

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

Meeting	Type	Location	Time	Date
No. 18	Regular	PAC	6:00 pm	February 19, 2024

Present:

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

Absent:

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by David Williamson at 6:00 pm with seven (7) members present District and Building Admin were present. The following community members and/or staff were present, but not limited to included Kevin Faught, Jennifer Pierce, Megan Oaks, Jamie Johnson, Lance Nations, Shawn Teters, Anthony Nail.

2.Moment of Silence

Observed

3. Welcome and Celebrations

Ms. DePaola reported the Spelling Bee winner will be recognized at the meeting next month.

4. Consideration of Board minutes

[4a January 29, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[4b_January 31, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[4c_February 12, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

5. Consideration of Financial Reports

[5a_Period 7 FY 24 Arvest Bank Recon Jan FY24.pdf](#)

[5a_Period 7 FY 24 Bank Recon Arvest January.pdf](#)

[5a_Period 7 FY 24 Bank Recon Grand Savings Bank January GSB.pdf](#)

[5a_Period 7 FY 24 Bank Recon ICS at Grand Savings Jan FY24 ICS.pdf](#)

[5b_Period 7 FY 24 Board Report.pdf](#)

[5c_Period 7 FY 24 Check Register.pdf](#)

[5d_Period 7 FY 24 Fund 2000 Expenditure Summary.pdf](#)

[5e_Period 7 FY 24 Fund 2001 Revenue Summary.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola reported there is currently a variance on the Arvest report, but will be corrected. There is currently \$6.8 million in checking.

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

[5f_Resolution.docx.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola updated the board on the information she has gathered concerning the financing of the turf project for the baseball/softball fields.

Hellas can offer 4.925% for 8 years, payments would be around \$192,000

Grand Savings Bank has multiple options ranging from 4.5 % - 4.9%

Payments would vary.

Ms. DePaola introduced Kevin Faught, Stephens Inc.

Stephens can offer the district another option for financing the project.

This would be a second lien bond. Mr. Faught reported they recently helped a school finance a project for 3.81% interest bonds. The interest rate could go lower but no guarantees. When you look at all the options, the rate could be lower.

The Board would need to file notice of intention by March 22.

Ms. DePaola stated she talked to Mr. Faught that the district would be building in the next few years and would be looking millage. Ms DePaola doesn't want to do anything that would put the district in trouble. We would still be ok, is that

correct? Mr. Faught said yes.

Mr. Faught said there is a short optional call date at a 10 year rate. There is a optional call date- shorter term. They will look at all the variables. There are some dates that we need to hit in order to start the process. The resolution would need to be returned by mid March, you do not need to make a decision tonight. This resolution will not lock you in. We will have multiple bidders should lower the inte

Stacy Nations asked if this will be an annual payment?

Mr. Faught- Semi annual - interest payment and principal payment

Ms. DePaola- The bank and Hellas are the same way.

Ms. DePaola This is our financial company (Stephens) and I trust them.

The lowest the bank would go would be 4.572% with three annual payments of \$455,000

Hellas and Grand Savings are both 4.925% for 8 years.

Chad Amos- If we sign the resolution tonight are we tied to it?

Mr. Faught - no

Melissa Holland made a motion to proceed with the resolution for the second lien bond and Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0

6. Facilities and Transportation

Mr. Barrett reported that he met with Flintco, Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Hester and HS gym HVAC project has been moved up.

The stadium project lost about 20 days due to weather and is working to make up the days

15. Superintendent Evaluation

David Williamson moved this item up. Stacy Nations made a motion to go into executive session at 6:17 pm and Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion.

The vote carried 7-0

The Board returned from executive session and the meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

The Superintendent's evaluation went well. Gary Dunlap made a motion to accept the Superintendent's evaluation and Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion.

The vote carried 7-0

7. Personnel

[7_Personnel February 19, 2024 Meeting #18 FY 24.docx \(1\).pdf](#)

Jim Barnes made a motion to accept the personnel items as presented and Gary Dunlap seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0. Stacy Nations abstained from the vote.

Leave request for a staff member for 8 weeks. Gary Dunlap made a motion to approve the leave request and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.

