for Perfect Attendance. They deserve to be recognized.

Melissa Holland- The K-9 unit to HS - was very informational, the assembly went well. Melissa also attended the Mother Son Dance the Jr High Cheer sponsored. The cheer team was so professional, friendly and engaged. Kudos to Kaylin.

Chad-nothing

Jim- nothing

David - wanted the Board to know how much he appreciates each one.

20. Adjourn

Stacy Nations made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm and Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.