

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No. 15	Regular	PAC	6:00 pm	January 29, 2024

Present:
David Williamson - President
Melissa Holland - Secretary
Gary Dunlap- Member
Becky Burkhalter - Member
Stacy Nations - Member
Chad Amos -Member

Absent:
Jim Barnes -Vice President

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by David Williamson at 6:00 pm with six (6) members present. Jim Barnes was absent. Randy Moll was present to represent the local press. District and Building Admin were present. The following community members and/or staff were present: Jeff and Morgan Tucker, Candy Todd, Klæe Beyers, Shawn Teters, Tyler Clark, Robin Capps, Allison Blanchard and several others.

2.Moment of Silence

Observed

3. Welcome and Celebrations

Robin Capps, Child Nutrition Director, gave a report on the status of the cafeteria. 67% of Gentry students are eating in the cafeteria. Ms. Capps presented each cafeteria staff with a certificate of appreciation.

January is School Board Appreciation Month. Ms. DePaola recognized each Board member with a certificate of appreciation. She thanked them for their support.

Mrs. Toland was notified late Friday afternoon that the District will receive \$175,000 for additional tutoring resources for students during the school day.

4. Consideration of Board minutes

[4a December 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[4b December 19, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Stacy Nations made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

5. Consideration of Financial Reports

[5a Period 6 FY 24 Arvest Dec 23 Bank Recon.pdf](#)

[5a Period 6 FY 24 Bank Recon Arvest.pdf](#)

[5a Period 6 FY 24 Grand Savings Bank Recon DECEMBER 2023 GSB.pdf](#)

[5a Period 6 FY 24 Grand Savings ICS DECEMBER 2023 ICS.pdf](#)

[5b Period 6 FY 24 Board Report.pdf](#)

[5c Period 6 FY 24 Check Register.pdf](#)

[5d Period 6 FY 24 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary.pdf](#)

[5e Period 6 FY 24 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola reported the District had just received corrections to the budget that was submitted. As soon as the corrections are made with Christen Vancuren, the budget will be brought back to the Board. Ms. DePaola reported there is currently a \$7 million balance in the District checking account.

Gary Dunlap made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

6. Facilities and Transportation

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

There were no questions on the December report. Mr. Barrett reported that 823 miles were logged driving the bus routes before closing school on the inclement weather days. The District had two water breaks during the cold weather, one at the Modular building at the high school and the other at the older side of Intermediate.

The HVAC Middle school project is complete. As soon as basketball is over the project

will begin at the High school gym. Football stadium update—the track has been taken up and the project is moving along.

7. Personnel

[7_Personnel January 29, 2024 Meeting #15 FY 24..pdf](#)

Melissa Holland made a motion to move to executive session with Ms. DePaola at 6:14 pm and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm.

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

Melissa Holland as Coach Clark if he would like to say anything. Coach Clark said he was honored to be offered the position (Football Head Coach)

8. Consideration of Various Tuition/Purchased Service Agreement/MOU/MOA none

9. Student Transfers

D. Crews Gentry to Siloam Springs

A. Nolen Gentry to Siloam Springs

A. Fagan Gentry to Siloam Springs

J. Thurman Siloam Springs to Gentry 2024-25 school year

Becky Burkhalter made a motion to approve the student transfers and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

10. Student Data Report -Mid Year Map Data High School and Intermediate school

[10_SIP and Mid-Year MAP Update FY24 Intermediate and High School.pdf](#)

Mrs. Smartt, Intermediate school Principal and Mr. Blanchard, High school Principal presented mid-year data for their building.

11. Athletics

Mr. Hester, Athletic Director, gave a report on the status of fundraising for the purchasing of turf for the softball and baseball fields. The question was asked how long the pricing for the fields would be good and Mr. Barrett, Facilities and Operations director, said he will check on this. The fields will not have turf for this season, but they will be ready for the season. Mr. Hester said the coaches need to let him know what they need to be ready.

12. Board Members Hours Report

[12 Board Members Training Hours.pdf](#)

Gary Dunlap made a motion to accept the Board members training hours report as presented and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.

13. First Reading of Policy

None

14. Second Reading of Policy

None

15. Superintendent Evaluation

Moved to next board meeting

16. Gentry School District endorsed Community Service Provider

[16 Gentry District Endorsed Community Service Provider.pdf](#)

Chad Amos made a motion to accept the Community service providers as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0

17. Calendar Discussion

[17a 2023-24 Traditional Calendar-Updated.pdf](#)

[17b FY25 Admin Calendar Survey Results.pdf](#)

[17b_FY25 Family_Community_Caregiver Calendar Survey Results.pdf](#)

[17b_FY25 Staff Calendar Survey Results.pdf](#)

[17d Waiver for Coop to ask for Early Start to FY 25 School Year.pdf](#)

The Resolution for the waiver of the first day of school will go before the State Board in March.

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

18. PPC/CPPC

[18 CPPC 1.19.24 MEETING.pdf](#)

[18 CPPC 1_10_24 MEETING.pdf](#)

[18 PPC Calendar Meeting 1-25-24.pdf](#)

[18 PPC Meeting-January 2024.pdf](#)

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

19. Miscellaneous and Informational Items

[19a Statement-of-Financial-Interest-.pdf](#)

Each Board member will need to fill this out.

20. Miscellaneous Items after Publication of Agenda

Mrs. Toland presented a plan that Middle school and High school have been working together to go to a 7 period day 8:00 am - 3:30 pm . There will be Master schedule changes and the student course load for teachers will still be 150 students. There will seven periods a day giving HS student the opportunity to earn 28 credits (24 are needed to graduate)

Melissa Holland made a motion to to approve the MS/HS changes and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0

Round Table

Stacy Nations- none

Becky Burkhalter- Congratulations to Coach Clark

Melissa Holland - none

Chad Amos - Congratulations to Coach Clark

Gary Dunlap- none

David Williamson- Congratulations to Coach Clark.

21. Adjourn

Melissa Holland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm and Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0.