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

[8a_Imagine Learning Invoice.pdf](#)

Mrs Toland reported that is the program we will use for the High Impact tutoring Grant for HS and MS. The students will have access to a live tutor during the school day or in the evening.

Stacy Nations asked how this will be communicated to the students?

Mrs. Toland said they have a meeting with Imagine Learning about rolling this out then we will contact the students.

Ms. DePaola asked Mrs Toland about the letters that were sent to Primary and Intermediate students who qualify for tutoring paid by the state. The students can receive tutoring services through June. This is an agreement between the state, the parent and vendor.

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

9. Student Transfers

Patino/Romero - Gentry to Springdale

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

10. Student Data Report -Mid Year Map Data Primary and Middle school

[10_Primary Mid Year Report to the Board.pdf](#) Devon Conrad, Principal

[10_GMS Board Report \(FY24 Mid-Year Update\).pdf](#) Monica Minor, Principal

[10_MS MCL SCIENCE.pptx](#) Jamie Johnson, MS MCL

[10_Gentry ESOL MCL Board Presentation.pdf](#) Megan Oaks, ESOL MCL

[10_District MCL Math Board Presentation February 2024.pdf](#) Jenny Pierce, MCL

11. Athletics

Mr. Hester has met with bank about sponsorship, they want to be involved, but waiting on some other conversations. There have been small steps in that direction. Mr. Hester has calls into other places.

Melissa Holland made a motion that we go ahead with project of turf for the baseball/ softball fields. Chad Amos seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.

Ms. DePaola- I just want to clarify that you are going ahead with the turf project for the baseball softball and we are using Stephens for the second lien bond. And you are accepting the bid from Hellas?

Yes was the reply.

12. Assistant Superintendent report

[12_February Informational Board Presentation 021924.pdf](#)

Mrs. Toland updated the Board on the plan to go from an 8 period day to a 7 period day at the HS and MS. School will be in session 8 am - 3:30 pm the doors will still open at 7:30 am. There will be 3 lunch periods HS will be lunch period B and MS will be lunch period A and both schools will share lunch period C. Each school will have an RTI period between periods 6 and 7.

13. First Reading of Policy

These two have already been through CPPC.

[13a_Bus Parapro salary schedule.pdf](#)

Added this to salary schedule, because days and hours are different

[13c_Technology Department.pdf](#)

Updated and name changes to roles and responsibilities.

Gary Dunlap made a motion to accept these for first reading as presented and Becky Burkhalter seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.

[13d_January Model Policy Updates /](#)

And an update to the wording for Superintendent travel. July 1 - June 30 is the date for travel. Travel is reimbursed after the car allowance.

These will be sent to CPPC and PPC.

Gary made a motion to accept the first reading of these policies as presented and Jim Barnes seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.

14. Second Reading of Policy

NONE

15. Superintendent evaluation (MOVED between 6 and 7 agenda items)

16. Gentry School District endorsed Community Service Provider

[16_Gentry District Endorsed Community Service Provider \(1\).pdf](#)

Jim Barnes made a motion to accept the provider added and Melissa Holland seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.

17. School year FY25 Calendar Proposal

[17_Proposed Calendar FY 25.pdf](#)

[17_FY25Calendar \(Waiver start date\).pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola reported that PPC/PPC calendar committee had met and has the following calendars. There is no place to add snow days except at the end. We have applied for a waiver to start school before August 19. The first round of waivers have been approved and we have turned in all our documentation.

You are approving the traditional calendar and then if we get the waiver you are approving the calendar with the 5 days moved to start school August 12.

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

18. PPC/CPPC

[18_CPPC 2_14_24 MEETING.pdf](#)

[18_PPC Calendar Meeting 2.9.24.pdf](#)

[18_PPC Meeting February, 6 2024.pdf](#)

Ms. DePaola went over the minutes as presented.

19. Miscellaneous and Informational Items

NONE

20. Miscellaneous Items after Publication of Agenda

NONE

21. Adjourn

Melissa Holland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm and Stacy Nations seconded the motion. The vote carried 7-0.