

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

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b>
No. 13	Regular	PAC	6:00 pm	December 19, 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 (5) members present, Gary Dunlap was absent. Becky Burkhalter arrived during executive session. Several visitors were present, including parents and students to celebrate the student achievements. Mr. Moll was present to represent the local press. District Administrators and Building MCL's were present.

**2. Moment of Silence**

Observed

**3. Welcome and Celebrations**

Mrs. Toland introduced the High School Esports team Splatoon State Champions. Mr. Herbaugh, esports coach, introduced the students.

Mrs. Conrad, Primary school Principal, handed out certificates to students who had perfect attendance. She acknowledged the parents and students for doing a good job getting the students to school.

Mr. Justin Blanchard, High school Principal, presented Attendance and Character awards. The number of awards was up considerably from the number given in October.

#### **4. Consideration of Board Minutes**

[4a\\_November 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[4b\\_November 10, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[4c\\_December 5, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Jim Barnes made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

#### **5. Consideration of Financial Reports**

[5a\\_Grand Savings November Stmt](#)

[5a\\_Period 5 FY24 Arvest November Bank Recon](#)

[5a\\_ICS - Grand Savings Bank Reconciliation October.pdf](#)

[5a\\_October Arvest Bank Reconciliation.pdf](#)

[5a\\_Period 5 FY 24 Grand Savings November ICS Stmt.pdf](#)

[5b\\_Period 5 FY 24 Board Report.pdf](#)

[5c\\_Period 5 FY 24 Check Register.pdf](#)

[5d\\_Period 5 FY 24 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary.pdf](#)

[5e\\_Period 5 FY 24 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary.pdf](#)

Jim Barnes made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented and Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

#### **6. Facilities and Transportation**

[6a\\_November 2023 F&T Report.pdf](#)

Mr. Barrett presented the November facilities report. There were no questions.

The rekeying project is going well. The HVAC project has started and is on track.

[6b\\_Stadium Project Construction Zone.jpg](#)

The construction zone has been set and they will start moving in equipment tomorrow, December 20.

Flintco resubmitted plans for the softball/baseball projects. The cost for the updated plans would be \$1,375,735 for fields and fence.

Mr. Barrett went over what the new plans would include.

[6\\_Conceptual Design Drawing 1.pdf](#)

[6\\_Conceptual Design Drawing 2.pdf](#)

[6\\_Conceptual Design Drawing 3.pdf](#)

[6\\_Conceptual Design Drawing 4.pdf](#)

Adding a Spring sports concession stand, public restrooms, locker rooms and training room. The cost of this would be \$2.3 million for the structure. This would be behind the softball field in the wooded area.

Mr. Williamson suggested the board make a decision after they hear what Mr. Hester has to say about donations for this project.

Jim Barnes made a motion to table the decision on turf and building and Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

## **7. Personnel**

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

Melissa Holland made a motion to go into executive session at 6:39 pm with Ms. DePaola and Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 5-0.

The Board returned from executive session and the meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm with six (6) Board members present.

Justin Bigham, Head Football coach and teacher resigned effective January 2, 2024. Jim Barnes made a motion to accept the resignation for Justin Bigham effective December 19, 2023 and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

Ms. DePaola went over the other Personnel items including Michelle Jech as a Direct Reach teacher at the Primary school effective immediately.

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

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

None

## **9. Student Transfers**

Siloam Springs to Gentry–Kayli Caudill

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Siloam Springs to Gentry – Ethan Brumley

Bentonville to Gentry – Jayden Torres

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

## **10. District Wide PLC Article**

Ms. DePaola mentioned this article was a good example of the District PLC , the Board and the Superintendent working together.

## **11. Student Data Report**

Student data was presented by the MCL from each building.

Primary- Crystal King

[11a\\_Primary MCL Board presentation Ms. King.pdf](#)

Intermediate- Melinda Ramsey and Heidi Nance

[11b\\_1 Intermediate MCL presentation 23 24 School board..pdf](#)

Middle - Thomas Clement

[11c\\_GMS ELA Fall 23 Data.pdf](#)

High- Allison Blanchard, Erica Jones, Wendy Jackson and Kari Cantrell.

[11d\\_GHS MCL Board Presentations .pdf](#)

## **12. Library Media Specialists Presentation (moved up from #16)**

[12a\\_Library Media Specialists Selection and Reconsideration of Materials.pdf](#)

[12b\\_Selection and Reconsideration of Materials 5.7F, 5.7G.docx.pdf](#)

[12c\\_Decision Letter.pdf](#)

[16\\_Proposed Changes to Policy 5.7G.docx \(1\).pdf](#)

Allison Blanchard, Sue Ann Chenault, Angie Evans, Theresa Flesner

Presentation of updated policy and reconsideration of library materials.

## **13. First Reading of Policy**

[13a\\_Policy 5.7, 5.7F, 5.7G.pdf](#)

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

## **14. Second Reading of Policy**

[14a\\_Policy 5.7, 5.7E, 5.7G.pdf](#)

Emergency second reading of policy. All in favor 6-0

## **15. School Board Training Hours**

[15\\_Gentry Public Schools School Board Hours of Training FY 24 January-December 2023.pdf](#)

Jim Barnes made a motion to accept the Board training hours as presented and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

**16. Athletics (moved from 12)**

None

**17. Ethics Disclosure**

[17\\_0Ethics Disclosure FY 24.pdf](#)

[17\\_C. Place Resolution FY 24.pdf](#)

[17\\_J. Wilson Resolution FY 24.pdf](#)

[17\\_L. Floyd Resolution FY 24.pdf](#)

[17\\_W. Jackson Resolution FY 24.pdf](#)

Chad Amos made a motion to approve the Ethics Disclosures as presented and Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

**18. Superintendent Evaluation**

Information was handed out to the Board

**19. Gentry School District Endorsed Community Service Provider**

None

**20. PPC/CPPC**

[20\\_CPPC 11\\_27\\_23 MEETING.pdf](#)

[20\\_PPC Meeting-December.pdf](#)

Melissa Holland made a motion to approve the PPC/CPPC minutes as presented and Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

**21. Miscellaneous and Informational Items**

Ms. DePaola thanked the Board for all they do and their support.

**22. Miscellaneous Items after Publication of Agenda**

None

**23. Adjourn**

Stacy Nations made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm and Melissa Holland seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0