

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No. 11	Regular	PAC	6:00 pm	November 13, 2023

Present:

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

Absent:

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by David Williamson at 6:00 pm with seven (7) members present. Several visitors were present, including parents and students to celebrate the student achievements. Mr. Moll was present to represent the local press. Several coaches were present. Representatives from Flintco were also present.

2. Moment of Silence

Observed

3. Welcome and Celebrations

Ms. DePaola asked the parents to stand and thanked them for being present and said we wouldn't be celebrating the students' attendance without the parents.

Mrs. Smartt and Mr. Hawbaker recognized the Intermediate school compassionate learners and Perfect attendance for 1st quarter.

Mrs. Minor recognized the Middle school Pioneer Path to Success students and Perfect attendance.

4. Consideration of Board Minutes

[4a_October 23,2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Gary Dunlap made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Melissa Holland seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.

5. Consideration of Financial Reports

[5b_Period 4 FY 24 Board Report.pdf](#)

[5c_Period 4 FY 24 Check Register.pdf](#)

[5d_Period 4 FY 24 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary.pdf](#)

[5e_Period 4 FY 24 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola reported the bank reconciliations were not ready as of today, due to the earlier meeting date. Currently there is approximately \$7.9 million in checking. Ms. DePaola asked for approval to move money to the ICS account .

Gary Dunlap made a motion to approve the request to move money and Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0

[5f_PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES FY 23.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola reported that this Biennium Budget is just an estimate for two years out . This is early this year because of the School Board election in 2024. This will be published in the newspaper.

Jim Barnes made a motion to approve the Proposed budget as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0

6. Facilities and Transportation

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

Mr. Barrett asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

[6b_Gentry Public Schools Facilities Projects.pdf](#)

Mr. Barrett revealed the pictures for Facilities Projects for the Football field, Softball and Baseball fields. Ms. DePaola reported that she, Mr. Hester and Mr. Barrett visited several different schools to look at the fields and tracks. She said you can tell the difference when the shock pad is not added and the black track looks the best.

Kevin Raborg, Preconstruction Manager with Flintco was invited to give an update and answer questions.

Six turf companies competitively bid on this project. A soil test was completed to ensure the ground can handle the turf and drainage. Hellas is the recommended company. The project will include all new drainage, track with 8 lanes, new pole vault, new long jump facility, new electrical for the field.

Ms. DePaola: Option #1 Turf, new track to add required 8th lane and shock pad for turf \$3,965,153

This is completely replacing the track to add the 8th lane.

Option #2 Turf, new track, shock pad, baseball and softball turf \$5,191,469

There were several questions about the baseball and softball fields and what other work needs to be done. The Board asked Ms. DePaola and Mr. Barrett to get with Flintco for a more detailed bid that includes the other upgrades.

7. Personnel

[7 Personnel November 13, 2023 Meeting #11 FY 24.pdf](#)

Gary Dunlap made a motion to approve the personnel items as presented and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.

[7a Administrators Screening.pdf](#)

Mellisa Holland and Stacy Nations both asked to represent the Board on the Superintendents screening committee. Kevin Johnston, Gentry Mayor and Jason Barrett have both expressed an interest in representing the community on the committee. Ms. DePaola asked the members of the Board to send her parent names who would like to serve on the committee. Ms. DePaola will talk to PPC and CPPC about naming their representatives for the committee. Ms. DePaola will give the complete list of the committee at the December Board meeting.

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

[8a Gentry MOU Friendship Community Care Connections.pdf](#)

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the MOU as presented and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.

9. Student Transfers

The following transfer was presented:

Siloam Springs to Gentry Kaylin Ogden

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the transfer and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0

10. Ethics Disclosure Forms

The signed ethics forms will be presented at the next meeting.

11. Student Data Report

Mrs. Toland has applied for a grant that will focus on tutoring students in Reading. Our district is growing, October 15, 2023 1602 students. As of today 1692 students. Growth is happening and we are prepared. We have had several new ELL students enroll and we are prepared. Building level attendance teams have been formed and we will continue to work on the tiered system.

12. Athletics

[12_ATHLETIC SPONSOR SYSTEM .pdf](#)

This is a rough draft of what we are looking at for Athletics.

13. First Reading of Policy

[13a_4.35 Student Medications.pdf](#)

Jim Barnes made a motion to accept the policy as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0

14. Second Reading of Policy

[14a_Stipend Additions National Honor Society and Color Guard FY 24.pdf](#)

[14b_4.35 Student Medications.pdf](#)

All in favor (7-0) for second reading of the presented policies.

15. Gentry School District Endorsed Community Service Provider

[15_Gentry District Endorsed Community Service Provider \(1\).pdf](#)

Melissa Holland made a motion to accept list as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.

16. PPC/CPPC

[16_CPPC 11 01 23 MEETING.pdf](#)

Stacy Nations made a motion to accept the CPPC minutes as presented. Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.

17. PPC/CPPC

[16_PPC Meeting-November.pdf](#)

Stacy Nations made a motion to accept the PPC minutes as presented. Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.

18. Miscellaneous and Informational Items

[17a_School Board Training Policy Leadership Convening - Spring 2024 for.pdf](#)

19. Miscellaneous Items after Publication of Agenda

Ms. DePaola reminded the Board the group Yearbook picture will be at the next Board meeting.

Round Table:

Stacy Nations: Appreciated the Board tour. Loved being in the classroom with the teachers and all kids.

Lunch at the intermediate was very good. Thanks for having the tour.

Becky Burkhalter: Enjoyed seeing the kids (at the Board meeting) again and rewarding them. Love seeing the smiles.

Melissa Holland: Echo the Board tour. The MCL's at Intermediate are rocking it. I attended a PLC meeting and it was amazing. It was 3rd grade teachers. The team teaching group. Love it, love it, love it.

Chad Amos: none

Gary Dunlap: Shout out for the student celebrations. Also to our community and District for meeting the needs of our families for Thanksgiving.

Jim Barnes: none

David Williamson: I enjoyed the Board tour of the buildings.

Ms. DePaola: I enjoyed the Veterans Day program that the Intermediate school did. The music teacher is a 1st year teacher and she did an amazing job. I have also been working with the Librarians on our policy for any challenges to media in our libraries. It is a step by step on how to handle it.

Stacy Nations made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm and Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.